

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
<b>Membership Total (28)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Committee Chair)</li> <li>2. Heather Baker, HSCMD</li> <li>3. Rasha Cameau, Community Member</li> <li>4. Roseleen Hurtado Rodriguez, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe</li> <li>5. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby</li> <li>6. Dana Klein, Gheorg</li> <li>7. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami</li> <li>8. Fong Loo, Fit Kids of America</li> <li>9. Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L</li> <li>10. Teronna Maddox, UM</li> <li>11. Vanessa Madrazo, NAMI Miami-Dade</li> <li>12. Talli Menchion, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>13. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health</li> <li>14. Beverly Montgomery, Easterseals/Early Steps</li> <li>15. Leiann Palma, The Women's Hospital – Jackson Health System</li> <li>16. Tatiana Perrino, UM</li> <li>17. Karem Rodriguez, Florida Foster Care Review</li> <li>18. Violet Ryland, DCF</li> <li>19. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC</li> <li>20. Darria Stafford Williams, United Way Miami</li> <li>21. Manuela Thomas, FIU</li> <li>22. Kristin Wallin, KidoKinetics</li> <li>23. Sandra Echeverry-Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>24. DeAngela Higgs, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Intern)</li> <li>25. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>26. Dayamyra Perezfernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>27. Chiara Spinzi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>28. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison)</li> </ol>	
Welcome and Introductions	The January 2025 monthly meeting of the Children Issues Oral Health Committee Meeting was brought to order by Cristina M. Brito at 10:00 a.m. All members were welcomed, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the November 2024 minutes by Heather Baker, and the motion was seconded by Beverly Montgomery.	

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Children Issues/Oral Health Committee Meeting  
Friday, January 17, 2025  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST

Parent to Parent of Miami Presentation	<p><i>Parent to Parent of Miami</i> presentation was presented by Danielle Leys, Outreach Coordinator. Danielle Leys discussed the mission of Parent to Parent. <i>Parent to Parent of Miami</i> is a non-profit organization and parent center for children with disabilities. This organization prioritizes giving parents training and resources on how to advocate for their children. They are currently receiving funding from OCEP and Children's Trust. They serve any child with a medical diagnosis as well as children with either a suspected diagnosis or developmental delay. To serve the parent centers, educators, specialists, and psychologists, provide hybrid workshops that provide information and tools on how parents can be advocates for their children. Some of the workshop topics include parent/child rights, IEP, transition meetings, law, and finances.</p> <p>The work of <i>Parent to Parent of Miami</i> has positively impacted the families served in Miami-Dade. During the presentation it was shared 80% of parents report increased understanding of their child's disability, 75% of parents report decreased stress levels, 95% of parents report materials and information were useful and relevant to their needs, 86% of parents report increased access to services and supports for their children, 96% of the parents attending IEP workgroups increased their capacity to communicate and advocate at school, and 85% of the families attending workshop report feeling confident with making decisions about their child's education needs. It was also noted referrals to agencies and families are beneficial to the program. For any further program questions, Danielle Leys shared to reach out to her.</p>	Share slides and resources.
Executive Board Update	<p>Dr. Brito provided the Executive Board update. The Board last met virtually on Monday, January 13, 2025. The Consortium has completed its nomination and elections process for the Committee Chair and Vice Chair roles for the next 2-year term for the 2025 and 2026 calendar year. The new Consortium leadership was announced and shared. The Children Issues Oral Health Committee leadership remains the same. The Board will now host their Co-Chair nominations and elections. Once this process is completed, it will be announced at the next committee meeting. The new Board has begun to discuss and form the Planning Taskforce for the Consortium Annual Event which will be merged with Worksite Wellness Awards Ceremony. This event will be hosted in 2025, and the planning committee is looking for members to sign up. The Board is working to create a digital brochure format with the elevator speech and health agenda message info when meeting with interested partners to join the Consortium. When this is available, it will be shared with the full Consortium. Lastly, the Board continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health.</p>	
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	<p>Candice Schottenloher shared the Healthy Baby Taskforce update. The Taskforce last met in November with the Children Issues committee. During this meeting, Esther McCant with Metro Mommy Agency presented a lunch and learn presentation on the highlights on the MOMCHA Program and launched the Healthy Baby, Healthy Corner Store Initiative business wallet card and palm card designs to the Children Issues Committee members. The Taskforce has also started to and will continue to plan for 2025 by reviewing the Health Observance Months related to maternal child health. The Taskforce will meet later today virtually at 12:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.</p>	

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Previous Action Items  Meeting Logistics	The committee reviewed the 2025 meeting schedule. This schedule includes all meetings for the year. The committee voted in November there will be in-person meetings once a quarter at the United Way Miami from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All other meetings will be virtual from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The committee is awaiting to confirm the meeting room at United Way Miami where the in-person meetings will be hosted. It was also voted by the committee, the Friday, December 19, 2025, meeting will be cancelled.	Confirm in-person meeting room.
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	<p>Dr. Brito led the work plan review discussion with the committee. There are a total of three remaining committee activities that are trending behind. The indicators that are behind were discussed and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase from 0 to 2 new Walking School Bus sites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Brito shared what the Walking School Bus initiative is and goal of this program. It was shared this committee activity was no longer feasible, as we do not have a lead organization to facilitate the coordination of the Walking School Bus. This activity will not be carried over to the next work plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will increase education to childcare providers about food allergies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This objective was noted to carry over to the next work plan and redefine the indicator. This includes making the topic broader and not only focusing on children food allergies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>By September 30, 2024, the Children Issues Committee will fund a children's book related to Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no further updates at this time. The committee is awaiting to hear back from the Alzheimer's Association with next steps. The committee will need to continue to brainstorm and discuss on how we are going to meet this objective by setting up actionable items.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Recognition of Improved Performance  Bounty of Health Recap	Dr. Cristina Brito and Candice Schottenloher shared a recap on the Bounty of Health event. This event was hosted on Friday, December 13, 2024, at the West Perrine Health Center. This year, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County and the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade proudly hosted the 5th Annual Bounty of Health event, a community-centered initiative aimed at empowering residents to achieve optimal health and wellness through access to vital services and resources. The event successfully served approximately 150 residents, nearly 400 health screenings were performed, and 17 vendors offered diverse health and wellness resources. This year's theme centered on healthy lifestyles and overall wellbeing, with a special emphasis on mental health and youth-focused initiatives. With a broad range of resources, engaging activities, and health screenings, the event provided residents with the tools they need to care for themselves and their families. The Caring for Miami Mobile Food Market also contributed significantly by ensuring attendees had access to nutritious food. The committee partners who participated in this event shared their experience.	

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New Business	<p>Dr. Brito and Candice Schottenloher co-led this portion of the meeting. The committee reviewed and discussed upcoming health observances for January and February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January is Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month. Kristi house will be hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Education Symposium: Identifying and Serving Special Populations on Friday, January 24, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To learn more and register, please access <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Update: A Save the Date was announced for the 2019-2024 CHIP Closeout Meeting. This event will be hosted on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.</li> <li>February is Black History Month. The committee took a moment to learn if partners were hosting any health and wellness events for this month and wanted to uplift and learn of ways the committee may be able to support. This is an opportunity to further discuss.</li> <li>February is also American Heart Month. More updates will be shared next month on the collaboration with West Kendall Baptist Hospital, American Heart Association, Tobacco-Free Workgroup, and the DOH-Miami-Dade's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.</li> </ul>	
Partner Updates	<p>Partner updates were shared on behalf of the Children Issues/Oral Health Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DOH-Miami-Dade WIC Program:</b> Carla Sabugo shared an update on the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead/Florida City Holiday Health &amp; Resource Fair that was hosted on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During this event, they hosted a toy drive during the holiday season and was able to give out 1,600 toys. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there will be a similar community resource fair but, on a smaller scale for WIC staff members to learn about the community partners and resources available they can take back to the clients they serve and connect them to services. Lastly, it was also shared once ready for release, the WIC program has a new branding kit that will be available.</li> <li><b>Gheorg:</b> Dana Klein shared an update on their App. Gheorg is a mental health and wellness app for kids between the ages of 7 and 12 year's old. They have currently updated their App, and it is multilingual and very multicultural and about 100 languages now. She also shared she is happy to be a resource, and they are looking for research partners if anybody wants to partner with to do some research with Gheorg.</li> <li>And we are applying for grants, so we would love some partners as well on that.</li> <li><b>Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade:</b> Heather Baker shared the coalition is in partnership with the Miami Diaper Bank. Federal grant was earned to increase economic security and family support service. The grant aids existing diaper distribution centers. There are also open positions at the coalition that are available to apply too. They are in the progress of interviewing new people to join the team.</li> <li><b>Early Steps:</b> Talli Menchion shared Early Steps has a new office location and the new office address is 7990 SW 117 Ave., Ste 125 Miami, FL 33183. Beverly Montgomery also shared the Early Steps</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Play Groups for 2025 will be hosted at the Coral Reef Public Library. These groups will be hosted on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Flyers will be shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ICU Baby:</b> Leah Jayanetti shared ICU Baby received an incredible grant from the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative. This grant will allow ICU Baby to expand their transportation assistance program to 15 hospitals across Florida. The Transportation Coordinator will be a full-time position. The Youth Coordinator for the Ambassador Program will be a part-time position funded through The Children's Trust.</li> <li>• <b>March of Dimes:</b> Candice Schottenloher shared on behalf of Tenesha Avent the March of Dimes Healthy Pregnancy and Community Wellness Event will be hosted on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. To learn more and register, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting will be held in-person at the United Way Miami on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	