

CONSORTIUM FOR A HEALTHIER MIAMI-DADE

Children Issues Committee Meeting

Friday, January 19, 2024

10:00am-12:30pm EST

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (34)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Chair) 2. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Vice Chair) 3. Esther McCant, Metro Mommy Agency 4. Heather Baker, HSCMD 5. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 6. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF 7. Roxana Galera, Epilepsy Alliance of Florida 8. Monica Gonzalez, Art Foundation for People with Disabilities 9. Ellise Gutierrez, Community Member 10. Mathilde Hainaut, UM 11. Audrey Hall, Epilepsy Alliance of Florida 12. KeTia Harris, JTCHS 13. Joshua Ho, Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board 14. Kaya Holmes, FIU 15. Jeff Hurst, DCF 16. Britney James, Miami-Dade County CAHSD 17. Arlicia Jones, Southern Birth Justice Network 18. Emily Jones, University of Florida 19. Indiana Lanzas, United Way Miami 20. Breanna Lewis, Epilepsy Alliance of Florida 21. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 22. Teronna Maddox, University of Miami Hospital and Clinics 23. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps 24. Vanessa Madrazo, NAMI Miami-Dade County 25. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 26. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps 27. Alicia Nuby-Powell, The Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House 28. Corine Orr, Southern Birth Justice Network 29. Eriko Robinson, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 30. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 31. Rachelle Theodore, CLT Business Solutions 32. Stephanie Thomas, Eastern Virginia Medical School 33. Imani Morgan, Florida Department of Health in Broward 34. Juliocesar Pelaez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 	

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	35. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (Committee Liaison)	
Welcome and Introductions	The January 2024 monthly meeting of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Children Issues Committee was brought to order at 10:05 a.m. by Dr. Cristina Brito and Tenesha Avent. All members were welcomed and introduced themselves.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the November 2023 merged Children Issues and Healthy Baby Taskforce meeting minutes by Vanessa Madrazo, the motion was seconded by Jeff Hurst.	
Executive Board Update	Dr. Cristina Brito provided updates on the Executive Board to the committee. The Executive Board last met virtually on Monday, January 8 th , 2023. She provided a high-level recap on the success of the Consortium's 20 th Anniversary Celebration that was hosted at the Miami Dadeland Marriott on Friday, December 1, 2023. She also recognized during the meeting, Jeffrey Hurst as the 2023 Outstanding Children Issues Committee Member. A reminder was shared, the Worksite Wellness Committee Chair is vacant, and this leadership opportunity is available. Additionally, she provided updates on the continued conversation on COVID-19, social and economic barriers, that are community continues to face. One example that was highlighted was food insecurity. Dr. Brito shared about the recent Miami-Dade County Food Insecurity Collaborative meeting that was held and the Consortium's presence in this group. As this was mentioned, the committee discussed further on this topic. Further updates will be shared on policy, system, and environmental change efforts on this topic of food insecurity and food waste.	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce update was provided by Esther McCant and Tenesha Avent. The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues committee. During this meeting, Esther McCant presented on the Healthy Baby Taskforce Highlights for FY 22-23 as well as the work of Metro Mommy Agency with the MOMCHA Program. Other updates were shared the Taskforce last met in October. During the October Taskforce meeting, they had an insightful presentation for Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month and Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month. The Taskforce has also received approval with recommended changes for both designs of the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store initiative. The palm card and business wallet card were translated in English, Spanish, and Creole. Currently working to update and have Taskforce vote to approve the recommended changes. The Baby Safe Sleep Community Survey is also still active and continues to be shared with the community.	
Previous Action Items	The committee members reviewed the 2024 meeting schedule. A reminder was shared the committee voted to meet in-person once a quarter at the United Way Miami, Ryder Room in the Ansin Building. The in-person meetings will resume back to two hours from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The in-person meeting dates include the following:	
Meeting Logistic Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, February 16, 2024 • Friday, June 21, 2024 	

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Elder Issues Collaboration Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, September 20, 2024 • Friday, November 15, 2024 <p>The meeting schedule will be shared with the members as well as the calendar invites will be updated. It was noted the virtual meetings will remain 1.5 hours from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>An announcement was shared the Elder Issues Committee Intergenerational Walk has currently been postponed. An update was shared the Elder Issues and Children Issues Committee liaisons and leadership met on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 with Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department to discuss a potential new event date and location. It was shared the event will be hosted in April 2024 at Arcola Lakes Park. As more event details become available, they will be shared with the committee.</p>	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	Cristina Brito, Tenesha Avent, and Candice Schottenloher facilitated during this committee meeting the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis Activity. The last committee SWOT Analysis was conducted in October 2022. This initiative ties back to the work plan activity: By September 30, 2021, the Children Issues will conduct a SWOT analysis and review annually. It was shared that at the next committee meeting the committee will review the final SWOT Analysis. This activity will help guide the committee's next steps and work plan progress for 2024.	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<p>During this committee meeting, the committee partners highlighted and recognized the success of their community events that took place during December 2023. The following activities and events were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddy System MIA: This partner organization was recognized for its successful work they have been doing in the community on their community fridge initiative. The committee would like to invite them to present at a future meeting to learn more. Carla Sabugo shared they are looking to work with partners in the Hialeah and Little Havana community to install refrigerators outside their organization for the community to have access too. • Consortium 20th Anniversary Celebration: The Consortium celebrated its 20th Anniversary on Friday, December 1st, 2023, at the Miami Dadeland Dattran Ballroom. This year's theme highlighted "20 Years of Community Partnerships: The Past, Present, and Future." • 10th Annual Homestead/Florida City WIC Holiday Health & Resource Fair: This event was hosted on Saturday, December 9th, 2023, at the Homestead/Florida WIC Center. Carla Sabugo shared there were 1,700 guests registered, FarmShare reached 900 families, and approximately 900 children were present with 600 to 700 toys distributed at the event. It was also highlighted the number of resources and services that were provided to the community at this event was significant. It was also shared they are looking to expand the number of toys for the next year's event as well as the event location. • 4th Annual Bounty of Health: This event was hosted on Friday, December 15th, 2023, at the 	Invite Buddy System MIA to present.

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	West Perrine Health Center. During this event, 500 families were served, 600 backpacks were distributed for kids and over 8,000 pounds of food.	
New Business	<p>Dr. Brito led and discussed with the committee the following work plan activity: By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will fund a children's book related to Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. During this discussion the Alzheimer's Association list of books was shared with the committee. It was shared from the research conducted that Grandma and Me (A Kid's Guide for Alzheimer's and Dementia) book could be a potential book to consider to distribute throughout Miami-Dade County. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant was also shared to the committee as potential funding opportunity to consider for this initiative. It was also noted if there was any Children's Trust funding opportunity available. The committee discussed this activity in detail. It was noted to consider who is our intended audience (6 or 8 years old and older or 10 to 12 years old) and to consider a book that is culturally diverse. It was highlighted possible to distribute these books to communities with the highest rates of Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, potential partnership was discussed possibly partnering with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Library System and/ or health care providers.</p>	Further discussion needed.
Partner Updates	<p>Committee members were able to briefly announce their current work/initiatives/ projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Brito shared an update to the entire committee that Section 8 will be accepting applications and will open on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 12 a.m. and will end on February 19, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. She shared the public notice that was available to the community. • Art Foundation for People with Disabilities: An update was shared Monica Gonzalez. She shared her program has free workshops in Spanish for Parent/Caregivers of children on the spectrum and behavioral disorders in February. She will forward the information as soon as the flyer is completed so it can be disseminated to the committee. • 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. • Department of Children and Families (DCF): An update was shared by Jeff Hurst. He shared with the committee a potential job opportunity is opening a home childcare center. He noted the Office of Licensing – Miami-Dade/Monroe has increased. • Easterseals/Early Steps: An update was shared by Beverly Montgomery. She shared an update on their organization's referral form. She will provide the link with QR code to share with the committee. • Epilepsy Alliance of Florida: An update was shared by Audrey Hall. She provided an update on their available Seizure Recognition & First Aid Trainings for your staff can be in-person or on-demand. She also noted their annual walks will be coming up and as more details are available, they will be shared with the members. For more info, please email ahall@eafla.org. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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. • West Kendall Baptist Hospital: An update was shared by Dr. Cristina Brito. She shared February is American Heart Month. She will provide flyers in English, Spanish, and Creole to promote the promotional CT calcium scoring screenings available for \$44 or \$99. She also shared that Baby Boot Camp will be hosted on Saturday, January 27th, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event flyer was shared. 	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at United Way Miami Ryder Room in the Ansin Building located at 3250 SW 3 rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33129.	