

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, February 15, 2019

10:00am-12:00pm EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (31)	<p>Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Children Issues Vice Chair)</p> <p>Islamiyat Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Sandra Arill, South Florida Dental Hygienist Association</p> <p>Rachel Askowitz, UM</p> <p>Tenesha Avent, HCSF</p> <p>Francesca Belluomini, FCAAC</p> <p>Rachel Biderman, Common Threads</p> <p>Natalia Cap, Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership</p> <p>Helen Figueredo, Providence Healthcare Services</p> <p>Mariela Gomez, DCA/Mainstreet</p> <p>Gina Gonzalez, Simply Health Care</p> <p>Eriko Grover, WIC</p> <p>Maria Kesti, Humana</p> <p>Cheryl Lorie, WIC</p> <p>Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</p> <p>Danisa Mugica, WIC</p> <p>Gissell Pascal Almonte, Early Steps</p> <p>Vilma Perez, Prestige Healthcare</p> <p>Allyce Perret-Gentil, Wellness in the Schools</p> <p>Andrea Catalina Silva, WIC</p> <p>Carla Sabugo, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Maite Schenker, UM</p> <p>Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Christina Sudduth, UM</p> <p>Kristin Wallin, KidoKinetics</p> <p>Holly Zwerling, Fatherhood Taskforce</p> <p><u>Via Conference Call:</u></p> <p>Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency</p> <p>Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate BSBF</p> <p>Melody Velez, United Health Care</p>	

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	Cassandra Borges, Miami Children Health Plan Jeannie Necessary, UF IFAS/Extension Gabriela Rojas, Miami Diaper Bank	
Welcome and Introductions	The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Cristina Brito at 10:10 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the January 2019 Children Issues minutes by Tenesha Avent; the motion was seconded by Helen Figueredo.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce has been collaborating with its partners and closely with WIC on the online brochure that is going to be a parent's guide for breastfeeding ensuring that it includes all aspects of the family and its health benefits. This will be for review at today's meeting that follows Children Issues. The Healthy Baby Taskforce has also joined the Obesity Guide Taskforce. Lastly, a brief overview of the Healthy Baby Taskforce was provided for new members to understand their positive work through improving health policies and decreasing infant and maternal mortality rates.	
Executive Board Update	Cristina provided the Executive Board update. The Executive Board is currently surveying the committees to recommend possible initiatives that all committees could collaborate with the Consortium. From the brainstorming conversation initiatives of interest that possibly could be collaborated with the other committees of the Consortium included: access to care, substance abuse, tobacco efforts (Jewl: partnered with school system to address issues), physical activity (partner with national organizations like the NFL Play for 60), nutrition (sustainability, sustaining your own food through gardening, National Nutrition Month, video/campaign materials), mental health (targeting all years of life and bullying/cyberbullying), prenatal care for men, FL Healthy District Award (applying for recognition/M-DCPS), hunger/food insecurity (community treasure box/free fruit), oral health (impacts to overall health), diabetes (juvenile diabetes, community wide focus on cutting bad habits, glucose monitoring during pregnancy education), allergies/asthma (bullying related to allergies/asthma), and human trafficking (e.g., No More Tears program).	

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<p>Old Business</p> <p>Obesity Guide Taskforce</p>	<p>Cristina Brito provided an update that the Children's Trust will print their next Resource Guide in 2020. The Children's Trust are willing to integrate with us in their next print. The committee decided that the Obesity Taskforce will move forward with this guide because of its importance.</p>	<p>Cristina will follow up with the Children's Trust to see if they would be willing to add an addendum on their site.</p>
<p>Overview of Committee Work Plan</p>	<p>The committee discussed one of the work plan indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of meetings with childcare center food vendors to educate and facilitate process of implementing healthier food choices. It was discussed that this is consumer-driven related to child care centers advocating for themselves to serve better food. The outcome with the vendor is dependent on the number of meals served at the child care sites. There was further discussion on possibly focusing on educating brand new childcare centers and having these conversations with them as they open. From this it was discussed to revisit the workplan and change the focus of the indicator. One of our partners is providing the Healthy Kids Healthy Futures training to early learning centers and the Miami-Dade County Early Headstart/Headstart program to start to implement for applying to the Florida ECE award which one of its focus is to educate providers on healthy meals. • Increase the number of requests to the marketing and Membership Committee to collaborate on ways of increasing the number of new organizations participating in committee events. The Marketing and Membership Committee also promotes the work of the Consortium not just their work. It was discussed how we can leverage their work and how they can be informed by the Children Issues Committee work. It was mentioned to have some representation from Children Issues at their meetings and to have Marketing and Membership present at some of our meetings too. It was announced that the Marketing and Membership Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2 pm to 3 pm at the Florida Department of Health located at 8323 NW 12th Street (Suite 212) Miami, FL 33126. 	

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Partner Updates	<p>Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UM: Step Up AT program to develop teacher-training program for teachers to use assisted technology with early literacy for children with disabilities. Currently partnering with school districts to expand the training. • Mainstreet Dental: Have over 100 presentations scheduled which offer oral health instruction • FCAAC: monthly newsletter theme creates visuals and provides info • Fatherhood Taskforce: Advocacy Networks for Fathers on April 5th. Fatherhood Magazine shared in Spanish. Also, trying to conduct focus groups recruiting future, expectant, and new fathers. • South Florida Dental Hygienists Association: February 23rd, 2019 Addressing tobacco use in the dental setting CE 4 credit course. • KidoKinetics: South Beach Food and Wine festival at the Jungle Island on February 23rd and 24th, 2019 hosting children events. Starting summer camp planning. • Common Threads: Partnering with Florida Impact this summer providing Small Bites 8-week nutrition education curriculum at the Summer BreakSpot sites. • UM: Jump Start to child health grant still hiring mental health counselors • Providence Home Care: Health and Wellness Harvest festival at Tropical Park will be on October 26th, 2019 more details to come. Also, teaming up with Westwood Christian's National Honor Society bringing fresh produce bags to 100 elderly individuals. • Health Council of South Florida: Disaster preparedness training upcoming in April (date coming soon) • Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnerships: Read to Learn Book Club promotion. Parenting classes are also provided for infants up to age 5 years old. • WIC: Volunteer breastfeeding peer counselor training starting up now. WIC just completed their agency wide survey to find out culture and why does the Black population have the lowest breastfeeding rates in the country. Liberty city was the focus and then went agency wide. 135 responded out of 200. Save the Date 	
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	<p>August 2019 Breastfeeding WIC Event coming soon. Background and services of WIC provided. WIC participation rates are lower than they have ever been in 10 years. Dropped by 5% throughout the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing membership forum was rescheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. • DOH: Human trafficking film screening event was successful. • Tobacco Free-Workgroup: Tobacco Workplace summit February 22, 2019 at United Way 	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:04pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the United Way of Miami-Dade Center for Excellence, 3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33129.</p>	