

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting  
Friday, January 21, 2022  
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (19)	<p><b><u>Virtual Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair)            Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Co-Chair)            Viviana Alvarado, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade            Valeria Echeverri, ConnectFamilies            KeTia Harris, Jessie Trice Community Health System            Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby            Cynthia Lebron, UM            Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC            Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health            Gloria Martinez, Tree of Life Parenting Center            Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch            Monica FilsAime, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade            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            Zulema Santacruz, Banyan Health Systems            Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade            Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The January 2022 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 12:33 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the October 2021 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Tamia Medina, the motion was seconded by Tenesha Avent.	
Previous Action Items  HBT Work Plan Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Taskforce shared and discussed Maternal Child Health - Healthy Babies reporting for Quarter 1 that included the reporting period of October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.</li> <li>- Key updates that were highlighted for this reporting period included increased reporting on the Reach Out and Read Program and a new update about the <a href="#">Miami Mocha Mamas Group</a>.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent provided updates to the Taskforce on the baby safe sleep focus group discussions that were hosted. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The English baby safe sleep parent focus group was hosted on 11/8/2021. The group had a total of 2 participants.</li> <li>- The Creole baby safe sleep parent focus group was hosted on 11/15/2021. The group had a total of 2 participants.</li> <li>- The Spanish baby safe sleep parent focus group was hosted on 11/8/2021. The group had a total of 3 registrants and no participants attended the day of event.</li> <li>- The caregiver baby safe sleep focus groups did not have registrants. Once the dates passed for these groups to be hosted, we received registrants after the event date.</li> <li>- All incentives were mailed to the participants who participated in the focus group discussions. The mailing included the items from the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, Consortium promotional items, and safe sleep and community resources.</li> <li>- The portable crib raffle winner from the English baby safe sleep parent focus group received this item and training. The other winner from the Creole baby safe sleep parent focus group never responded to schedule to receive their item.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The Taskforce members had a discussion to share how their organizations promoted the recruitment flyer for the baby safe sleep focus group discussions. This was also an opportunity for the partners to share lessons learned with the first time the Taskforce conducting focus groups.</li> <li>- It was noted the recruitment flyer was shared with the Consortium members and direct outreach to The Children's Trust, Health Council of South Florida, and the United Way of Miami-Dade. It was also shared the Tree of Life Parenting Center and ICU Baby did a targeted outreach to their families of who may be interested to participate in the focus groups. Other missing partners to include for future outreach include Sant La, Catalyst Miami, and the local commissioners. Future partners to include in the conversation also include safe sleep consultants, lactation support specialists, and pediatricians.</li> <li>- Another key important partner the Taskforce was trying to involve in this activity was HALO. Additional follow-up will be made to share our work and see if there is still an opportunity for collaboration.</li> <li>- Other important lessons learned and noted was the importance of timely follow-up to ensure the participants would attend the focus group discussions.</li> </ul>	
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<p>New Business</p> <p>Health Equity Conversation in MCH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Healthy Baby Taskforce reviewed the two new strategies for the FY 2021-2022 Maternal Child Health - Healthy Babies Work Plan. The two main priority areas the Taskforce would be focusing on would be infant mortality and the social determinants of health that influence birth outcomes.</li> <li>- These strategies included: <b>1.)</b> Reduce the racial disparity in infant mortality by focusing on a social determinants of health approach with evidence-based interventions to close the gap among the Non-Hispanic Black and Non-Hispanic White infants. <b>2.)</b> Promote policy, systems, and environmental changes to increase access to and equitable consumption of healthy foods statewide for Floridians of all ages.</li> <li>- The Taskforce brainstormed and shared ideas for these strategies. These ideas included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bridging the gaps of resources that exists and bringing awareness to them. Some examples and ideas that were discussed was increasing patient education of warning signs and what resources are available to them part of their health insurance plan. Suecia Mendez shared Sunshine Health's Catalogue of Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medicines, click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- Other ideas that were shared was the important topic of extreme heat and doulas being an advocate to share this information and inviting Safe Kids Worldwide to become a partner.</li> <li>- It was also noted to partner with different Chambers of Commerce to work to ensure healthy foods are available in food desert areas. Other examples included creating mobile food markets too.</li> <li>- KeTia Harris shared with the group Florida Impact and Live Healthy Miami Gardens are currently working on a healthy corner store initiative and this could be an opportunity to learn more and further collaborate on as it aligns with the work of the Taskforce.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The Taskforce also would like to continue the conversation surrounding health equity and how the group would like to address reducing the racial disparity in infant mortality and closing the gap among the Non-Hispanic Black and Non-Hispanic White infants.</li> </ul>	<p>Schedule presentation.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Banyan Health Systems:</b> An update was shared by Zulema Santacruz. She shared they are distributing FREE at home COVID-19 rapid tests at our community health centers and pharmacies. Please contact Zulema Santacruz at <a href="mailto:zsantacruz@banyanhealth.org">zsantacruz@banyanhealth.org</a> for any further updates or questions.</li> <li>- <b>ConnectFamilias:</b> An update was provided by Valeria Echeverri. She provided an update they are restarting all care coordination and wrap-around services. Last year they provided care coordination services to 185 kids. She also provided an update on the MiFuturo program where they have partnered with CABA Pro Bono and actively work with the lawyers to get children that have been either under the age of 18 that have been abandoned abused or neglected.</li> </ul>	

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- **DOH-Miami-Dade Perinatal HIV:** An update was provided by Queen Holden. She shared the Perinatal HIV Register Nurse position has been filled and they have started their role. She shared that they have noticed pregnancies increasing this past year, currently 86 babies born compared to 72 babies in 2020. She also requested if you know of anything happening in the community that pregnant moms or expectant families can benefit from, to please share it with us so we can pass it on to our moms. Lastly, she shared we still have zero babies infected with HIV from mom since 2018.
- **DOH-Miami-Dade OCHP:** An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. CDC COVID-19 & Health Equity grant updates were shared that the second Request for Applications (RFAs) has closed. A third RFA will be shared at a later date. All announcements have been posted on the Florida Department of Health's website and on MyFloridaMarketplace. Additionally, the next Healthy Happens Here webinar will be hosted on Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 at 1 p.m.
- **DOH-Miami-Dade STD Program:** An update was provided by Monica FilsAime. She shared they are finalizing the 2020 data for the congenital syphilis cases in Miami-Dade County. They also continue to collaborate with the Perinatal HIV Team.
- **DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention & Control:** An update was provided by Islamiyat Adebisi. She shared for any organizations interested in creating a referral process for smoking cessation to please email her at [Islamiyat.Adebisi@flhealth.gov](mailto:Islamiyat.Adebisi@flhealth.gov).
- **DOH-Miami-Dade WIC:** An update was shared by Cheryl Lorie. She shared the emergency declaration for virtual services has been extended for now until July 2022. She also provided updates on the Breastfeeding & Beyond meeting group with updates on the Art of Breastfeeding and Colors of Breastfeeding 2022 calendars.
- **Jessie Trice Community Health System:** An update was shared by KeTia Harries that JTCHS breastfeeding support resources are available for community and partners. Please visit here for more information. Other updates were share that the BreastfeedMIAMI Art of Breastfeeding 2022 Calendars are still available. Please connect with KeTia Harris to order your calendars via phone at 786-322-6442 or via email at [ksharris@jthcs.org](mailto:ksharris@jthcs.org).
- **Metro Mommy Agency:** An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared that her agency received a small grant from ROSE to expand her breastfeeding support and classes. She also shared an opportunity to connect you with a resource to provide black families free breastfeeding class, free support groups and FREE baby/breastfeeding related items. She shared they have \$1,000 worth of funding left to spend by March. To learn more, please visit [here](#).
- **Sunshine Health:** An update was provided by Suecia Mendez. She shared that she is looking for upcoming events for our children and medical service program. She is interested if you work with or know of any organization that work kids with special needs to support them.

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	- <b>Tree of Life Parenting Center:</b> An update was provided by Gloria Martinez. She shared they are still providing pregnancy services including prenatal, pregnancy test, ultrasound, and education. She provided an update on the team. They have a Lactation Specialist, a Spanish-speaking Doula, and now an English-speaking Doula in which they now contract with. She also provided a Save the Date for April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 for a Mom Swap Event.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	