

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, September 20, 2019

10:00am-12:00pm EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (28)	<p>Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families (Children Issues Chair) Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Children Issues Vice Chair) Francesca Belluomini, FCAAC Dr. Ruby Natale, UM Patricia Dufane, Common Threads Grace Giraldo, Stay Well Gina Gonzalez, Simply Health Care Jeff Hurst, DCF Deborah LaBelle, The Education Fund Cheryl Lorie, WIC Danisa Mojica, WIC Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency Gail Johnson, Presently Blooming May Perez, UF Hialeah Dental Center Mohnisha Jit, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade Robert Ward, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p><u>Via Conference Call:</u> Mariela Gomez, Mainstreet Dental Monica Gonzalez, Epilepsy South Florida Michelle Johnson, Concerned African Women Elen Kolomeyer, UM Maite Schenker, UM Carla Sabugo, WIC Rachelle Theodore, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade Jennifer Rojo Suarez, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate BSBF Angelic, FIU</p>	

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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 10:05 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the July 2019 Children Issues minutes by Valerie Turner; the motion was seconded by Esther McCant.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board update was provided by Alina Soto. The Executive Board is developing the Consortium Strategic Plan. From this plan the committee work plans will be developed for next three to five years. The strategic health priority areas that were identified by the community members from the Community Meeting were health equity, access to care, chronic disease, maternal child health, injury/safety/violence, and STD/communicable diseases/emergent threats.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	<p>The Healthy Baby Taskforce updated was provided by Esther McCant. She shared that last month in August was National Breastfeeding Awareness month. There were many events in Miami-Dade County during this month. The Healthy Baby Taskforce hosted a Facebook Live during their August meeting. The Facebook Live event had over 318 views. The event included a Q&A panel discussion about the benefits of breastfeeding and shared local resources. The panel included representation from WIC, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, DOH HIV Perinatal, and the Metro Mommy Agency.</p> <p>Esther McCant presented and shared the work of Metro Mommy Agency and her involvement with the Consortium in Miami-Dade County. The Healthy Baby Taskforce meets directly after Children Issues at 12:30 p.m.</p>	Share presentation
Presentation: WIC Application	Danisa Mojica from the Florida Department of Health WIC and Nutrition office presented on the new WIC Application. She shared with the committee the importance of this new application for its clients. The app has provided better appointment adherence (less no shows), less calls to check for appointments, improved benefit usage, improved shopping experience, and an increase use of the WIC website. A walkthrough of the application was provided.	
Old Business Obesity Guide Taskforce	An update was provided on the Healthiest Weight & Programmatic Survey. The goal of the survey is to capture organizations with programs that target children 18 years and under in Miami-Dade County that provide services which target obesity prevention and healthy weight. There have been 12 responses collected from partners. From the 12 responses we have been able to collect information on 18 programs. A list of the responses collected was shared with the committee. This is one of the committee's workplan indicators to implement a community obesity prevention resource guide.	Resend survey

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Community Meeting Discussion	Alina Soto shared with the Children Issues committee members to visit the Consortium website to view the press release announcing the Community Health Assessment. It was noted the website could be found in the press release to provide feedback on the assessment. Valerie Turner from the Florida Department of Health shared that all the MAPP assessment results from the Local Public Health System, Forces of Change, Community Themes and Strengths, and the Community Health Assessment could be found on the Consortium website too.	
New Business Meeting Presentations	The Children Issues Committee briefly discussed the idea of future presentations to be held during the meetings. These presentations could be on topics that pertain to and focus on the identified strategic health priorities.	
Partner Updates	<p>Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/ projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Threads: Patricia Dufane shared about their Small Bites Curriculum that focuses its work for children in 3rd to 8th grade in the afterschool care setting. • UF Hialeah Dental Center: May Perez provided an update on the free community event for kids ages 6-17: Super Sealant Day on Friday, October 25, 2019. Note: Teacher Planning Day and morning only. • WIC: Cheryl Lorie shared the success on two WIC internal events. She is also provided an update on the 2019 Breastfeed Miami: Big Latch On Event that took place on August 3, 2019 at IKEA Miami. She shared that 84 mothers latched on during the event. She also noted that IKEA Miami was a phenomenal partner and they had opened their first lactation room in the country. Carla Sabugo shared the 6th Annual Homestead/Florida City Health & Resource Fair on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Florida Center for Allergy & Asthma Care: Francesca provided an update on asthma peaks in the month of September and shared info on penicillin allergies. • Metro Mommy Agency: Esther McCant provided an update that she has supported 11 births in the last month. In the future she will share about launching childbirth classes and other CEU classes. • Stay Well: Grace provided that their work will be focusing on special needs in the month of November. Also noted, needs to have request for events a month in advance to be able to support. • Concerned African Women: Shared the Synergy Symposium meetings are the last Thursday's of the month. 	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the United Way of Miami-Dade Center for Excellence, 3250 SW 3 rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33129.	