



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
		NEEDED
Membership	Alina Soto, DCF (Children Issues Chair)	
Total (33)	Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Children Issues Vice Chair)	
	Betty Alonso, ConnectFamilias	
	Rebekah Antoine, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade	
	Tenesha Avent, HCSF	
	Natalia Cap, Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership	
	Maria Carrero, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade	
	Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Helen Figueredo, Providence Healthcare Services	
	Gina Gonzalez, Simply Health Care	
	Jeff Hurst, DCF	
	Mohnisha Jit, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Keren Joseph, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Ellen Kolomeyer, UM	
	Tatiana Larionova, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe	
	Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health	
	Maria Montalvan, Epilepsy Florida	
	Jeannie Necessary, UF IFAS/Extension	
	Maite Schenker, UM	
	Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Andrea Catalina Silva, WIC	
	Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate BSBF	
	Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	Via Conference Call:	
	Dr. Rosie Odan, Liberty Dental Plan	
	Deborah Billings, Kristi House	
	Debbie Labelle, Education Fund	
	Gina Rodriguez, Miami-Dade County Library	
	Nadine Rolle, Our Kids	
	Lourdes Proenza, Miami Children Health Plan	





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	Heather Stern, Liberty Dental Plan				
	Christina Sudduth, UM				
	Nancy Torres, UM				
	Melody Velez, United Health Care				
Welcome and	The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues				
Introductions	Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:07 a.m. All members were				
	welcomed and introduced themselves.				
Approval of	There was a motion to approve the February 2019 Children Issues minutes by Candice				
Minutes	Schottenloher; the motion was seconded by Gina Gonzalez.				
Healthy Baby	A brief overview of the Healthy Baby Taskforce was provided for new members. The				
Taskforce	Taskforce works to improve health policies and decrease infant and maternal mortality				
Update	rates. 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. At				
	today's meeting there will be a presentation on increasing breastfeeding support in the				
	workplace throughout Miami-Dade. The focus will be to show businesses the positive				
	impact lactation policies have on its employees and the employers.				
Executive	The Children Issues recommendations were reported by Cristina Brito to the Executive				
Board Update	Board for the Consortium's health agenda. The focus and our goals should be aligning				
	with the work of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County related to				
	nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco while focusing on policy, systems, and				
	environmental changes. It was noted that housing be considered in the work of the				
	Children Issues committee. It was announced that there will not be a Consortium Annual				
	Event this year. Worksite Wellness Awards would take place on May 3, 2019.				
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Old Business	Cristina Brito provided an update that the Children's Trust is willing to work with the	Goal: have survey			
	Children Issues committee with creating an addendum to their resource guide. They are	completed and sent			
Obesity Guide	willing to review the resources we send them and decide which is the best format to share	out by June 30 th			
Taskforce	with the community. To move forward with this indicator a leadership team was formed.				
	The Taskforce will meet via conference call.				





Overview of	The committee discussed one of the work plan indicators.	
Committee Work	<u> </u>	
Plan	• Increase the number of meetings with childcare center food vendors to educate	
1 1411	and facilitate process of implementing healthier food choices. A follow up	
	conversation was had to further discuss the focus of this indicator. Jeff Hurst from	
	the Department of Child and Families (DCF) provided an array of information on	
	the processes of a childcare center and the Child Care Food Program. It was	
	discussed that intervening at the beginning of when a child care center is opening	
	could be the best way to educate them on implementing healthier food choices.	
	Another approach discussed could be working from the bottom up have one-on-	
	one trainings with licensed care providers by offering a cater orientation to inform	
	and educate them on their rights with food vendor contracts.	
New Business	The Children Issues Chair addressed to the committee the remaining 2019 schedule. A	
	consensus was agreed upon that the August and December 2019 Children Issues	
	committee meetings will be cancelled due to a very busy time of the year. The November	
	2019 meeting will be a working lunch (potluck) meeting.	
Partner Updates	Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/	
	projects.	
	• ConnectFamilias: Works with over 80 partners. The first Baby Shower for this	
	year was launched in February with the Simple Foundation. A partnership with	
	the Children's Trust and the Cuban Bar Association will target children under	
	the age of 18 who are undocumented, been abused or abandon. There is an	
	opportunity for legal representation, financial and clinic workshops provided.	
	• Colgate: Free dental screenings provided to children aged 12 years and younger.	
	Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade: Shared a draft version of the Connect	
	brochure and the referral intake form.	
	• Providence Home Care: March 25 th is National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day.	
	Remember to wear green.	
	• Epilepsy Florida: Annual Epilepsy Walk will be on April 27, 2019 at the	
	Wynwood Marketplace. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. begins the	
	walk.	
	WIC: March is National Nutrition Awareness Month. The slogan is Good Food,	
	Good Mood.	0





- DOH (Environmental): March 21st is recognized as World TB day. Also, DOH Provides lead screening for children under the age of 6 presentation. World Asthma day is May 7th.
- Early Headstart/ Early Learning Coalition: Works with 32 partners and provides service to 750 kids.
- UF/IFAS Extension: Informed Miami-Gardens Afterschool Stem Club about afterschool snacks and meals are now being provided.
- JumpStart (UM): this intervention is trying to reduce the number of children being expelled from school at a 3-tier level. Interested in what are the DCF guidelines and statutes for conducting a cohort study.
- Ellen Kolomeyer discussed targeting modeling healthy behaviors as a policy they use.
- Nancy Torres provided an update about the Family Navigator program which links children with special needs with services. Looking for partners.
- Health Council of South Florida: Disaster preparedness training upcoming in April (dates coming soon).
- Sunshine Health: partnering with Metro Mommy Agency for an event in June; Save the Date.
- CHAT Team: new member to the team that can provide outreach to the community in Creole.
- Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnerships: Reach Out and Read is a national program. There are 200 sites in Florida and 62 sites in Miami-Dade. Has reached over 60,000 children. Accepting donations of books.
- Worksite Wellness Awards will be on May 3, 2019 and is still accepting applications.
- UM: Step Up AT program to develop teacher-training program for teachers to use assisted technology with early literacy for children with disabilities.
- Kristi House: working with teen safety for refugees and providing educational programs for children and adults.
- Miami Children Health Plan: Growing partnerships.





Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April	
	19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Beacon Center, 8323 NW 12 th Street,	
	(Suite #212), Doral, FL 33126.	