

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2022
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (9)	<u>Virtual Meeting</u> <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. KeTia Harris, Jessie Trice Community Health System 4. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 5. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch 6. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 7. Tamia Medina, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 8. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 9. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 	
Welcome and Introductions	The April 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 12:33 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the March 2022 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Tamia Medina, the motion was seconded by Tenesha Avent.	
Baby Safe Sleep Focus Group Results Presentation	The Healthy Baby Taskforce had the <i>Baby Safe Sleep Focus Group Discussion Results Presentation</i> by Jessica Mulroy, Research Statistics Consultant with the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. She presented an overview of the results from the baby safe sleep focus groups that were conducted by the Healthy Baby Taskforce. This included the objective of this work plan activity, methodology, common themes, and conclusion. The main themes identified from the focus groups conducted included safe sleep environment/conditions, sources of safe sleep information, and adherence to safe sleep practices. It is also important to note the small size of the focus groups mean that they should not be interpreted as representative of an entire population. However, despite this, some interesting insights were found. The Taskforce partners had a follow-up discussion after the presentation based on the results and some possible next steps. The Taskforce discussed creating a community survey to address the low participation in the focus groups and to capture a more randomized population. It was also shared once we had a better understanding of our community's thoughts on safe sleep, we could create a promotional item to share with families as safe sleep friendly reminder. Additionally, updates were shared on a possible partnership with HALO. The Taskforce is looking for a partner to take the lead with building this partnership.	Share presentation slides.

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Previous Action Items	- The Healthy Baby Taskforce partners were thanked for their contributions and participation for Quarter 2 reporting to the State which included activity updates from January 1 – March 31, 2022.	
HBT Work Plan Updates	- Partners shared brief highlights for Quarter 2 reporting.	
	- The Healthy Baby Taskforce liaison highlighted the increased partnership during this quarter from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 through the Reach Out and Read Program. A total of 370 books were distributed this quarter by Healthy Baby Taskforce partners. These partners included ICU Baby, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Immunizations and Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP).	
	- The books provided by ICU Baby were provided to NICU families to encourage reading to their babies. There was a total of fifty-seven (57) hours of peer-to-peer support provided to NICU families too.	
	- Other updates related to the work plan to address access to healthier foods for pregnant mothers, fathers, children, and expectant families will be discussed at the next meeting.	
Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) Conversation	- The Taskforce shared updates on their current efforts to recognize Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW). This week is recognized each year from April 11 th to April 17 th to bring awareness to Black Maternal Health.	
	- Tenesha Avent and Candice Schottenloher shared updates on behalf of the Taskforce's efforts during the Executive Board meeting that was held on Monday, April 11 th , 2022. A highlight was shared during this meeting on the importance of BMHW. Other updates included sharing the Black Mamas Matter Alliance 2022 Social Media Toolkit and the March of Dime's Coffee Talk Meeting <i>Advocating for your Birth: Myths, Access, and Options</i> that was hosted on Thursday, April 14 th , 2022.	
	- The Taskforce partners will participate in a future collaboration with the Black Mamas Matter Alliance for an upcoming virtual webinar to discuss healthy equity and environmental health injustices that pregnant mother and expectant families face.	
	- The Taskforce partners also have been sharing social media posts to increase awareness and to educate on the importance of Black Maternal Health Week. KeTia Harris shared Live Healthy Miami Gardens and Jessie Trice Community Health System continue to host Facebook Live Events on the 4 th Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. She shared this was another opportunity to collaborate for BMHW.	
	- Candice Schottenloher shared West Kendall Baptist Hospital was able to share in their newsletter about Black Maternal Health Week and the <i>Pregnancy and Beyond: A Social Media Toolkit</i> . This newsletter reaches 2,500 people.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additionally, Esther McCant provided updates on behalf of the initiatives she has been participating in for BMHW and with the work of the Southern Birth Justice Network. She also partnered with Miami Mom Collective to share her work to empower moms of color. Please read story here. 	
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 Tobacco Prevention & Control: An update was provided by Islamiyat Adebisi. She shared if anyone needs educational materials for outreach events there are Healthy Baby tobacco brochures available to distribute to the community and expectant families. There are also posters for healthcare providers available too. - Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher. She shared the next <i>Healthy Happens Here - Navigating the Supermarket</i> webinar will be hosted on Thursday, April 25th, 2022 at 12 p.m. and the next Eat Fresh Series Facebook Live Event will be hosted on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 at 12 p.m. - ICU Baby: An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. She shared in May they are getting ready to launch a NICU Support and Empowerment curriculum that will include a book, website, and training videos. More details will be shared as they become available. - 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 2nd and 4th Friday's at 3 p.m. 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. 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-On Community Event, and Professional Development. For more information, please contact KeTia Harris at ksharris@jtchs.org or (786) 322-6442. - March of Dimes: 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 23rd (West Palm Beach), May 7th (Broward), and May 14th (Miami). - Metro Mommy Agency: An update was shared by Esther McCant. She provided updates on the initiatives she has been participating in for Black Maternal Health Week. She shared updates on the Southern Birth Justice Network and a partnership with Miami Mom Collective to share her work to empower moms of color. Check out story here. To learn more about Metro Mommy's work, please visit here. 	

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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Go To Meeting platform.	
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