

**CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE**

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, March 18, 2022

10:00am- 11:30am EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (26)	<p><b><u>Virtual Go To Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair)</p> <p>Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Heather Baker, HSCMD</p> <p>Krystal Burkeybile, CLT Business Solutions</p> <p>Coraal Cohen, United Way of Broward</p> <p>Jeanette Colwell, Gang Alternative Inc.</p> <p>Gilda Ferradez, DCF</p> <p>Christy Gardener, UM</p> <p>Elizabeth Groff, Florida Institute for Health Innovation</p> <p>KeTia Harris, JTCHS</p> <p>Jeffrey Hurst, DCF</p> <p>Alexis Jones, FIU</p> <p>Tatiana Larionova, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe</p> <p>Marie-Carmelle Lindley</p> <p>Vania Macrohon, All Wellness Center</p> <p>Heather Martinez, Epilepsy Florida</p> <p>Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/Jasmine Project</p> <p>Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</p> <p>Cristina Pujol, UM</p> <p>Maria Lucia Rivero, Community Member</p> <p>Cristiane Rocha, Colgate BSBF</p> <p>Nelly Hansen-Vik, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Maria Patricia Moscoso, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p> <p>Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)</p> <p>Lyda Villamarin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The March 2022 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order by Dr. Cristina Brito at 10:05 a.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the February 2022 Children Issues minutes by Candice Schottenloher the motion was seconded by Tenesha Avent.	

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NAS/SEN Project Presentation	Heather Baker, Program Manger, of the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade presented to the committee the <i>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome/Substance Exposed Newborn Project (NAS/SEN)</i> presentation. This project is designed to offer intensive case management services to pregnant and parenting families in Miami-Dade County who are impacted by substance use. It is also sponsored by the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade, Thriving Mind South Florida, and the State of Florida Department of Children and Families. The contracted provider responsible for providing NAS/SEN client services is the University of Miami. An overview of service coordination, integration, and project services were shared as well as the process on how to make a referral to the NAS/SEN Project.	Share presentation and referral form.
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. The Board briefly discussed the virtual mental health forum. She also shared a Business Review was provided by Mrs. Weller on Quarter 2 for the reporting period of October 1 – December 31, 2021. This review included updates on the committee's status of their work plan activities. Other updates were also 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. Lastly, it was shared this year there will not be a Consortium Annual Event as we are hosting the Mental Health Forum and the Bounty of Health event.	
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. They shared the Taskforce last month had a presentation by Florida Impact on the healthy corner store initiative in Miami Gardens. The group is learning more on this topic to develop an action step to promote policy, systems, and environmental changes to increase access to and equitable consumption of healthy foods statewide for Floridians of all ages. Additionally, the Taskforce will meet at 12:30 p.m. to continue this discussion and plan for Black Maternal Health week.	
Previous Action Items	A brief update was shared with the committee on the approved QR resource code flyer. A new update was shared and the flyer is now available digitally on the website <a href="#">here</a> . 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.	
QR Resource Flyer		
Virtual Mental Health Forum Discussion	The committee brainstormed ideas from the updates shared from the March Executive Board discussion on the virtual mental health forum. It was shared this event will be half-day, each committee will have a breakout room, and would like to offer CEUs for those who attend the event. An announcement was shared Dr. Nicole Fava will present at the April meeting for the committee to learn more about the ACEs and how it relates to trauma-informed care and resiliency.	

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Performance Measures in Need of Improvement	<p>The committee briefly reviewed several committee activities that relate to children’s mental health and the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) as performance measure in need of improvement. These activities are currently being addressed as the partners develop the virtual mental health forum. 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>	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<p>During this meeting, Dr. Brito highlighted and shared with the committee a highlight of the current membership. This year to present we have received a total of nine (9) new members. Our partners range from non-profits, health care and wellness, consulting, and grass-root organizations. It was also shared last quarter from October 1 – December 31, 2021, we had five (5) new committee members join. This was also highlighted as a great opportunity to share the Healthy Baby Taskforce and invite new members to join too.</p>	
New Business  Committee Election Results	<p>The committee liaison provided an update on the special election’s process. Chair and Vice Chair committee nominations were open for a week from February 18-25, 2022. The elections were then open from March 9-16, 2022. The committee liaison announced the new committee Chair will be Dr. Cristina Brito and the new Vice Chair will be Ms. Tenesha Avent. The term for this election period will be until December 2022. All committee nominees and members who participated in the election’s process were thanked.</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>All Wellness Center:</b> An update was shared by Vania Macrohon. She shared they are a trauma focus center and provide counseling and groups for pre-teens to young adults with complex trauma. They also run women's groups and First Responder and Compassion Fatigue support. For more information, please contact her via email at <a href="mailto:vania@allwellnesscenter.net">vania@allwellnesscenter.net</a>.</li> <li>- <b>Colgate BSBF:</b> An update was shared by Cristiane Rocha. She shared in April that Colgate BSBF will resume to in-person events and using the mobile unit to do dental screenings in the community.</li> <li>- <b>Department of Children and Families:</b> An update was shared by Jeffrey Hurst and Gilda Ferradaz. He shared they continue to brainstorm ideas for childcare regulation trainings for the childcare providers. He shared they are working with Miami-Dade College, Miami Children’s Initiative, and Together for Children. Gilda Ferradaz shared April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 1<sup>st</sup> is Wear Blue Day. She also shared to wear blue and post a message on social media to raise awareness. See resources and ideas from Ounce of Prevention to promote safe childhood <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	

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- **Epilepsy Florida:** An update was shared by Heather Martinez. She shared the Miami Dade Walk the Talk will be hosted on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 in Wynwood. All details can be found under upcoming events [here](#). They also continue to offer the Seizure Recognition & First Aid Training to any of the members and other community partners. Lastly, Florida just passed the Care of Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorders School Legislation which Epilepsy Florida is proud to have taken the lead on this important legislation for Florida's children with epilepsy.
- **Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County:** An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. She shared the next *Healthy Happens Here* webinar will be hosted for National Nutrition Month on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1 p.m. and the next Eat Fresh Series Facebook Live Event will be hosted on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12 p.m. Additionally, the department invites you to the March of Dimes Implicit Bias Training that will be hosted on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Please register [here](#). Lastly, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County maintains National Accreditation Status Through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).
- **Gang Alternative, Inc.:** An update was shared by Jeannette Colwell. She provided an update on the Youth Frontliners Middle School and High School Youth Leadership Training program. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. She shared they have monthly coalition meetings and quarterly alliance meetings. A flyer was also shared. For more information, please contact her at [jcolwell@myga.org](mailto:jcolwell@myga.org) or 561-695-5212.
- **Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:** An additional update was shared by Heather Baker. She shared with the committee the sad news of the passing of Manuel (Manny) Fermin, Chief Executive Officer of the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade. The committee members also took a moment to share a few words in remembrance of his legacy, passion and commitment to make a difference in the lives of mothers, infants, and children in Miami-Dade County.
- **Jasmine Project:** An update was shared by Esther McCant. The Jasmine Project is a federal Healthy Start Program funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Jasmine Project serves pregnant women, infants, and families in North Miami-Dade (zip codes: 33054, 33055, 33167, 33169). She shared if you are interested in joining the Jasmine Project Community Action Network, please email Esther McCant at [Jasmineprojectcan@gmail.com](mailto:Jasmineprojectcan@gmail.com).
- **Jessie Trice Community Health System:** An update was shared by KeTia Harris. She provided an update on the breastfeeding support groups that are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's at 3PM. To join the group, please click [here](#). She shared North Miami Ave. Church of God's Diaper Drive will be hosted on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please call 954-257-2536. Accepting donations from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as well as partnership for day-of presentations. Lastly, BreastfeedMIAMI has started to plan for Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Please feel free to join either of the three committees: Art & Advocacy Event, Big Latch-

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	<p>On Community Event, and Professional Development. For more information, please contact KeTia Harris at <a href="mailto:ksharris@jtchs.org">ksharris@jtchs.org</a> or (786) 322-6442.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>March of Dimes:</b> An update was shared by Tenesha Avent. She shared the upcoming event dates for March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement. This movement is to fight for the health of all moms and babies. The dates for these events include April 23<sup>rd</sup> (West Palm Beach), May 7<sup>th</sup> (Broward), and May 14<sup>th</sup> (Miami).</li> <li>- <b>Metro Mommy Agency:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared a recap on the success of the <i>Fostering Leadership to Promote Breastfeeding in Miami-Dade</i> webinar that was held on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.</li> <li>- <b>Sunshine Health:</b> An update was shared by Suecia Mendez. She shared Sunshine Health's Welcome Room is available for free to the community located at 9552 SW 160 St. Miami, FL 33157. She also shared they have presentations available on the Children Medical Services Plan operated by Sunshine Health. Please reach out to Suecia Mendez for more information or to book the room, please contact her at <a href="mailto:supadilla@SunshineHealth.com">supadilla@SunshineHealth.com</a>.</li> <li>- <b>West Kendall Baptist Hospital:</b> An update was shared by Dr. Cristina Brito. She shared she recently transitioned from the United Way of Miami-Dade to the Director of Healthy West Kendall.</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 11:18 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	