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	Meeting Logistic	the United Way Miami. The in-person dates that were voted on include:	
	Reminders		
• Friday, June 21, 2024			





	12:50 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	MIAMI
	• Friday, September 20, 2024	
	• Friday, November 15, 2024	
	The Taskforce also discussed and voted to cancel the Friday, December 20, 2024 meeting. The meeting	
	schedule will be shared with the members as well as the calendar invites will be updated. Both virtual	
	and in-person meetings will be 1 hour from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	
New Business	Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent facilitated a discussion with the Taskforce to set goals and	
	expectations for this year. The key focus areas of discussion included:	
2024 Taskforce	• Membership	
Goal Setting and	o Esther McCant shared her personal goal to to increase the Healthy Baby Taskforce	
Expectations	membership last year which was to five new partners join the Taskforce. Candice	
•	Schottenloher shared how to become a member of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-	
	Dade to complete the Consortium Membership Form. It was also noted the Taskforce may	
	have 2 to 3 new members join a month or if there is a networking event that our partners	
	promoted the Taskforce, we see an increase in new members.	
	o Ît was further discussed by the Taskforce members to brainstorm potential partners we	
	would like to invite to join the Taskforce. It was noted from the Children Issues meeting	
	that was earlier to consider also inviting to the Taskforce the faith-based organizations.	
	The following faith-based groups were noted:	
	Antioch	
	 Jesus People 	
	 United Methodist Women in the FLUMC Southeast district 	
	 Cool Church 	
	 Trinity 	
	 New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church 	
	 People Acting in Community Together (PACT) Group 	
	 Rev. Darryl Baxter, President for The Family Foundation and Churches United 	
	for NHIV/AIDS Prevention	
	Policy Review	
	Esther McCant highlighted the importance of policy, systems, and environmental changes.	
	She noted the importance of having an awareness and understanding of current bills that	
	are related to women and children that relate to our work in the maternal child health arena.	
	She shared in the future how this could also help guide our Taskforce efforts. She shared	
	the following resources.	
	 How a bill becomes a law: 	
	https://www.flsenate.gov/About/HowAnIdeaBecomesALaw	





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	■ How to search for bills:	MIAMI
Next Steps	pages including the partner organization's website and social media handle. Focus groups as well as hosting a virtual panel discussion for mothers. Some partners to include in this discussion that were noted included Black Moms Miami and the Miami Moms Collective. A high-level recap was provided on today's meeting on the goal setting and expectations for 2024. It was noted for the next meeting to provide an overview on the Healthy Baby Taskforce work plan and	
Partner Updates	 compile a list of projects and priority areas that need Taskforce led support. Taskforce members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/ projects. Candice Schottenloher shared with the Taskforce the Consortium Membership Form to register as a new member or to update your contact info to renew your membership here. It was also noted to please share this with new contacts that you invite to the Consortium. BreastfeedMIAMI: An update was shared by KeTia Harris. She shared the 2024 BreastfeedMIAMI calendars are now available. To place your order, please click here. To learn more about BreastfeedMIAMI, please visit here. DOH-Miami-Dade Perinatal HIV Program: An update was shared by Queen Holden. She shared event details on the upcoming Perinatal HIV Prevention Symposium that will be hosted on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus. Email will be shared with the Taskforce members to register. 	





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	• Easterseals/Early Steps : An update was shared by on their organization's referral form. She will provide the link with QR code to share with the committee.	
	• Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade : An update was shared by Heather Baker. She provided several updates regarding their programs. She shared the state received \$9 million and the HSCMD has been able to expand its staff for the Connect and home visitation program. Also, in Miami-Dade, they have been selected to a be a part of a pilot project to transition from paper to digital universal risk screens. She also noted T.E.A.M. Dad is accepting referrals from expecting fathers, a father figure, or a father with a child 0 to 3 years old. If interested to partner on this initiative, please email Heather Baker at hbaker@hscmd.org .	
	• Jessie Trice Community System (JTCHS) : An update was shared by KeTia Harris. JTCHS shared an update on Our Village Parenting & Family Strengthening program. If interested or have clients who are interested in this program, please complete form here .	
	• Metro Mommy Agency : An update was shared by Esther McCant. She shared she is currently mentoring approximately 29 doulas through the Health Foundation of South Florida. She also shared the MOMCHA program is still available. To learn more, please click here .	
	• Sleep & Cradle Solutions: An update was shared by Dr. Cynthia Unuigbe. She provided an update on the new weekly Baby Sleep Strategies Class in partnership with Pinecrest Parks and Recreation. These classes are hosted every Wednesday's from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pinecrest Community Center. Class flyer will be shared with the Taskforce members.	
	West Kendall Baptist Hospital: An update was shared that Baby Boot Camp will be hosted on Saturday, January 27 th , 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event flyer was shared.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at United Way Miami Ryder Room in the Ansin Building located at 3250 SW 3 rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33129.	