

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
Friday, April 16, 2021
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (15)	<u>Virtual Skype Meeting</u> Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Co-Chair) Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair) Viviana Alvarado Pacheco, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD) Natalia Coletti, Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnerships Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health Marya Meyer, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade Zulema Santacruz, Banyan Health Systems Carla Sabugo, WIC Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Bryanna McDaniel, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch	
Welcome and Introductions	The April monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues sub-committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Esther McCant at 12:32 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the March 2021 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Esther McCant.	
Previous Action Items HBT Social Media Toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the April meeting the Healthy Baby Taskforce announced the <i>Pregnancy and Beyond: A Social Media Toolkit</i> was approved and has included all recommended changes from the March meeting by the Taskforce. The toolkit is now approved and can be disseminated with the community and partners. - The Taskforce had a conversation on how they would like to disseminate the toolkit within the community and with its partners. - The Co-Chairs of the Healthy Baby Taskforce shared they presented the toolkit previously at the Children Issues Oral Health Committee meeting. It was shared during this meeting at the committee 	

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<p>HBT Work Plan Discussion</p>	<p>level they will help assist with disseminating the toolkit by collecting partner organization social media handles and responsible owners to the pages. From this outreach the committee can begin to work with this organizations to share the toolkit and have the messaging shared on these pages. It was also noted the dissemination should also be expanded to the community at large and shared with families too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Healthy Baby Taskforce members agreed with this dissemination process. It was noted the Healthy Baby Taskforce liaison will send a reminder email and compile the social media handles received from partners. - It was also shared the Taskforce should leverage both the public and private sector to share the toolkit messaging. Some other opportunities with community partners shared included the World's Greatest Baby Shower's newsletter, presenting to the South Dade Care Coalition, and sharing social media posts with The Children's Trust, JCS, and 311. - An announcement was shared thanking the Taskforce members for sharing reporting for Quarter 2 which included the time frame of January 1 – March 31st, 2021. The report was submitted to the State. - The Taskforce had a robust conversation on work plan Activity 4.8. This activity is to increase from 0 (2020) to 1 a focus group consisting of moms, dads, and grandparents to identify community beliefs about safe sleep per year. The Taskforce will begin to focus its efforts on safe sleep and begin to plan the logistics for conducting this focus group in the community. - The Taskforce had a brainstorming discussion with its partners on conducting focus groups to identify community beliefs in Miami-Dade County about safe sleep per year. Key highlights from this conversation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Healthy Baby Taskforce Liaison shared with the group the overall outcome of the focus group is to hear from the community especially mothers, fathers, grandparents, and providers their beliefs related to safe sleep. We want to have a better understanding what it is that they are learning or maybe they are not aware of about safe sleep. From these focus group discussions, we want to further develop different interventions based on the community needs. • The Taskforce started to discuss who would be included in the focus groups. It was suggested we should be inclusive and encompassing of the diverse population in Miami-Dade. It was also suggested to have a combination of clients that are receiving services and those that are not receiving services. This would be an opportunity to measure and see where participants are receiving their information related to safe sleep or not receiving education on safe sleep. • Natalia Coletti shared for the target audience for the focus group discussions we should consider the participant's age. This will be important as we begin to develop the focus of the discussions. 	
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	<p>The Taskforce will need to develop a strategy to address different age groups. She also highlighted the importance of the intergenerational support element as well as having a strong foundation of understanding while keeping in mind cultural differences too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other partners shared the importance of trusted sources of where families receive their information related to health and safe sleep practices. The importance of community gatekeepers is important to consider as the focus groups are being developed. • It is also important to highlight once the discussions were completed, we would need to provide community resources to support the participants as well as provide an incentive as a solution to safe sleep practices. It was also mentioned these families that participate in these discussions can serve as a support system for one another too. • Suecia Mendez suggested for additional information Sunshine Health would be able to provide a presentation on safe sleep to the Taskforce at a future meeting. 	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Preconception Health Conversation</p>	<p>Tenesha Avent led the Healthy Baby Taskforce members in a conversation on preconception health. Preconception health refers to the health of women and men during their reproductive years, which are the years they can have a child. The Taskforce discussed the importance for preconception health for women, but that it is also very important for men too. It was highlighted that an awareness should be created on this topic as we continue our work. Some of the Taskforce members shared the care they provide. Heather Baker shared the HSCMD provides the ICC curriculum which is focused not only on family planning but also serves as a reproductive life plan that focuses on a variety of topics overall related to women's health. The families that are participating in the longer-term home visiting services through the Healthy Start Program, the pathways, all of them starting in the third trimester of pregnancy, and then once the baby's born. They provide more interconception care than preconception care. Similarly, Suecia Mendez shared Sunshine Health has the Smart Baby Program which helps pregnant women and families but also provides follow-up postpartum conversations related to birth spacing too. It was highlighted from this conversation we should continue to have these conversations and support preconception health through our work.</p>	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOH-Miami-Dade Perinatal HIV Program: Queen Holden provided an update to the Taskforce. She shared there are currently 32-33 mothers currently pregnant with HIV. She reminded us all to continue to provide baseline care and support to our mothers who need testing and care. - DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention and Control Program: The Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida is dedicating its annual Tobacco Free Florida Week to draw attention to the root causes of the toll tobacco has on Black lives. The theme this year is <i>Uproot the Truth: Tobacco Use in the Black Community</i>, Tobacco Free Florida Week begins April 25, 2021 to 	<p>Send partner updates email.</p>

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	<p>May 1, 2021. For educational materials on tobacco cessation resources, please contact Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi at Islamiyat.Adebisi@flhealth.gov.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: An update was provided by Carla Sabugo on behalf of Cheryl Lorie. She shared WIC has successfully interviewed three candidates for the breastfeeding advocate positions. The hiring process will begin soon. They each have been breastfeeding their babies and live and work in their communities. We are excited because they have demonstrated passion in helping other mothers of color to breastfeed. - Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County: Candice Schottenloher provided an update to the Taskforce. The updated COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Community List will be shared via email with the Taskforce. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared the HSCMD is celebrating their 20th Anniversary this month. They will be conducting an outreach campaign and more details will be shared in the future. The HSCMD is participating in a weekly radio show in partnership with Kiwanis and Worlds Greatest Baby Shower. This is taking place every Friday at 1:15 p.m. on Gospel 1490 WMBM, www.wmbm.com. - Metro Mommy Agency: An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared on the last Sunday's of the month she is hosting a Black Breastfeeding Support Group. Check out recent and upcoming Metro Mommy Agency events here: https://linktr.ee/MetroMommyAgency. Lastly, she shared the Healthy Children Project, Inc. Center for Breastfeeding, Accessing the Milky Way Scholarship opportunity. Please see application here. The deadline to submit your application is by Wednesday, April 28, 2021. - Sunshine Health: An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She shared currently there is a Special Enrollment Period. For more information, please contact Suecia Mendez via email at Supadilla@sunshinehealth.com. - The Women's Fund: An update was shared by Marya Meyer and Viviana Alvarado Pacheco. They shared the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade will be launching a public awareness campaign in May related to heat stress and how to prevent heat stress among pregnant women. If you're interested in learning on how the heat campaign began, please visit here. Please stay tuned for campaign materials to be shared and disseminated within the community. For more information on The Women's Fund, please visit here. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	