

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
Friday, February 18, 2022
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (21)	<p><u>Virtual Meeting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair) 2. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/Jasmine Project (Co-Chair) 3. Viviana Alvarado, The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade 4. Heather Baker, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade 5. Darneshia Darling, Florida Impact 6. Patricia Dorcius, Area Health Education Center (AHEC) 7. Valeria Echeverri, ConnectFamilias 8. Alicia Hing, Jackson North 9. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 10. Cynthia Lebron, UM 11. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 12. Melanie Rogers, Baptist Health of South Florida 13. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 14. Nikki Chuck, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 15. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 16. Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 17. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 18. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 19. Kianna Talley, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 20. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 21. Candace Williams, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 	
Welcome and Introductions	The February 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 and Tenesha Avent at 12:32 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the January 2022 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Tenesha Avent, the motion was seconded by Suecia Mendez.	
Healthy Corner Store Initiative	The Healthy Baby Taskforce had a presentation by Ms. Darneshia Darling the Regional Project Coordinator from Florida Impact to End Hunger on the <i>Healthy Corner Store Initiative: Healthy Retail in Miami Gardens</i> . The work of Florida Impact is in alignment with the new Healthy Baby Taskforce work plan strategy to promote policy, systems, and environmental changes to increase access to and	

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	<p>equitable consumption of healthy foods statewide for Floridians of all ages. The purpose of this presentation was to share the importance healthy corner stores represent in a community. It was shared this is an opportunity to bring higher nutrition foods into an existing food system in areas in need. Many communities rely on small retailers as their primary source of food. This initiative was launched in 2018 in Miami Gardens to increase healthier choices at small independent retailers. In 2020, the <i>Healthy Checkout</i> initiative was launched and is working to increase healthy choices at checkout in larger retailers. Community findings and national data was shared that supports this initiative. Ms. Darling also shared the importance of the focus groups conducted to learn more about the community concerns to access to healthy foods. Ms. Melanie Rogers was present and a participant in one of the resident focus groups and shared her experience with the Taskforce. Following the presentation, the group had a discussion on next steps in how to get involved and address access to healthier foods for pregnant mothers, fathers, children, and expectant families.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p> <p>HBT Work Plan Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Taskforce discussed the new work plan strategy to promote policy, systems, and environmental changes to increase access to and equitable consumption of healthy foods statewide for Floridians of all ages. - Some of the ideas that were noted during the discussion from the presentation included health education for foods that increase milk flow for breastfeeding, better food options available in and around the hospital or healthy corner store delivery services. - Another key point mentioned was the linkage of breastfeeding to healthy corner store available healthy food options. It was highlighted this could be a direct link referral to WIC and breastfeeding. - It was noted by Melanie Rogers they are now looking to start to do this work in the Homestead and Cutler Bay area. It was shared the importance of the Farm Tour and Hop and how important it was to the community members to learn about the available healthy food options as local farms. - The Taskforce shared brief updates on 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. - An update was shared with the Taskforce the baby safe sleep discussions are currently being analyzed with the new software MAXQDA. Once the analysis is complete, the Department of Health will present the results to the Taskforce. 	
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"> - An update was shared with the Taskforce at the next meeting the group will continue the discussion related to health equity in maternal child health. This relates back to the work plan strategy: Reduce the racial disparity in infant mortality by focusing on a social determinants of health approach with 	

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	<p>evidence-based interventions to close the gap among the Non-Hispanic Black and Non-Hispanic White infants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ConnectFamiliias: An update was provided by Valeria Echeverri. She provided an update they are in partnership with the University of Miami's Department of Public Health currently recruiting for the Father and Son Health Study. Flyers were shared. - DOH-Miami-Dade Perinatal HIV: An update was provided by Queen Holden. She shared on March 10th, 2022 is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. She shared there will be many events to commemorate this day. More details will be shared at a later date. - DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention & Control: An update was provided by Nikki Chuck. She shared next week from February 20 – 26th, 2022 is Through with Chew Week which highlights the harms of smokeless tobacco. She provided if anyone is interested in materials to please contact her at Nikki.Chuck@flhealth.gov. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade: 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. She shared this program links clients to an array of services. Additionally, the Connect referral form will be shared with the Taskforce via email. Lastly, she shared they coordinated a Count the Kicks presentation on February 11th, 2022 to about 200 WIC staff. - Jackson North: An update was shared by Alicia Hing. She provided an update that in-person classes have not yet resumed. She shared they have seen a decline in clients. She also shared the information shared from today's meeting she will provide to their clients here at the hospital as well as in the NICU as support and providing to the mom on discharge. Lastly, she shared classes are being held virtually and you can go online to register. Please visit here. - Jasmine Project: An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared that the Jasmine Project has Count the Kicks materials available to share with the community. To request these materials, a form must be completed. This is an opportunity to begin to track metrics for materials distributed. - Metro Mommy Agency: 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 & Health Equity grant to increase awareness of Doula's specifically within our Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers. - University of Miami: An update was provided by Dr. Cynthia Lebron. She shared they are currently working the NIH's Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) project to see how the community feels about the vaccine for children under 5-years old. She shared they were just IRB approved. 	
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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	
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