

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**  
Children Issues Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 18, 2022  
10:00am- 11:30am EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (27)	<p><b><u>Virtual Go To Meeting</u></b>            Dr. Cristina Brito, United Way of Miami-Dade (Vice-Chair)            Viviana Alvarado, The Women's Fund Miami-Dade            Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes            Heather Baker, HSCMD            Jalia Brown, Community Member            Michelle Collins, Epilepsy Florida            Jeffrey Hurst, DCF            Deborah La Belle, The Education Fund            Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/Jasmine Project            Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health            Dr. Ruby Natale, UM            Sydney Ross, Colgate BSBF            Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC            Zulema Santacruz, Banyan Health Systems            Silvana Tchorbadjian, Colgate BSBF            Rachelle Theodore, CLT Business Solutions            Sandra Echeverry, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Luigi Ferrer, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Nelly Hansen-Vik, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Nedjy Joseph, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Adriana Moncada, 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            Maria Patricia Moscoso, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Dr. Valerie Turner, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade            Lyda Villamarin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The February 2022 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito at 10:04 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the January 2022 Children Issues minutes by Tamia Medina the motion was seconded by Dr. Valerie Turner.	

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Colgate BSBF Presentation	The committee had a presentation titled <i>Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program – An Oral Health Education Initiative</i> presented by Silvana Tchorbadjian and Sydney Ross. February is National Children’s Dental Health month and the committee scheduled this presentation to bring awareness of the importance of children’s oral health. During this presentation, Colgate BSBF highlighted their main focus was to educate children on the importance of their dental health and annual screenings. Colgate BSBF is in 80 countries and offered in 30 different languages. Another important component part of their program is the Mobile Dental Unit Program. It was shared how the mobile unit makes a daily impact in kids lives. Other important tools that were shared included the dental report card, treatment referral, the oral care kits, and the availability of digital educational resources.	Share presentation.
Executive Board Update	Dr. Cristina Brito provided an update to the committee on the Executive Board. She shared the Executive Board continues the conversation surrounding mental health needs and health equity in the Miami-Dade community. An announcement was shared Dr. Ares-Romero who is a board member of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) will present to the Executive Board at the April meeting to learn more. The Board discussed and is in the beginning planning stages for hosting a virtual mental health forum. Other updates were shared on COVID-19 vaccinations and booster guidelines. Lastly, an update was provided on the status of the Request for Applications (RFAs) and Request for Proposals (RFPs) related to the CDC COVID-19 & Health Equity grant. To learn more, please visit MyFloridaMarketPlace.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Tenesha Avent and Esther McCant. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues committee which meets directly after Children Issues at 12:30 p.m. The Taskforce met in January and discussed lessons learned from conducting the baby safe sleep focus group discussions. The Taskforce also reviewed the two new workplan strategies for FY 2021-2022. These included: 1.) 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. 2.) Promote policy, systems, and environmental changes to increase access to and equitable consumption of healthy foods statewide for Floridians of all ages. Today’s meeting the Taskforce will have a presentation by Florida Impact to learn more about the healthy corner store initiative and how the Taskforce could help with these efforts of equitable food consumption in our community.	
Previous Action Items  QR Resource Flyer	A brief update was shared with the committee on the approved QR resource code flyer. It was shared monthly updates will be shared during the committee meetings on this initiative. This is an opportunity for partners to share any updates on dissemination or if organizations have any updated materials to include on the <a href="#">Children Issues Resource Page</a> . This page includes resources to link families and children to health care services and programs in Miami-Dade County.	

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Virtual Mental Health Forum Discussion	<p>The committee during the January meeting had a presentation on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) by Dr. Howard and Ms. Osmari Novoa. This presentation provided the committee a foundation in this conversation to learn more and next steps for the committee to address children's mental health and the ACEs. The committee is scheduled to have a presentation at the March committee meeting by Dr. Nicole Fava who will speak to the committee more about the ACEs and how it relates to trauma-informed care and resiliency. Dr. Cristina Brito shared updates from the Executive Board on the mental health forum discussion. It was discussed to host a half-day or a 4-part series virtual mental health forum in September. The Board liked the idea suggested to have breakout rooms per committee topic as it relates to mental health.</p>	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	<p>The committee reviewed several committee activities on children's mental health and the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) as performance measure in need of improvement. These measures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will host a mental health forum or symposium for Children's Health.</li> <li>• By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will work to increase the importance of ACEs and how to screen for ACEs.</li> </ul> <p>The committee brainstormed ideas from the updates shared on the Executive Board discussion for the virtual mental health forum. Some of the other items discussed was considering a keynote speaker at the beginning of the event, the time of the event depending on the audience, activities like icebreakers, and offering CEUs to the attendees.</p>	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<p>During the meeting, the committee highlighted the following work plan objective for recognition of improved performance. The objective highlighted for the past quarter from October 1 – December 31, 2021 was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase education for children on healthy communities, nutrition, and physical activity.</li> </ul> <p>This activity was highlighted as the committee continues to do a lot of work in the community providing health education for children. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive-Thru Holiday Homestead/Florida City WIC Family Resource Fair was highlighted as a success this past quarter and was hosted on December 4, 2021. WIC resource bags were provided to attendees and free food from Farm Share was shared with over 430 families. 1,021 books to children of all ages and 1,062 toys to children were also given out. Many committee partners participated in this event. It was also noted this past quarter a total of 684 Count the Kicks materials were shared in the community.</p>	
New Business	<p>An announcement was shared with the committee that Ms. Alina Soto has stepped down as the Children Issues Oral Health Committee Chair and has retired from DCF. Ms. Soto was thanked for all her years of service to the Consortium. Next steps were shared with the committee about hosting a special election for committee Chair and Vice-Chair. The term for this election period will be until December</p>	Share nominations survey link.

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Committee Leadership Elections	2022. It was shared nominations will open for one week and the following week the elections will be hosted for one week. The nominations survey link will be sent after the meeting.	
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 shared by Silvana Tchordadjan. She shared the national and local contact info for Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Futures Program. Her contact phone number is (305) 753-7007, national number is 1 (877) 672-3075 and her email is <a href="mailto:silvana.bsf@gmail.com">silvana.bsf@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:miamibsfteam@gmail.com">miamibsfteam@gmail.com</a>.</li> <li>- <b>Department of Children and Families:</b> An update was shared by Jeffrey Hurst. He shared they are currently working to brainstorm ideas for childcare regulation trainings for the childcare providers. He shared he started a partnership with Miami-Dade College with special trainings held on Saturdays because a lot of the providers are short staff and unable to attend during the day. Lastly, he shared there is a new rule about the alarms for childcare providers, for the centers, and for large family homes have to have a special alarm now.</li> <li>- <b>CLT Business Solutions:</b> An update was shared by Rachelle Theodore. She shared they received grant funding from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County to develop a health equity curriculum to specifically address health equity among faith based and community-based organizations. She also shared the announcement for the upcoming community meeting they will be hosting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 3 p.m.</li> <li>- <b>Epilepsy Florida:</b> An update was shared by Michelle Collins. She shared an update that she will be leaving the organization. She shared there are employment opportunities currently available in Miami-Dade and Broward. A Save the Date was shared Epilepsy Florida will host their awareness walk this year in Wynwood on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.</li> <li>- <b>Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County:</b> An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. She shared the next <i>Healthy Happens Here</i> webinar will be hosted for American Heart Month on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 1 p.m. and the next Eat Fresh Series Facebook Live Event will be hosted on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12 p.m. Additionally, the department is looking to partner with faith-based organizations to implement the Faithful Families Curriculum. For any questions, please contact Candice Schottenloher.</li> <li>- <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:</b> An update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared the coalition is offering in-person and virtually the Healthy Start Home Visiting program. She also shared they have seen an increase in referrals since the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome/Substance Exposed Newborn Project (NAS/SEN) has launched. Lastly, she shared they coordinated a Count the Kicks presentation on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to about 200 WIC staff.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Metro Mommy Agency:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared they have 1.5 months of funding left that was received by Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE). They provided funding for free lactation classes and support groups. There will be a class held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. She also shared they received funding from the CDC COVID-19 &amp; Health Equity grant to increase awareness of Doulas specifically within our Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers.</li> <li>- <b>The Education Fund:</b> An update was shared by Debi La Belle. She shared they received a grant for \$1 million over the span of 3-years. This funding will be able to support a math curriculum offered alongside the science curriculum.</li> <li>- <b>United Way of Miami-Dade:</b> An update was provided by Dr. Cristina Brito. She shared the United Way is offering a free DEI Leadership Training series. The nominations close today Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.</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 11:20 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	