

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI~DADE

Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting Friday, August 19, 2022 12:30 PM~1:30 PM EST



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total	Virtual Meeting	
(21)	1. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Co-Chair)	
	2. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency (Co-Chair)	
	3. Heather Baker, HSCMD	
	4. Anna Nottage, HSCMD	
	5. Michelle Johnson, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor	
	6. Marya Meyer, Women's Fund Miami-Dade	
	7. Cynthia Lebron, UM	
	8. Gabriela Andino, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC	
	9. Melanie Baez, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC	
	10. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC	
	11. Ritha Rene, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC	
	12. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC	
	13. Tamarah Ulysse, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC	
	14. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch	
	15. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade	
	16. Valerie Bethel, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade	
	17. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade	
	18. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade	
	19. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade	
	20. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison)	
	21. Courtney Vijil, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade	
Welcome and	The August 2022 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues sub-	
Introductions	committee (Healthy Baby Taskforce) was brought to order by Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent at 12:34	
	p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of	There was a motion to approve the July 2022 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker,	
Minutes	the motion was seconded by Cheryl Lorie.	



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Previous Action	The Healthy Baby Taskforce liaison presented the final draft of the baby safe sleep community survey.	
Items	The Taskforce approved of this draft as the final copy. It was shared the final survey link and flyer would	
	be shared once the additional Haitian Creole translations were included into the survey and promotional	
Baby Safe Sleep	flyer. The purpose of the community survey is to help us gain a better understanding of how our	
Focus Group	community views safe sleep practices. The questions we would like to address include:	
Follow-up	1. What is the existing perceptions and attitudes towards safe sleep?	
Discussion	2. When and how are expectant parents/new parents receiving safe sleep information?	
	3. Is the information received effective? Are new parents implementing safe sleep practices?	
Healthy Corner	Tenesha Avent shared brief updates on the Healthy Corner Store Initiative related to the collaboration	
Store Initiative	with Florida Impact. It was shared that Florida Impact would be happy to support the Healthy Baby	
Discussion	Taskforce with creating a nutritional palm card to be shared at corner stores to promote nutrition for	
	breastfeeding. This opportunity was shared again with the taskforce. With these opportunities presented	
	the partners began to discuss ideas for the palm card and placement of these educational materials in	
	healthy corner stores and supermarkets. For those interested, please reach out to the Taskforce liaison.	
New Business	Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent led the Healthy Baby Taskforce partners in a discussion to start	
	planning for upcoming Taskforce meetings, health observances, and as an opportunity to support each	
Health Observance	other's events. A recap on the success of the 11 th Annual WIC Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day	
Month Updates	event was shared. Additionally, other events for National Breastfeeding Month and Back-To-School	
inontil Operators	month were also highlighted and promoted at this time. These events included the Art of Breastfeeding	
	and Closing Exhibition and the Bounty of Health Summer Bash. Tenesha Avent shared to keep in mind	
	these health observances: September includes NICU Awareness Month, highlighting Maternal Mental	
	Health, and Pre-eclampsia. October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month, and November is	
	Prematurity Awareness Month.	
Partner Updates	Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.	
	- The Taskforce members voted to cancel the September 16 th , 2022 and December 16 th , 2022 meetings.	
	Taskforce members will be attending the Mental Health Virtual Summit on Friday, September 16 th ,	
	2022. The December meeting has been canceled as members will be on holiday vacation.	
	- DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention and Control Program: Islamiyat Adebisi shared the	
	Intercoastal Beach Cleanup is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022.	
	 DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: Cheryl Lorie and Carla Sabugo shared a few updates on National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week. They shared a recap of the 11th Annual WIC Breastfeeding Awareness Family Day event and there were approximately 26 mothers who participated in the Big Latch On. It was also shared to save the date for next year's 12th annual event 	



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	will be August 5 th , 2022. They also shared the DOH-Miami-Dade WIC program will be hosting 5
	community baby showers for clients on August 30 th and 31 st , 2022.
	- Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade: Candice Schottenloher shared a reminder the
	Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade will be hosting the Mental Health Virtual Summit on Friday,
	September 16 th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. To register, please click here.
	- Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): Heather Baker shared a few updates with the
	Taskforce. She shared the HSCMD received formal notification and they will be partnering with
	Sunshine Health. They have awarded the coalition with \$10,000 this year for safe sleep education
	and portable cribs, car seats and safety education. This is for the Healthy Start home visiting clients.
	She also shared a 20-hour Breastfeeding Peer Counselor training opportunity has been made available
	for Healthy Start Home Visitors.
	- ICU Baby: An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher on behalf of Leah Jayanetti. She shared
	to Save the Date for the 2 nd Annual Hope Parade Walk on Saturday, November 6 th , 2022. As more
	details become available, they will be shared.
	- Metro Mommy Agency: An update was shared by Esther McCant. She provided a brief overview
	about the upcoming Budget Conversations with Cava. She shared the Mayor and her staff will discuss
	her proposed budget and share how this year's proposed budget is accountable, transparent, and
	efficient in its use of taxpayer funds. A flyer will be shared with more details.
	- Women's Fund Miami-Dade: An update was shared by Marya Meyer. She shared an upcoming
	virtual collaborative meeting with the taskforce titled Tragic Trends - Miami's Maternal and Infant
	Mortality Data will be hosted on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To learn
	more and register for this event, please click here.
Adjournment	- The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is
J	scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams
	Meeting platform. As reminder, the September meeting has been cancelled due to the Mental Health
	Virtual Summit being hosted on Friday, September 16, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.