

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE
Children Issues Committee – Healthy Baby Taskforce Meeting
Friday, October 21, 2022
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (24)	<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 (Co-Chair) 3. Heather Baker, HSCMD 4. Sharon Burbelo, Jackson Health – Maternity Family Liaison 5. Dr. Marie Alexandra Cornelius, The Center for Women's and Gender Studies (CWGS) at Florida International University (FIU) 6. Darneshia Darling, Florida Impact to End Hunger 7. Earline Hayes, Florida Impact to End Hunger 8. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 9. Cynthia Lebron, UM 10. Isabel Maldonado, UM 11. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 12. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 13. Bernadette Morris, Sonshine Communications 14. Okezi Otovo, Black Mothers Care Plan at Florida International University 15. Leyanee Perez, The American Healthy Weight Alliance, Inc. 16. Cheryl Lorie, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 17. Rocio Velazquez, The Children's Movement of Florida 18. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 19. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch 20. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 21. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 22. Queen Holden, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 23. Kenya Simmons, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade 24. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison) 	
Welcome and Introductions	The October 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 12:31 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the July 2022 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Heather Baker, the motion was seconded by Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi.	

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Previous Action Items	The Healthy Baby Taskforce Co-Chairs, Esther McCant, and Tenesha Avent provided Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey Launch updates. The Healthy Baby Taskforce presented to the group the approved flyer that is now ready and will be used to disseminate out into the community. The Taskforce members had a discussion on ways they will be able to support the promotion of the survey with the flyer. Some of the ways they shared they would be able to promote these efforts were through social media platforms, including on Link Tree, with their clients, and sharing with Healthy Start Partner and Visitation Programs. The purpose of the community survey is to help us gain a better understanding of how our community views safe sleep practices. The questions we would like to address include:	
Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey Launch Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the existing perceptions and attitudes towards safe sleep? 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 Store Initiative Conversation	The Healthy Baby Taskforce had a follow-up discussion on their efforts to support a system or environmental change through creating a nutrition education palm card. This educational resource will be shared at corner stores to promote nutrition, and its impacts it has on breastfeeding. The Taskforce is working to collaborate with Florida Impact and the <i>Healthy Corner Store Initiative</i> . During this meeting, Darneshia Darling from Florida Impact shared they are looking to create sustainability on this initiative. She shared this would be a good opportunity to market healthy lifestyles to pregnant women who are expecting who frequent our stores and provide them with those educational materials. She shared they noticed in the stores there was various baby formulas but no sign of any promotion of breastfeeding. She shared these materials could be place near the cash register or in their bags and could have signage throughout the store near items that could assist them with increasing milk production as well. Leyanee Perez shared her current work on addressing food insecurity through the food pantry initiative and how she has established a partnership with the National Supermarket Association. She shared this could be a potential opportunity to expand our outreach in the supermarkets. Bernadette Morris also provided her marketing insight with expanding outreach of this initiative to salons, barbershops, and churches. She also shared other opportunities could be video clips, blogs, and editorials. It was discussed the Taskforce should determine a month they would like to launch this initiative. With these opportunities presented the partners began to discuss ideas for the palm card. A survey will be created to get more feedback and to create a working group. For those interested, please reach out to the Taskforce liaison.	Create survey and share.
Health Observance Month Updates	Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent led a brief discussion with the Healthy Baby Taskforce partners in a discussion to start planning for upcoming Taskforce meetings, health observances, and as an opportunity to support each other's events. October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month, and November is Prematurity Awareness Month. The Taskforce began to discuss 2023 and looking at March as National	

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New Business 2021-2022 Taskforce Recap	The Healthy Baby Taskforce will have the 2021-2022 Taskforce Highlights presentation at the Friday, November 18th, 2022, meeting. This presentation will highlight and share a recap for FY 2021-2022 of the Taskforce efforts on its work plan priority areas as well as the strategies the Taskforce is working towards to reduce infant mortality and morbidity and closing the disparity gaps in Miami-Dade County.	
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"> - This is a reminder the Taskforce members voted to cancel the Friday, December 16th, 2022 meeting. The December meeting has been canceled as members will be out on holiday. - DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention and Control Program: An update was shared by Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi. This past year the students working against tobacco clubs (SWAT) we're active in educating their peers on the harms of e-cigarettes with not a Lab Rat Day, which is the day that they pledge to be nicotine and tobacco-free. She also shared upcoming on the week of October 24th, 2022 is Red Ribbon Week. - DOH-Miami-Dade HIV Perinatal Program: An update was shared by Queen Holden. She shared when the calendar for World AIDS Day is ready, she will share with the Taskforce to help support these events. - DOH-Miami-Dade WIC: Cheryl Lorie shared they have received updates that they are continuing to extend some of the public waivers that they are getting from the American Rescue Plan. Some of the waivers include increased fruits and vegetables, the vouchers or the cash vouchers that families get through WIC. The increase is continued up until January 2023. Additionally, she shared the Save the Date for the upcoming 9th Annual Homestead/Florida City WIC Holiday Health & Resource Fair will be on Saturday, December 10th, 2022. She shared there are a few slots available to become a vendor. To sign-up, please email Carla Sabugo at Carla.Sabugo@flhealth.gov. - Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade: Candice Schottenloher shared a reminder the Annual Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Review Meeting will be hosted virtually on Friday, October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To register, please click here. - Florida Impact to End Hunger: An update was shared by Darneshia Darling. She shared part of their efforts they are going to be working to promote purchase of locally grown produce at our local corner stores. They are going to be promoting a local board initiative. As more details become available with a flyer and final dates, this will be shared with the Taskforce. - Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade (HSCMD): Heather Baker provided updates on behalf of the coalition. They currently have a new CEO Jeannette Torres and have a new logo that you will 	

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	<p>start to see in the future too. She announced that Sunshine Health has funded the coalition again this year for portable cribs and car seats, which are provided to clients participating in the Healthy Start program. The coalition will also be expanding the Moving Beyond Depression Program through funding from the office of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and are in the process of finalizing the details. This opportunity will provide additional needed services to address perinatal mood disorders in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, Heather provided updates on October events the coalition will support and participated in which include: 1.) A diaper distribution event that was hosted by the Miami Diaper Bank, 2.) On October 18th, 2022, the March of Dimes and HSCMD: A Discussion on Maternal Mental Health virtual event, and 3.) The contribution of a car seat to the MOCHA Family Wellness Fair on October 22, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICU Baby: An update was shared by Leah Jayanetti. She shared to Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Hope Parade Walk on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 at Zoo Miami. To register, please click here. She also shared the final component of the NEST Program has now launched which is the NICU Parent Support Tools. The program includes a NICU Journal and guidebook with videos about each of those chapters in the guidebook, as well as a microsite that has many resources which many of the Taskforce partners are included on there. For the NICU families, this is now live and available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. - March of Dimes: An update was shared by Tenesha Avent. She shared the March of Dimes will be hosting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6 p.m. the virtual <i>Having a Healthy Pregnancy Virtual Education Session</i>. To register, please click here. - Metro Mommy Agency: An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared the Mothers of Color Having Access (MOCHA) Family Wellness Fair will be hosted on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Morningside Park. This is a family-friendly event hosted by Metro Mommy Agency and will showcase local vendors, organizations, food trucks, and more! To learn more, please visit here. She also shared her organization was awarded through the Biz up startup FIU pitch competition. This awarded Metro Mommy Agency \$50,000 to expand her capacity to support our pregnant families. - The Children's Movement of Florida: An update was shared by Rocio Velazquez. She announced to Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Built to Thrive Summit that will be hosted virtually on Thursday, October 27th, 2022. To learn more and register, please click here. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. 	