# Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade

**Children Issues Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, June 16, 2017**  
**9:30 am-11:30 am EST**

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| Membership Total (27)        | **Chair:** Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families  
Ledindex Rodriguez, Hope for Miami  
Nhan Hoang, Hope for Miami  
Britney James, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade  
Ceaha Urriole, WIC  
Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade  
Yasmin Dias Guichot, Health Foundation of South Florida  
Graciela Giraldo, Wellcare  
Caroline Sauve, Coventry  
Deborah LaBelle, Education Fund  
Sarah Basna, WIC  
Gladys Ramirez, Institute of Contemporary Art  
Kristine Carrion, FLIPANY  
Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health  
Ronald Phillips, Miami-Dade County  
Rosa Pache, Miami-Dade County  
Gerry Martinez, Miami-Dade County  
Christina Sudduth, Florida Impact  
Marie Fatil, YWCA  
Wil Ayala, The Early Learning Coalition  
**Via Conference Call:**  
**Vice-Chair:** Alfie Leon, Law Offices of Alfonso Leon  
Rachelle Theodore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Gina Gonzalez, Amerigroup  
Arleen Saraceno, Prestige  
Ruby Natale, UM  
Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency  
Cheryl Lorie, WIC |

**ACTION NEEDED**
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 9:34 AM. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes | There was a motion to approve the May 2017 Children Issues minutes by Cristina Brito; the motion was seconded by Yasmin Dias Guichot.

Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates | Alina Soto provided the Executive Board update:
- Leyanee Perez is now the Co-Chair of the Executive Board along with Alina.
- There is now a taskforce that would be planning the next year’s Consortium annual event, open to all committee members.

Esther McCant provided the Healthy Baby Taskforce update:
- The workgroup is working actively to get more hospitals onboard and become designated as baby friendly hospitals.
- The workgroup meets right after every Children Issues meeting.

Work Plan Review/Discussion | Committee members reviewed the current committee work plan:

Goal 1: #2 Obesity: Early Learning Coalition and Hope for Miami

Goal 1: #3 Health & Wellness: Want to create a subcommittee focused on the obesity resource guide. Meeting invitation will be sent out by Wil Ayala to interested members next week.

Goal 1: #4 Faith-Based: Invite to table/attend church health fairs. Cristina Brito will invite Christ Fellowship.

Goal 2: #3 Restaurant vendors: Alina Soto

Goal 2: #5 HEPA: DCF can help educate, Alina Soto will report to DCF to see how to contribute.

Recruit faith based organizations
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| Committee Partner Updates | Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/projects; and members made connections between various organizations targeting the same concepts.  

- Annual Breastfeeding walk will be taking place on August 5\(^{th}\) at Amelia Earhart Park  
- WIC Community Partners Event – July 28\(^{th}\) at the Airport Convention Center  
- Early Learning Conference – September 8 and 9 at the Double Tree hotel |
| Adjournment | The next meeting will be held on **Friday, July 21, 2017 at United Way Center for Excellence.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM. |