

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, June 19, 2020

10:00am~11:00am EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (23)	<p>Alina Soto, Department of Children and Families (Children Issues Chair)</p> <p>Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Children Issues Vice Chair)</p> <p>Tenesha Avent, Health Council of South Florida (HCSF)</p> <p>Victoria Cividini, The Children's Trust</p> <p>Patricia Dufane, Common Threads</p> <p>Helen Figueredo, Providence Health Care</p> <p>Ketia S. Harris, Jessie Trice Community Health System</p> <p>Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency</p> <p>Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</p> <p>Zhyrma Monzon, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Sailasya Munamarty, End Exploitation Inc.</p> <p>Dr. Ruby Natale, UM</p> <p>Johannie Llano, Kristi House</p> <p>Cheryl Lorie, WIC</p> <p>Carla Sabugo, WIC</p> <p>Julissa Reynoso, Children Bereavement Center</p> <p>Cristiane Roche, Colgate BSBF</p> <p>Jennifer Rojo-Suarez, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade</p> <p>Arlene Silberman, Humana</p> <p>Lucy Shrack, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade</p> <p>Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate BSBF</p> <p>Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade/Monroe</p> <p>Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The June monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:03 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the May 2020 Children Issues minutes by Valerie Turner; the motion was seconded by Suecia Mendez.	
Executive Board Update	The Executive Board update was provided by Cristina Brito. A brief update was provided that the Executive Board met virtually in May and June. At these meetings representation from all committees were present. Board members provided organizational updates and discussed what their organizations have been doing in response to the COVID-19 situation.	

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Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Esther McCant. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues Committee. She provided the Taskforce met virtually in May and partners had provided organizational updates and discussed what their organizations had been doing in response to the COVID-19 impact related to pregnant women and expecting families. The group identified a lack of breastfeeding resources and support to the community. The Taskforce then joined other community partners and Live Healthy Miami Gardens and have participated in the Master Breastfeeding Class Facebook Live Event series to address these needs and provide tips, support and resources related to breastfeeding. She also shared the Taskforce will have a conversation on collective impact with its partners at today's meeting Friday, June 19, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.	
Previous Action Items	A brief reminder was provided by Alina Soto and Cristina Brito to the committee at the February meeting the committee had reviewed the new work plan. There were activities identified that need to be achieved by the end of this year. It was shared at the committee's next meeting a few indicators will be discussed and the group will begin to develop action steps on how we want to achieve these goals by their target date.	
Committee Work Plan Review		
New Business	The committee members were able to share and briefly discuss their current work, initiatives, and projects in response to the current COVID-19 situation.	Send Partner Update email
Community Organizations & Partners Updates related to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Bereavement Center: An update was provided by Julissa Reynoso. The center provides free grief support groups for children 5 years and older, teens and adults after the loss of a loved one at several locations in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach in English and Spanish. Currently, the classes have transitioned grief support groups to online. • Colgate BSBF: An update was provided by Silvana Tchorbadjian. Colgate has provided 9,000 personal family hygiene kits to Miami-Dade County Public Schools. They are also working on their remote education and website to provide free resources to the community. • Common Threads: Patricia Dufane shared to visit the Common Threads website: https://www.commonbytes.org/#!/home. She also shared to visit their Facebook and Instagram to learn more about their free resources. • Department of Children and Families (DCF): An update was provided by Alina Soto. She shared DCF updates and they are evaluating their processes and next steps. • Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County: Valerie Turner provided an update on the department's response to the COVID-19 situation. She shared updates on the testing sites in Miami-Dade and faith-based organization (FBO) outreach that has been conducted to about 500 FBOs in which guidance was provided to improve social distancing and the re-opening county and state plans. • HCSF: An update was provided by Tenesha Avent. She shared information on Project Ready. She also shared their contributions to food distributions in the community and working virtually. 	

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- **Metro Mommy Agency:** An update was provided by Esther McCant. She shared that Saturday, June 27, 2020 she will be hosting a Breastfeeding 101 virtual course. She also shared that she has completed a hypnosis certification and will be able to offer these services too. Lastly, she hosted a virtual baby shower to six mothers and donated \$1,000 worth of items to these mothers.
- **Providence Health Care:** An update was provided by Helen Figueredo. She shared they have provided many services like fresh food to the elderly population.
- **Jessie Trice Community Health System (JTCHS):** An update was provided by KeTia Harris. She provided an update about JTCHS community-based COVID-19 testing, telehealth services still being offered, and participating in the Live Healthy Miami Gardens Facebook Live Event series with community partners.
- **Kristi House:** Johannie Llano shared that Kristi House is providing free virtual Zoom trainings on safety and prevention to groups and organizations. Flyer will be shared.
- **Sunshine Health:** An update was provided by Suecia Mendez. Suecia shared Sunshine Health has been working with Feeding South Florida in the community. They have also partnered with many organizations and provided gift cards to them to share with their clients during this time. She also shared the Kiwanis of Northeast Miami Dade was able to coordinate a series of 10 shows on WMBM Gospel 1490 that address topics related to pregnancy and the early years of life. Lastly, they are always referring clients to the Jasmine Project federal Healthy Start program.
- **WIC:** An update was provided by Carla Sabugo. She shared that the DOH-Miami-Dade WIC program has been serving virtually since March 2020. She also shared that she is looking for resources related to food distribution to share with their clients on a daily basis. An email will be shared with the committee with this information.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):** An update was shared by Jennifer Rojo-Suarez. She provided the HSCMD will begin a mailing campaign to the prenatal care providers to increase this outreach since the numbers have recently declined in prenatal care services. She also shared that the Count the Kicks campaign outreach is being launched too.
- **The Children's Trust:** An update was provided by Victoria Cividini. She shared The Children's Trust offers programs in three ways: virtually, in-person, and a hybrid of both. She also shared they have provided 300,000 PPE units to the community.
- **United Way of Miami-Dade:** An update was provided by Cristina Brito. She provided many updates on United Way's response to the COVID-19 situation in the community by providing emergency response through volunteers and food distribution. There was also information shared on funding for small business relief and applications for other grants too. She also shared the 21-day challenge to create a habit hosted by the YWCA.

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Future Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Miami: An update was provided by Dr. Ruby Natale. She shared and provided information related to current challenges with childcare providers and remaining open with the COVID-19 situation. • Please email any updates, flyers, events, articles to the committee liaison Candice Schottenloher at Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov. <p>The Children Issues/Oral Health Committee discussed for their next upcoming meeting they will meet virtually via Skype for Business. This upcoming meeting will be the complete full two-hour meeting time to conduct business as usual. There was a consensus among the group that the full time was needed to discuss the work plan.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Skype for Business.	