

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, June 18, 2021

10:00am- 11:30am EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (24)	<p><b><u>Virtual Go To Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Alina Soto, DCF (Chair)</p> <p>Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Children Issues Vice-Chair)</p> <p>Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade</p> <p>Valeria Echeverri, ConnectFamilias</p> <p>Helen Figueredo, Comprehensive Insurance</p> <p>Elizabeth Groff, Community Member</p> <p>KeTia Harris, JTCHS</p> <p>Marie Hernandez, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe</p> <p>Jeff Hurst, DCF</p> <p>Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</p> <p>Deborah La Belle, The Education Fund</p> <p>Tatiana Larionova, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe</p> <p>Racquel Lugo, Liberty Dental Plan</p> <p>Xavier Panchana, FIU</p> <p>Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</p> <p>Natalie Robles, ConnectFamilias</p> <p>Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</p> <p>Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate BSBF</p> <p>Sandra Echeverry, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Sandra Gonzalez Ramos, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Adriana Moncada, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Lashawnda Williams, CAHSD Miami-Dade County</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 10:02 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the May 2021 Children Issues minutes by Heather Baker; the motion was seconded by Helen Figueredo.	

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Executive Board Update	The Executive Board update was provided by Alina Soto and Candice Schottenloher. The Save the Date for the virtual Consortium Annual Event and Awards Ceremony was shared and will be hosted on Friday, October 1, 2021. The theme will be <i>Fall into Healthy Habits</i> and a \$25 registration fee for this event. It was shared the Executive Board continues to have conversations surrounding COVID-19 vaccinations and supporting the <a href="#"><i>I Did It!</i></a> Campaign from the Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF). Additionally, the Executive Board had a subject matter expert conversation where they shared their perspectives about the Consortium. These results from the conversation will be used to evaluate and understand the sustainability of the Executive Board compared to a past evaluation.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Candice Schottenloher. A reminder was shared the <i>Pregnancy and Beyond: A Social Media Toolkit</i> has been approved and the messaging can be shared. The Taskforce also continues to develop their safe sleep focus group discussions to understand the concerns and cultural beliefs of our mothers, fathers, families, and grandparents on baby safe sleep. The Taskforce meets directly after Children Issues at 12:30 p.m. and welcomes new members to join.	
Previous Action Items	The committee reviewed the approved social media awareness campaign plan they created to increase and raise awareness on health topics for children 0 to 18 years old as it aligns with the work of the committee. Cristina Brito shared a reminder to the committee members they can sign-up for a health topic to create a newsletter article or social media posts. This plan will also be shared with the students at Florida International University and the University of Miami by our committee partners.	
Social Media Campaign Plan		
Committee Collaboration & Reporting	Candice Schottenloher provided a brief update this is the first month the committee has gone live with the monthly reporting survey. This survey is as an easy-to-use tool to capture our members and their organization's work in alignment with the committee's work plan. It was shared and recommended at the next committee meeting in August results from this survey report will be shared with the committee. This is a motivating opportunity to encourage member participation, to learn more about future events, and ways to support our committee partners.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	During this meeting, the committee reviewed the following work plan activity as a performance measure in need of improvement. The following measure was reviewed: By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will create an educational awareness campaign to increase engagement in the free breakfast program at Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Summer Food Service Program. The committee continues this conversation to come up with solutions and innovative ways to address child food insecurity especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Candice Schottenloher provided updates on behalf of Sam Hopwood. These updates included the Summer BreakSpot program launched on Monday, June 14, 2021. Many of the sites continue to do grab and go meals. Other meals sites have returned to the traditional meal service method where children are served every day and can sit and eat their meal. It was shared Consortium committee members can support the Summer BreakSpot program by ensuring the families they serve are aware of how to find the information for	

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	<p>this program. These tools include sharing the website at <a href="http://www.summerbreakspot.org">www.summerbreakspot.org</a>, calling 211, or texting "FoodFL" to 877-877. It was shared Sam Hopwood has available resources and would be able to provide assistance to a site has been dropped by their meal sponsor to please contact him for further support. It was shared by the committee to meet the children and families with the messaging where they are such as social media or frequently visited places to share about the summer meals program. Lastly, as <a href="#">Pandemic-EBT</a> and <a href="#">Florida Pandemic-EBT</a> updates become available, these will be shared with the committee.</p>	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<p>During this meeting, the committee briefly reviewed one activity from the work plan for its recognition of improved performance. The activity that was recognized for its performance includes: By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will develop an educational awareness campaign on asthma, safety, heat, and sun protection. It was highlighted that we have received newsletter articles on sun safety, dental, and safe sleep. It was shared this is an opportunity to leverage and build committee participation as well as partnerships.</p>	
New Business  CDC COVID-19 & Health Equity Grant	<p>The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County shared they applied and was awarded a grant by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) titled <i>National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities</i>. The 2-year grant will be referred to as the CDC COVID-19 and Healthy Equity Grant. It was shared the purpose of this grant is to expand the infrastructure of the department as well as addressing health disparities and health inequities as it relates to COVID-19. This will be a strong opportunity for us to mobilize our partnerships, establish a Health Equity Office and a Health Advisory Committee. Currently, the department is now in the process of evaluating the community needs through populations studies. More details will be shared as they become available related to RFPs and RFAs.</p>	
Partner Updates	<p>The committee members were able to share and briefly discuss their current work, initiatives, events, and projects in response to the current COVID-19 situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colgate BSBF:</b> An update was provided by Silvana Tchordadjian. She provided if interested in partnering for virtual events, mobile unit in-person events, or dental educational materials to please contact her via email at <a href="mailto:Silvana.bsbf@gmail.com">Silvana.bsbf@gmail.com</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Comprehensive Insurance:</b> An update was provided by Helen Figueredo. She shared that open enrollment for Medicare will open during September and October.</li> <li>• <b>ConnectFamilies:</b> An update was provided by Natalie Robles. She shared they continue to offer all of their care coordination and programs available to any family with a child under the age of 18 years old. She shared they continue to host their financial educations and ESOL classes as well as supporting the Mission North Star initiative with Miami-Dade College. For more information, please email Natalie Robles at <a href="mailto:natalie@ConnectFamilies.org">natalie@ConnectFamilies.org</a>.</li> </ul>	

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- **DOH-Miami-Dade WIC:** Carla Sabugo shared an update they continue to provide services virtually only until July. She shared women, infants and children, anybody that's pregnant, breastfeeding, or post-partum can apply to WIC. She also provided three event updates on August for National Breastfeeding Month and the weekly themes. These events include 1.) The Colors of Breastfeeding event will be a professional photo campaign that primarily focuses on breastfeeding mothers from a diverse background. This will be showcased on social media and a calendar for 2022. 2.) The Big Latch On event will be hosted on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. Please register [here](#). 3.) The Art of Breastfeeding event will be hosted on Saturday, August 22, 2021. More details will be shared next month.
- **Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe:** An update was provided by Tatiana Larionova. She shared an update that historically the Well Baby Well Child check-ups have been historically low. This is a requirement for their families to be submitted. She shared for the months of August and September they are going to do a raffle drawing of a gift card for their families who submit their check-up documents. This is an opportunity to identify any health conditions early on to address them for healthy child development.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):** An update was shared by Heather Baker. She announced Healthy Start statewide has received a \$22 million increase. She shared they will be expanding staff, services, and system of care to increase our impact in Miami-Dade County. The HSCMD also collaborated with ICU Baby and Sunshine Health on presentations to the HSCMD team. Lastly, she shared the Connect Self-Referral Form for community partners to refer any prenatal or infant client in need of services to the Connect Program. For more questions, please contact Heather Baker via email at [hbaker@hscmd.org](mailto:hbaker@hscmd.org).
- **ICU Baby:** An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. She shared a Save the Date for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be their inaugural Hope Parade for supporting families with a baby in the NICU and graduates and those babies that we've lost in the NICU as well. More details will be shared when available.
- **Jessie Trice Community Health Systems (JTCHS):** An update was shared by KeTia Harris. She shared the next LHMG Breastfeeding Masterclass will be on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</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. A Save the Date was shared for the Art of Breastfeeding event that will be hosted on Saturday, August 22, 2021. More details will be shared later. Lastly, she shared she would like to connect with those who serve as faculty or program directors at universities throughout Miami-Dade to gain insight on what's in place for evidence-based breastfeeding curriculums and policies.
- **Kids United Foundation:** An update was provided by Helen Figueredo. She currently serves as the adult advisor to the Kids United Foundation. She shared they will be hosting a 7-day summer

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	<p>camp at Fort Bliss. She shared they are currently in need of funds for this program. For more information, please contact Helen Figueredo at <a href="mailto:helen@comprehensiveins.com">helen@comprehensiveins.com</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunshine Health:</b> An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She provided an update on the awardees of the Community Connections grant. The recipients included ICU Baby, Bridge to Hope, and Survivor Pathway. Lastly, she shared Sunshine Health is available to provide presentations to your organizations.</li> <li>• Please email any updates, flyers, events, and newsletter articles to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher, via email at <a href="mailto:Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov">Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov</a>.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	