

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (17)	<p><u>Virtual Meeting</u></p> <p>Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair) Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Co-Chair) Viviana Alvarado, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD) Natalia Cap, Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnerships Lourdes, Castaneda, UM AHEC Celina Gonzalez, Jackson South Cynthia Lebron, UM Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health Catherine Toms, Health Care Without Harm Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, 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 sub-committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Esther McCant at 12:31 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the August 2021 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Valerie Turner, the motion was seconded by Tamia Medina.	
Previous Action Items HBT Work Plan Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Taskforce continued to review and discuss 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. There will be two focus groups conducted with parents and caregivers. - Candice Schottenloher led the discussion with the Taskforce members with a recap on the focus group logistics related to our target audience, recruitment of focus group participants, eligibility requirements, and partner participation for providing educational materials and incentives to the focus group participants. 	Next steps focus group email.

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<p>August Breastfeeding Month Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The email responses that were received from our partners on how they will be able to support the focus groups by facilitating and providing educational materials and incentives were shared with the Taskforce members. Additionally, the number of participants was shared for each focus group will include a maximum of 6 participants. This was shared to ensure there are enough items for all participants. - It was shared the focus group discussions will be facilitated virtually through the Zoom platform. Next steps discussed included the liaison will share an email with a Doodle Poll to capture facilitator availability and possible dates and times for the focus group discussions and a deadline to submit focus group items. - A recap of all 2021 BreastfeedMIAMI events were shared. This collaborative was launched as a community collaboration to educate, support, and promote breastfeeding in Miami-Dade County. To learn more about this collaboration, please visit here. - The event updates included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colors of Breastfeeding had a total of 28 families that participated in a photoshoot representing diversity and breastfeeding with their family. - The Big Latch On Virtual Event was hosted during World Breastfeeding Week. A total of 58 participants latched on during this event. - The Art of Breastfeeding was hosted on Saturday, August 21st, 2021 at the Little Haiti Cultural Center. This successful event highlighted the beauty and diversity of breastfeeding, pump feeding, and chest feeding among women, men, and their families in Miami-Dade through artistic and visual celebration. The event showcased visual art pieces of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. - Cheryl Lorie shared and invited the Taskforce members to the next 2021 BreastfeedMIAMI & Beyond Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register, please click here. 	
<p>New Business Heart Safe Motherhood</p>	<p>Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent shared and a led a conversation about the Heart Safe Motherhood Program. This program was shared with the members to teach them about this program but to also have a discussion if the members were aware of any other programs like this in the South Florida community. This program is a first-of-its-kind text message-based program. With this program patients can track their blood pressure and communicate with their care team without visiting a doctor's office. It allows blood pressure monitoring after giving birth more convenient too. The members had a discussion and were interested to learn more about the details of the pilot study. The website was also shared, please click here.</p>	

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Partner Updates	<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: An update was provided by Queen Holden. She shared the Perinatal HIV team is still currently hiring for a license registered nurse. Currently, she shared that we have about 41 moms as pregnant. It is important to note these moms are HIV positive in pregnant women. Moms pregnant currently and to date, we have 52 live deliveries. Lastly, she shared we still have zero babies infected with HIV from mom. - DOH-Miami-Dade OCHP: An update was provided by Valerie Turner and Candice Schottenloher. It was shared to stay up to date for any funding announcements related to the CDC COVID-19 & Health Equity Grant to make sure that you're registered in my Florida Marketplace to receive those notifications. A Save the Date was shared for the A Community United Health Equity at Miami Dade Community Meeting will be hosted on Thursday, October 28th, 2021. This will be a kickoff meeting for the health equity work as well as reviewing the CHIP. More details will be shared when available. - DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: An update was provided by Cheryl Lorie. She shared the <i>Social Hour at Jessie Trice Community Health System Virtual Breastfeeding Café</i> is a free virtual Breastfeeding Peer Support Groups via Zoom every 2nd and 4th Friday's at 3p.m. For more information, please call or text (786) 322-6442. A flyer will also be shared with the Taskforce members. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): 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 hbaker@hscmd.org. Additionally, she shared the next Fetal Infant Mortality Review Community Action Group meeting will be on September 29th 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. • Metro Mommy Agency: 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 here. • Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnerships: An update was shared by Dr. Natalia Cap. She shared they are a non-profit that works for the well-being of families and one of the programs they offer is parenting programs. She shared they offer parenting classes for pregnant, pregnant family, that could be mom or dad or a caregiver. Currently, all classes are being held virtually. 	Send partner updates email.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Miami: An update was shared by Cynthia Lebron. She provided a few updates related to a few research studies. She shared they just received funding to look at the Baby Friendly hospitals impact on the communities in Florida. She also shared they are looking at the distribution and how that might affect health disparities in breastfeeding. The second project she shared is they are looking at cannabis use in pregnant and breastfeeding moms. Lastly, the final project they are developing is a social support intervention for Hispanic pregnant moms to be delivered on social media as a support group and educational support. As updates become available, they will be presented to the Taskforce. • UM AHEC: An update was provided by Lourdes Castaneda. She shared they continue to host their classes for the community virtually. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	