# Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade

## Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting

**Friday, June 21, 2019**

**12:30 PM-2:00 PM EST**

## Membership Total (13)

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<td>Tenesha Avent, Health Council of South Florida, (Healthy Baby Taskforce Co-Chair)</td>
<td>Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency, (Healthy Baby Taskforce Co-Chair) Gina Gonzalez, Simply Health Care Juliet San Juan, ConnectFamilias Karina Falcone, WIC Patricia Dufane, Common Threads Ruby Payne Souter, CAHSD Judith Agbotse, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County <strong>Teleconference:</strong> Rebekah Antoine, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade Catherine Chang Martinez, Nova University Monica FilsAime, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County</td>
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<td>Welcome and Introductions</td>
<td>The monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Tenesha Avent at 12:35 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.</td>
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<td>Approval of Minutes</td>
<td>There was a motion to approve the May 2019 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Candice Schottenloher, the motion was seconded by Valerie Turner.</td>
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<td>Old Business</td>
<td>The Healthy Baby Taskforce list of Recommendations for the Online Resource Guide was reviewed by the committee.</td>
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<td>Online Resource Guide</td>
<td>The Healthiest Weight Organization &amp; Programmatic Survey was launched by the Obesity Guide Taskforce. This survey was launched to capture resources in Miami-Dade County for the target population from pre-conception to high school aged children. As it has been discussed, this will be a way to capture the resources for the Healthy Baby Online Resource Guide.</td>
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| Quarterly Reporting | - The Online Resource Guide will be held on the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade website.  
|                     | - The Healthy Baby Taskforce discussed Indicators 3.6 and 3.8 from the Action Plan Quarterly Reporting Tool. These Indicators from the workplan are not on schedule.  
|                     | - The Taskforce brainstormed and discussed best practices that could work to achieve these indicators. The Taskforce had the conversation on some possible strategies and next steps to take to achieve these goals.  
|                     | - Indicator 3.6 Create links between local maternity care facilities and community breastfeeding support networks. For this indicator the committee discussed having conversations with healthcare providers like Sunshine Health and case managers to hear their ideas and design a way to bridge the gap and create links.  
|                     | - Indicator 3.8 Educate OB/GYNs on the importance of breastfeeding and informing their clients of the breastfeeding benefits and resources. For this indicator the group discussed the challenges of reaching OB/GYNs to inform them on the importance of breastfeeding.  
|                     | - From this conversation the Taskforce discussed possible strategies to approach the OB/GYNs. Some of these strategies included 1.) Conducting a webinar or conference that offers CEUs 2.) Providing an educational series of videos to the OB/GYNs office to share with the staff and the patients 3.) YouTube series or a Facebook support group.  
|                     | - The Taskforce discussed the importance of the dissemination to our target audience. The physicians and especially the front office staff are key influencers to the breastfeeding social network.  

| New Business Infant Mortality in Miami-Dade | - The TaskForce provided a recap on the presentation by the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade on CONNECT and the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) project. It was discussed that the Taskforce’s work is really aligned with the coalitions work. Our work targets key contributing factors like the social determinants of health that hinder better birth outcomes.  
|                                               | - The contributing factors that were identified from the 2018 FIMR cases that were reviewed and discussed by the Taskforce. These included a mother’s medical/obstetric history, medical conditions (like obesity, chronic diseases), socioeconomics, family planning, and knowledge and compliance of prenatal care visits.  

Contact Maternal Health Committee in Broward for a copy of their toolkit.
Breastfeeding support in the workplace through Miami-Dade County

- The Taskforce followed up the discussion from the presentation on breastfeeding support in the workplace through Miami-Dade County to discuss next steps.
- Some next actions that the Taskforce discussed was the recognition of a worksite participating in support of a lactation policy. It is important to note that the Taskforce wants to partner with the Worksite Wellness Committee to see the best way to approach workplaces and the best way to message this to businesses.
- The committee in the past had reached out to existing Consortium Partners who were interested and ready to listen about the benefits of a lactation policy in the workplace. Some next steps include looking at possible organizations and their buy-in with their HR teams and senior leaders like CEOs and VPs.

Partner Updates

Committee members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.

- ConnectFamilias: The Community Baby Showers continue to be successful. Mi Futuro (My Future) program is sponsored by CABA Probono Legal Services. This program provides legal services to children who have been abandon, abused, and neglected.
- Esther McCant provided an update on the success of The Mommy, Daddy and Me Event sponsored by Metro Mommy Agency and with Sunshine Health on Thursday, June 13, 2019.
- Health Council of South Florida continues to run successful disaster preparedness trainings. Will provide July and August class dates.
- Simply Health Care: Gina Gonzalez provided a brief update that she works and promotes the health and wellness department.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 P.M. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 19, 2019 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the United Way of Miami-Dade Center of Excellence, 3250 SW 3rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33129.