### TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION NEEDED
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Membership Total (33) | Alina Soto, DCF (Children Issues Chair)  
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
# Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade

**Children Issues Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, March 15, 2019**  
**10:00am-12:00pm EST**

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<th>Welcome and Introductions</th>
<th>The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:07 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</th>
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<td>Approval of Minutes</td>
<td>There was a motion to approve the February 2019 Children Issues minutes by Candice Schottenloher; the motion was seconded by Gina Gonzalez.</td>
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<td>Healthy Baby Taskforce Update</td>
<td>A brief overview of the Healthy Baby Taskforce was provided for new members. The Taskforce works to improve health policies and decrease infant and maternal mortality 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.</td>
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<td>Executive Board Update</td>
<td>The Children Issues recommendations were reported by Cristina Brito to the Executive 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.</td>
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| Old Business Obesity Guide Taskforce | Cristina Brito provided an update that the Children’s Trust is willing to work with the Children Issues committee with creating an addendum to their resource guide. They are willing to review the resources we send them and decide which is the best format to share with the community. To move forward with this indicator a leadership team was formed. The Taskforce will meet via conference call.  
*Goal: have survey completed and sent out by June 30th* |
| Overview of Committee Work Plan | The committee discussed one of the work plan indicators.  
  - Increase the number of meetings with childcare center food vendors to educate 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 25th 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. |
- **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 after-school 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 12th Street, (Suite #212), Doral, FL 33126.