

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, August 20, 2021

10:00am- 11:30am EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (31)	<p><u>Virtual Go To Meeting</u></p> <p>Alina Soto, DCF (Chair)</p> <p>Viviana Alvarado, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade</p> <p>Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade</p> <p>Lacy Boyles, AHA</p> <p>Michelle Collins, Epilepsy Florida</p> <p>Melissa Jaramillo, Step Up for Students</p> <p>Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</p> <p>Rahni Jenkins, March of Dimes</p> <p>Kennith Johnson Jr., MDCPROS</p> <p>Deborah La Belle, The Education Fund</p> <p>Tatiana Larionova, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe</p> <p>Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</p> <p>Gloria Martinez, Tree of Life Parenting Center</p> <p>Stacy Myron, March of Dimes</p> <p>Deborah Nunez, Career Source Broward</p> <p>Amy Pont, Community Care Plan</p> <p>Kameisha Philippe, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</p> <p>Karen, Taborda, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</p> <p>Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</p> <p>Sonia Silva, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</p> <p>Catherine Toms, Health Care Without Harm</p> <p>Camillia Comeaux, BSRI</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>Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Adriana Moncada, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Maria Patricia Moscoso, 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>	

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Welcome and Introductions	The August monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:00 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the June 2021 Children Issues minutes by Valerie Turner; the motion was seconded by Heather Baker.	
March of Dimes Presentation	The committee had Rahni Jenkins, the March of Dimes Director of the Implicit Bias Training, present on the <i>Breakthrough Bias in Maternal Healthcare</i> . During this presentation, the importance of the implicit bias training was shared as the United States is facing a maternal and infant health crisis. The March of Dimes shared their available training options for partners and organizations who may be interested in this work to better provide client services. The main sections of the training include 1.) Overview of Implicit Bias Training, 2.) Structural Racism in the United States, 3.) Strategies to Mitigate Implicit Bias, and 4.) Commitment to Creating a Culture of Equity.	
Executive Board Update	Candice Schottenloher provided the Executive Board update to the committee. The virtual Consortium Annual Event and Awards Ceremony will be hosted on Friday, October 1, 2021. The theme will be <i>Fall into Healthy Habits</i> with a \$25 registration fee. A total of 10 nominations were received for the Florida Worksite Wellness Awards and all organizations were thanked for applying. It was shared the Executive Board continues to have conversations surrounding COVID-19 vaccinations and supporting the I Did It! Campaign. Additionally, the Executive Board had a presentation on the results of the subject matter expert conversation compared to the 2013 evaluation to review the sustainability of the Consortium and its benchmarks.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Candice Schottenloher. The Taskforce continues to develop their safe sleep focus group discussions to understand the concerns and cultural beliefs of our mothers, fathers, families, and grandparents from our community 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	An update was provided on the social media awareness campaign plan that was 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. The plan was shared with our committee partners from Florida International University and the University of Miami. Our partners will share this opportunity to engage participation from their students on this activity. Lastly, a reminder was shared with the committee members that they can sign-up for a health topic as it relates to the committee's work to create newsletter articles and/or social media posts by the 20 th of each month.	
Social Media Campaign Plan		
Committee Collaboration & Reporting	Candice Schottenloher provided a brief update on the monthly committee 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. For this month we received updates for priority areas related to health equity, access to care, and maternal child health. Monthly survey results were shared with the committee.	

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	These updates included DOH virtual asthma visits that continue to be conducted, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC program collaborated with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade Neighborhood for Early Head Start to host a presentation on Nutrition for Baby's First Year of Life, and ICU Baby had various May impact project updates providing support, transportation services to visits, and breast milk coolers. Other upcoming updates were shared to help support the 2021 BreastfeedMIAMI collaborative, the Tree of Life Community Baby Shower, and to save the date for November 6 th ICU Baby's Hope Parade, Making Strides for NICU Families.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	During this meeting, the committee had a follow up conversation on 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. It was highlighted by Deborah La Belle this year Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide free breakfast and lunches to all students. The committee continues this conversation to discuss future solutions and innovative ways to address child food insecurity. A future recommendation that was noted was for the committee to with the University of Miami to learn more about the Second Spoon initiative to join the hunger relief effort.	
Recognition of Improved Performance	The committee highlighted one activity from the work plan for its recognition of improved performance. The activity that was recognized for its performance includes: By September 30, 2020, the Children Issues Committee will discuss a minimum of two activities per month at each committee meeting. This activity has been met since the inception of the committee's work plan. The CDC COVID-19 & Health Equity grant was also highlighted. It was shared that RFAs will become available soon and if you are interested in this process, please register on MyFloridaMarketplace to learn more about the funding opportunities. Lastly, it was shared the Tobacco grant was renewed for the DOH Tobacco Prevention & Control Program. The committee will learn more about the new grant parameters and how the committee will be able to support their work as it aligns with the committee work plan.	
Partner Updates	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colgate BSBF: An update was provided by Silvana Tchordadjian. She shared they continue to offer virtual oral health education and sending dental kits to children that participate on the presentations. For further questions or to set up a virtual event, please contact Silvana via email at Silvana.bsbf@gmail.com. - Community Care Plan: An update was provided by Amy Pont. She shared about the new HEART Community Resource Center. This resource includes free resources and events related to topics on healthy cooking, nutrition, behavioral health, breastfeeding, parenting, and more. For any further questions, please contact Amy Pont at apont@ccpcares.org. Please visit here. 	

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- **DOH-Miami-Dade WIC:** Carla Sabugo provided updates on 2021 BreastfeedMIAMI. These events included: The Colors of Breastfeeding event had a total of 28 families who participated in a professional photo campaign that primarily focuses on breastfeeding mothers from a diverse background. These images have been showcased on social media and will be in a 2022 calendar. The Big Latch On event was hosted on Saturday, August 7, 2021 which had a total of 58 participants latch on during the event. The Art of Breastfeeding event will be hosted on Saturday, August 21st from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Epilepsy Florida:** An update was shared by Michelle Collins. She shared they are back in the community and looking for community events to participate in. She also shared a Save the Date for the annual walk in November for Epilepsy Awareness Month. Lastly, she shared a link to the free seizure first aid presentations and other resources. Please click [here](#).
- **Health Care without Harm:** Catherine Toms shared about the *Green Cars for Kids* program that would address many social determinants of health that may impact a child from receiving health care. She shared if anyone is interested in implementing this program at a local hospital or other setting, to please contact her at catherineptoms@gmail.com.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):** An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared the HSCMD is working with Sunshine Health on a grant opportunity to further expand programming related to car seat safety and portable cribs. She also shared they are also increasing Connect and that they will be able to increase their impact in the community. Additionally, she shared the HSCMD is partnering with the University of Miami and Thriving Minds on a new program offering intensive services to clients dealing with substance use issues. Eligible clients for the program are prenatal women, infants, and kids up to three years who have substance use challenges. To refer to this program, it is the same process to the Connect program. For any questions, please contact Heather Baker via email at hbaker@hscmd.org. Lastly, the HSCMD will be participating in the upcoming Children's Trust Expo events.
- **ICU Baby:** An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. She shared a Save the Date for ICU Baby's first annual Hope Parade - A Walk in Support of NICU Families that will be hosted on Saturday, November 6th, 2021 at Tropical Park. This will be the first Saturday of World Prematurity Month. Currently, they are building sponsorships and partnerships for this event and registration is open to individuals and teams to walk. For more information, please visit [here](#).
- **March of Dimes:** An update was shared by Rahni Jenkins and Stacy Myron. The slides were shared from today's presentation by Rahni Jenkins on the *Breakthrough Bias in Maternal Health Care*. A recording was shared for the Coffee Talk: Picky Eaters webinar. In this webinar they discuss stages and difficulties parents face with their child's nutrition as well as tips on how children can live healthier lives. To watch, please click [here](#).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Step Up for Students: An update was provided by Melissa Jaramillo. She shared Step Up for Students is still accepting scholarships for children in Florida K-12th some updates are the income guidelines have gone up so a family of 4 can now earn up to 100,000. There was additional diagnosis added to the special needs' programs. Please visit here to learn more: www.stepupforstudents.org. For any questions about this scholarship program, please contact Melissa Jaramillo at mjaramillo@sufs.org. - Sunshine Health: An update was provided by Suecia Mendez. She shared they will be participating as a vendor at the Art of Breastfeeding Event. She also announced they are working with ICU Baby and the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade were both awarded a grant. She shared as these opportunities become available, she would share them with the members. - The Women's Fund Miami-Dade: An updated was provided by Viviana Alvarado. She shared they have launched a public awareness campaign related to heat stress and how to prevent heat stress among pregnant women. Please check out the resources they have shared for the campaign that will go until the end of August. Click here. - Tree of Life: An update was shared by Gloria Martinez. She shared her organization is hosting a Community Baby Shower on September 18, 2021. This is a free event for expecting mothers and mothers with babies under 3 months. For additional information to become a vendor or sponsor, please visit here. - Please email any updates, flyers, events, and newsletter articles to the committee liaison, Candice Schottenloher, via email at Candice.schottenloher@flhealth.gov. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	