## Welcome and Introductions

The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 9:35AM. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

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<th>TOPIC</th>
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| Membership Total (22) | Chair: Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families  
Vice-Chair: Alifie Leon, City of Miami  
Ansley Ross, Children Bereavement Center  
Melissa Maytin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Liseth Guerra, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Yasmin Dias-Guichot, Health Foundation of South Florida  
Leo Sanchez, Care Resource  
Gina Gonzalez, Amerigroup  
Brady Bennett, Health Council of South Florida  
Krystal Gopaul, University of Florida  
Asaf Barah, University of Florida  
Nancy Vazquez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Nicole Marriot, Health Council of South Florida  
Rachel Spector, The Children’s Trust  
Gloria Cabral, Care Resource  
Betty Alonso, Connect Familias  
Patricia Leal, The Children’s Trust  
Helen Figueredo, Providence Healthcare  
Ray Nellissery, Florida Health in Miami Dade County  
Christina Sudduth, Florida Impact  
Christine Hughes, Consultant in the Early Learning and Mental Health Field  
Teleconference:  
Britney James, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County | ACTION NEEDED |
There was a motion to approve the June 2016 Children Issues minutes by Yasmin Dias-Guichot; the motion was seconded by Brady Bennett.

### Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates

- **Executive Board:** Alina Soto (Co-Chair of Executive Board) mentioned that the direction the board members are taking revolves around Collective Impact. As a Consortium all board members will be reviewing the strategic plan in order to identify what needs to be done within the community in order to make it a happy, healthy and safe place, and how health can be instilled and integrated into all policies. Additionally, the executive board has undergone changes among the board chairs.
  - The current direction of the Children Issues Committee will be to continue discussing Wheels on the Bus and what the committee can do in order to help members achieve their own deliverables.

- **Healthy Baby Task Force:** Update was provided by Britney James (Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County).
  - The state mandated every county to conduct an analysis in order to address the current infant mortality rates, due to this on June 17 the Florida Healthy Babies Infant Morality Event took place. The event received a turnout of over 100 attendees, ranging from doctors, nurses, students, and even local community members. The first half of the event consisted of guest speakers and a panel session where the following topics were addressed: C-sections, maternal health factors, and pre-term birth. The second half consisted of four breakout sessions: Maternal and Child Health, Disease and Chronic conditions, Nutrition, and Modifiable Health Risks and Access to Care. These sessions provided the platform for overall community engagement in order to determine ways in which the infant mortality rates can potentially be reduced.
  - The Baby Friendly Initiative promotes breast feeding and helps hospitals become “Baby Friendly”. There were a total of four hospitals
in the initiative but last week one dropped out. (Names cannot be disclosed)
  o On July 8th at 10:00 AM there will be a Healthy Baby Task Conference Call.

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<th>Presentation</th>
<th>Betty Alonso (Connect Familias) presented on Collective Impact, specifically focusing on Riverside Park.</th>
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<td>• Connect Familias is a partnership that is funded through The Children’s Trust, and local and national funders. Built the partnership under the premise that children do better when their families are supportive and they live in supportive communities. Mission is to build communities where children can strive and succeed.</td>
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<td>• Early stages of Riverside Park initiative: began approximately 2 years ago when the Children’s Trust decided to ask parents what concerns they had in regards to Riverside Park, and the common denominator was safety. Connect Familias began building relationships with Parks and Recreation, Police Department, elected officials and commissioners in order to target safety issues. They also partnered with The Children’s Trust Community Engagement Strategy.</td>
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<td>• Ada Merritt K-8 Center is a commuter school located next to the park that has been using the park for PE. A survey was developed in order to collect data focused on the residents living within a walking distance from the park (1 – 1.5 miles). Two partners helped with survey collection: Center for Community Learning (Juan A. Bosco) and Urban Promise.</td>
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<td>o A total of 313 surveys were collected, out of those, 206 pertained to individuals living within a walking distance from Riverside Park</td>
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<td>▪ Results: Most respondents stated having used the park “Never” or “Infrequently”.</td>
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<td>▪ 81% reported safety concerns (within and around the park)</td>
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<td>▪ Participants were asked to say one word that comes to mind about the park: dangerous, security, dirty, drugs, clean, nice.</td>
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### Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade

**Children Issues Committee Meeting**  
Monday, June 27, 2016  
9:30 am-11:30 am EST

- Park potential or great place? = many responded yes, data supported it.
- Only 9% of the kids are using the park
- Five top things to see in the park: teens = basketball, soccer, football, baseball, track and field. Parents = Farmer Markets, Zumba, Yoga, movies and concerts in the park.
- Engagement has increased – Commissioner Carrollo – advocated for turning on the lights in the park (until 10 pm), playground and basketball courts have been redone. The park now has two part-time staff members.

- “Fab sports” is an informal group that offers mentoring, tutoring and sport related activities
- Park has many assets and potential: baseball field, basketball court, playground
- This summer activities at the park in order to continue increasing park utilization include:
  - Water activities
  - June 18th Family Picnic (Marlins came out)
  - Summer camp at Leadership Summer Center is utilizing the park
  - Hope for Miami providing lunch and activities during the summer.
  - Movies at the park – planning to get started during the fall.
  - Balls, jump ropes, and hula hoops have been made accessible

Alina Soto mentioned that fathers are not getting enough credit and opportunities. It is a topic that needs to be brought to the table.

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<td>Committee members provided individual updates:</td>
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<td>- There is a group that is planning on targeting 300 low-income families in Amelia Earhart Park. Goal is to have families take home what they cultivate.</td>
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<td>- The Children’s Trust Innovation Funding opens July 1, 2016</td>
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<td>- Health Foundation of South Florida Request for Proposals, deadline July 18, 2016</td>
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- UF/ IFAS Extension Program is now working in Miami-Dade County they are looking for partnerships to expand on their current initiatives.
- Alfie Leon mentioned that currently there is an ongoing conversation of potentially using Uber, Lyft, and Airbnb as an access point to transport individuals to community health centers, such as Jessie Trice.
- Patricia Leal (The Children’s Trust Fund) announced that recess will be put back into school schedules; waiting on one more meeting for it to be official and fully implemented.

**Old Business**

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<td>If anyone is interested in submitting any information for the newsletter, please e-mail <a href="mailto:Nancy.Vazquez@flhealth.gov">Nancy.Vazquez@flhealth.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:Lisseth.Guerra@flhealth.gov">Lisseth.Guerra@flhealth.gov</a></td>
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**New Business**

None.

**Upcoming Events**

Healthy Baby Taskforce Conference Call will take place on Friday, July 8, 2016 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 15, 2016 at United Way, 3250 SW 3rd Ave Miami, FL 33129. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM.