

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting  
Friday, May 21, 2021  
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (14)	<b><u>Virtual Meeting</u></b> 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) Dr. Keya Brandon, Kreative Koncepts Carolina Garcia, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade KeTia Harris, JTCHS Cheryl Lorie, WIC Tamia Medina, FIU Marya Meyer, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade Carla Sabugo, WIC Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Rocio Velasquez, The Children's Movement of Florida	
Welcome and Introductions	The May monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues sub-committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Tenesha Avent at 12:33 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the April 2021 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Esther McCant, the motion was seconded by Heather Baker.	
Previous Action Items  HBT Social Media Toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Taskforce previously had a conversation during the April meeting on how they would like to disseminate the <i>Pregnancy and Beyond: A Social Media Toolkit</i> within the community and with its partners.</li> <li>- It was shared during the April Taskforce meeting we could collect partner organization social media handles and responsible owners to the pages. From this outreach the committee can begin to work with these potential 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.</li> </ul>	

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<p>HBT Work Plan Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During the May meeting, the Taskforce reviewed the current outreach list of partners with social media accounts. There were a few recommended changes and additions to include in the list. These changes will be included and shared next meeting.</li> <li>- Tenesha Avent shared a friendly reminder with the Taskforce members, if they think of any other potential organizations for outreach, to please email the Healthy Baby Taskforce liaison the contact information.</li> <li>- Heather Baker also shared that she has shared the social media toolkit with all the Connect Program staff and all the Healthy Start contracted providers as a resource tool.</li> <li>- The Taskforce continued the 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 continues to focus its efforts on safe sleep and has continued to build off the initial conversations for conducting this focus group in the community.</li> <li>- Key highlights from this conversation included:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target audience for the discussions was discussed to include both clients that are receiving services and those that not receiving services. It was also discussed to keep in mind the age of the participants for the focus group discussions too. Additionally, it was noted to also consider healthcare providers like OB/GYNS or midwives to be a part of these discussions too.</li> <li>• The Taskforce briefly discussed, and it was recommended to consider communities with high rates of infant mortality related to SIDS to consider to include as a part of our focus group participant criteria.</li> <li>• From this discussion, it was noted we need to develop a list of questions that will be asked during the focus group discussions. It is important for us to consider the length of time of these groups too so that participants are willing to join and remain engaged during the conversation.</li> <li>• The Healthy Baby Taskforce liaison shared with the group an article from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) related to 2016 recommendations for a safe sleep infant environment. This was shared to start thinking about some ideas for questions. Breastfeeding and smoking were highlighted to include in this conversation too.</li> <li>• It was noted the Taskforce members will start to brainstorm some questions and ideas and come prepared to discuss at the June meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Share AAP article.</p>
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Preconception Health Conversation	Tenesha Avent led a follow-up discussion on preconception health with the Healthy Baby Taskforce members. She shared work plan Activity 4.5 is to increase the number of pregnant women who receive early prenatal care from 15,476 (2020) to 15,626. This activity was shared with the members because we haven't been receiving reporting on this indicator. A few partners shared updates on this indicator. KeTia Harris shared JTCHS database tracks what trimester their patients receive prenatal care. Esther McCant from Metro Mommy Agency also shared all her clients receive prenatal care before they hit their second trimester. Also, Heather Baker from the HSCMD shared this is data they collect but currently there is not a reporting function to pull this data. It was shared as a reminder to share reporting on this activity if you have available data to share to be included in the state report.	
New Business  Breastfeeding Awareness Planning Session	During this meeting the Taskforce had a brainstorming session to start planning for August which is National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week is the first week of August (August 1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021). Rocio Velasquez and Cheryl Lorie provided updates from the Breastfeeding Month 2021 and Beyond planning meetings. It was announced if you are interested to join this conversation, the next meeting will be on Thursday, May 27, 2021. It was shared this is a collective community effort of many partners hosting various events and campaigns for National Breastfeeding Month. It is also important to note that even if you are not attending those meetings, you are still able to share your events to be added to the August event calendar. Lastly, it was discussed we also wanted to start to plan for the remainder of the year from June to December. It was highlighted for June that it is Men's Health Month, Men's Health Week is on June 14-20, 2021, and on June 27 <sup>th</sup> it is National HIV Testing Day. As we have been discussing the importance of preconception health for men, it was shared this is a great opportunity for the Taskforce to share social media posts highlighting men's health, father involvement and Father's Day. Lastly, it was shared if there are any suggestion for July to December, to please come ready to discuss at the June meeting to allow for more time to plan the remainder of the year.	
Partner Updates	Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention and Control Program:</b> Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi provided an update that World No Tobacco Day will be on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. She shared this message will be shared through the Consortium. For educational materials on tobacco cessation resources, please contact Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi at <a href="mailto:Islamiyat.Adebisi@flhealth.gov">Islamiyat.Adebisi@flhealth.gov</a>.</li> <li>- <b>DOH-Miami-Dade WIC:</b> An update was provided by Cheryl Lorie and Carla Sabugo. Cheryl Lorie shared WIC continues to provide virtual services with the active waivers in place. She also shared WIC has successfully hired two Breastfeeding Advocate positions and focusing efforts on planning for National Breastfeeding Month in August. Carla Sabugo shared an update on the fruit and vegetable cash voucher for WIC participants. Beginning June 1, 2021, the WIC program will be</li> </ul>	Send partner updates email.

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	<p>increasing the cash voucher to \$35 per participant and will end on September 30, 2021. It is important to note it does not apply to infants; it is for all women and children 1 to 4 years old.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County:</b> Candice Schottenloher provided an update to the Taskforce a partner updates will be shared from this meeting. Also, the updated COVID-19 Testing &amp; Vaccine Community List will be shared via email with the Taskforce.</li> <li>- <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):</b> An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared the HSCMD is still celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month. She shared the HSCMD remains fully operational in providing services to the community, including services to the clients, as well as to the prenatal providers. She also provided an update on the Connect Program and the drop in prenatal screenings. Other updates she provided to the Taskforce included the Moving Beyond Depression being held virtually for clients and they continue to disseminate materials for the Count the Kicks campaign. Lastly, she shared recently the HSCMD has partnered with ICU Baby on the 10 Days of Connection Campaign.</li> <li>- <b>Jessie Trice Community Health Systems (JTCHS):</b> An update was shared by KeTia Harris. She shared the next LHMG Breastfeeding Masterclass will be on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3 p.m. She also shared they are co-hosting with WIC the virtual Baby Cafe Social Hour (support group) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's of each month at 3 p.m. Lastly, she shared the clinic continues to work on sustainability efforts and working to promote breastfeeding and lactation support in the workplace.</li> <li>- <b>Metro Mommy Agency:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared she will be hosting a movie night to celebrate Haitian Heritage Month on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 p.m. She shared this film captures a Haitian mother, a Haitian doula, and a Haitian midwife in action.</li> <li>- <b>The Women's Fund:</b> An update was shared Viviana Alvarado Pacheco. She shared National Heat Awareness Day is on Friday, May 28, 2021. The Women's Fund with the City of Miami will be hosting on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 10 a.m. a press conference to launch the extreme heat and women's health public awareness campaign. The invite will be shared via email.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	