

## CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2021

10:00am- 11:30am EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (21)	<p><b><u>Virtual Go To Meeting</u></b>  Alina Soto, DCF (Chair)  Viviana Alvarado, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade  Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes  Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade  KeTia Harris, JTCHS  Melissa Howard, FIU  Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby  Kennith Johnson Jr., MDCPROS  Tatiana Larionova, ELC Miami-Dade/Monroe  Gloria Martinez, Tree of Life Parenting Center  Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency  Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health  Angela Mooss, BSRI  Ruby Natale, UM  Carla Timm, WPLG  Catherine Toms, Health Care without Harm  Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade  Adriana Moncada, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade  Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade  Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade  Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The September monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Alina Soto at 10:01 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the August 2021 Children Issues minutes by Heather Baker with an edit to partner updates; the motion was seconded by Melissa Howard.	
Executive Board Update	Alina Soto 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. It was shared the Executive Board continues to have conversations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination rates in Miami-Dade. The Board has also discussed about addressing mental health needs at this time and recent events like Surfside. The Board will have a presentation by a mental health expert to learn more about how to address this	

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	issue. From these next steps, the Board wants to create a mental health forum for the community. Lastly, it is important to highlight the committee also discussed ways in which they are trying to still address COVID-19 in our community through townhalls, forums, and social media events.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Tenesha Avent and Esther McCant. They highlighted the success of all the events that were hosted for 2021 BreastfeedMIAMI. 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  Committee Reporting	Candice Schottenloher provided a brief reminder about the monthly committee reporting <a href="#">survey</a> . 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 in May and June we had received priority area updates for health equity, access to care, and maternal child health. Currently, no other partner or organizational updates were shared. It was reminded to the committee to complete the survey so that at the next meeting updates could be shared.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	The following measure was reviewed as a performance measure in need of improvement: By September 30, 2020, the Children Issues Committee will identify underserved areas to increase access to resources in these areas for the community. During this meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the QR resource flyer that will be shared with the families in Miami-Dade County at drive-thru food distribution events and other community events. There were a few recommended changes noted that will be included in the approved version of the flyer. Next steps were also discussed with the committee where we can distribute the flyer and which partners would be able to share this flyer too.	
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, 2024, partner with the Elder Issues Committee to educate the community on generational support. An update was provided by Alina Soto on this indicator. She provided a presentation to the Elder Issues (EI) Committee on Tuesday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 to begin the partnership with the EI committee. During this presentation she provided an overview of the Children Issues (CI) committee and shared available resources and opportunities for the EI committee to think of ways to partner with the CI committee. Some of the resources shared included the Pregnancy and Beyond: A Social Media Toolkit, Count the Kicks, and Safe Sleep Resources. They were shared with the group as an opportunity for them to share with the elder community.	
New Business	Candice Schottenloher led the Community Engagement and Participation Activity using Poll Everywhere with the committee. This discussion included four questions to really evaluate and assess the committee's participation and needs. 1.) What are some ways to increase committee meeting membership and participation?	

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Committee Engagement Activity	<p>2.) What are some opportunities and project ideas for the committee to participate in the community?</p> <p>3.) How can we support any of your organization's work or projects and it aligns with the committee's work plan and strategic priority areas?</p> <p>4.) What are some ways to bolster and engage the Children Issues Oral Health Committee members activity?</p> <p>From this discussion, the results will be presented at the next meeting to create a few action steps to plan for 2022. Lastly, the committee had a majority vote to cancel the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 committee meeting. The committee will not meet in December.</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>Florida International University:</b> An update was shared by Melissa Howard. She provided updates on previous townhall meetings. She shared when the details become available for the next townhall meeting, she will share them with the committee. These have been free and open to the community.</li> <li>- <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD):</b> An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared the HSCMD is partnering with Thriving Minds and the University of Miami for a new program that offers intensive case management services to clients that are dealing with issues of substance use. Pregnant moms and families with children up to age three are eligible. She also shared about the Connect Referral Form. This will be shared with the members too. For any questions, please contact Heather Baker via email at <a href="mailto:hbaker@hscmd.org">hbaker@hscmd.org</a>. Additionally, she shared the next Fetal Infant Mortality Review Community Action Group meeting will be on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Lastly, the HSCMD will be participating in the upcoming Children's Trust Expo events, the Tree of Life Community Baby Shower, and partnering with Sunshine Health and the Diaper Bank.</li> <li>- <b>Metro Mommy Agency:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She provides birth doula and post-partum services, childbirth education, and lactation support to families. She also shared she will be attending the Tree of Life Community Baby Shower on Saturday, September 18, 2021. This is a free event for expecting mothers and mothers with babies under 3 months. For additional information, please visit <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- <b>ICU Baby:</b> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	