

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (13)	<p><b><u>Virtual Meeting</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency/Jasmine Project (Co-Chair)</li> <li>2. Heather Baker, HSCMD</li> <li>3. KeTia Harris, JTCHS</li> <li>4. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</li> <li>5. Cynthia Lebron, UM</li> <li>6. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>7. Okezi Otovo, Black Mothers Care Plan at Florida International University</li> <li>8. Skye Wheeler, Human Rights Watch</li> <li>9. Islamiyat Nancy Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>10. Monica FilsAime, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>11. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>12. Jessica Mulroy, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade</li> <li>13. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade (Taskforce Liaison)</li> </ol>	
Welcome and Introductions	The November 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 at 12:36 p.m. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the October 2022 Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Leah Jayanetti, the motion was seconded by Beverly Montgomery.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce 2021-2022 Highlights Presentation	During this meeting, the Healthy Baby Taskforce Liaison presented the <i>2021-2022 Taskforce Highlights</i> presentation. This presentation provided a brief overview of the Florida Healthy Babies initiative and its priority areas as it relates to the Healthy Baby Taskforce's priority areas. A recap and year in review for FY 2021-2022 of the Taskforce's accomplishments and current initiatives were shared. In addition, the work plan strategies the Taskforce is working towards to reduce infant mortality and morbidity were shared and how they are working to closing the disparity gaps in Miami-Dade County. Following the presentation, the partners had a brief discussion on the success and how they can continue to use this to build stronger efforts for 2023.	
Previous Action Items	<p>Esther McCant and Candice Schottenloher provided an update on the launch of the Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey. 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the existing perceptions and attitudes towards safe sleep?</li> </ol>	

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<p>Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey Launch Updates</p> <p>Healthy Corner Store Initiative Conversation</p>	<p>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?</p> <p>The survey was launched on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Currently, a total of 7 responses have been received which 1 response was Complete, 4 Incomplete, and 2 Disqualified. During the last meeting, it was previously stated we would like to aim for 2,800 responses. It was further evaluated, and we will capture at a minimum 200 survey responses. Based on the current survey responses, the Taskforce partners had a discussion on how they have been disseminating the survey out into the community. There was also a discussion on a possible dis-incentive of completing this survey. It was shared this is currently a sensitive topic on whether co-sleeping is good or bad. There were also some recommendations included to creating a formal letter to share with hospitals about this initiative and sharing the survey on social media, and at community health fairs and events. Further discussion will be had on the outcomes of this survey and what benefits the results of this survey will have to community partners.</p> <p>A recap was shared on the purpose of the Healthy Baby Taskforce efforts to support the <i>Healthy Corner Store Initiative</i>. The Taskforce would like to create a system or environmental change to increase awareness and educate by creating a nutrition education palm card. The educational material will be placed in the healthy corner stores and possibly expanding this outreach into local supermarkets. A survey link was shared during this meeting. The survey responses will allow us to create a sub-committee workgroup to help design the palm card and to provide ideas for this project. To complete the survey, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Share survey.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>Taskforce members were able to briefly share an update on their current work/initiatives/projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is a reminder the Taskforce members have voted to cancel the Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting due to the holiday season.</li> <li>- <b>DOH-Miami-Dade WIC:</b> An update was shared by Candice Schottenloher on behalf of Carla Sabugo. She shared the Save the Date for the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead/Florida City WIC Holiday Health &amp; Resource Fair will be on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She shared there are a few slots available to become a vendor. To sign-up, please email Carla Sabugo at <a href="mailto:Carla.Sabugo@flhealth.gov">Carla.Sabugo@flhealth.gov</a>. WIC is very thankful to all of the partners and sponsors supporting the event.</li> <li>- <b>Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade:</b> Candice Schottenloher shared a brief update on the success of the Annual Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Review Meeting that was hosted virtually on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There was a total of 70 attendees present at the meeting. To view the recording, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:</b> Heather Baker provided updates on behalf of the coalition. She shared a statewide update that all coalitions will be launching a fatherhood initiative to be able</li> </ul>	

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	<p>to provide direct services targeted specifically for fathers. This will be through the Healthy Start Program and using the 24/7 dad nationally recognized curriculum. As more details become available, they will be shared. She also provided updates on events they have recently supported and will support for the remainder of the year. These include: participation in two diaper distribution events with Miami Diaper Bank that were held in October and on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the coalition will be providing a professional development event to 150 WIC staff members on the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome/Substance Exposed Newborn (NAS/SEN) Project, and they will participate as a platinum sponsor on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead/Florida City Health &amp; Resource Fair hosted by the DOH-Miami-Dade WIC program. Additionally, she shared at the statewide level they will be expanding locally and throughout the state the review of FIMR cases. This helps us to better understand issues related to infant mortality and morbidity and to help develop strategies that identify gaps and improve systems of care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jasmine Project:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared the Jasmine Project, FIU NeighborhoodHELP Program, and Metro Mommy Agency worked together to create a first ever Doula escape room experience and had a series of art events taking place too. The next Jasmine Project CAN Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 via a hybrid model.</li> <li>- <b>Jessie Trice Community Health System (JTCHS):</b> An update was shared by KeTia Harris. She announced the Breastfeed Miami Collaborative - Art of Breastfeeding calendars are available for pre-order. To place your order, please click <a href="#">here</a>. She also shared the JTCHS Breastfeeding &amp; DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Breastfeeding Cafe kickoff will be at New Way Baptist Church on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. More details will be shared as they are available.</li> <li>- <b>Metro Mommy Agency:</b> An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mothers of Color Having Access (MOCHA) Family Wellness Fair event that was hosted on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at Morningside Park. She shared to Save the Date for next year's event which will be hosted on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. She also provided an update on the <i>What is A Doula? Black Maternal Health &amp; Wellness Community Workshop</i> that will be hosted at the YWCA of South Florida Downtown/Overtown Center on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. To register, please sign-up <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform.</li> </ul>	