

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Membership Total (36)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cristina Brito, West Kendall Baptist Hospital (Committee Chair) 2. Tenesha Avent, March of Dimes (Committee Vice Chair) 3. Isabel Afanador, Early Learning Coalition of Miami 4. Isabel Arcia, Fit Kids of America 5. Lilia Bandrich, United Healthcare 6. Gilda Ferradaz, DCF 7. Nicole Gorbatov, Hope for Miami 8. DeAngela Higgs, University of Miami (Intern) 9. Jeffrey Hurst, DCF 10. Leah Jayanetti, ICU Baby 11. Dana Klein, Gheorg 12. Danielle Leys, Parent to Parent of Miami 13. Marie-Carmelle Lindley, Arts A L, Inc. 14. Teronna Maddox, UM 15. Esther Rose McCant, Metro Mommy Agency 16. Vanessa Madrazo, NAMI Miami-Dade 17. Neseyah McFarlane, HSCMD 18. Suecia Mendez, Sunshine Health 19. Dr. Ruby Natale, UM 20. Alicia Nuby-Powell, 21. Hayly Ojeda, Hope for Miami 22. Cristina Leon Pujol, 23. Tara Pawlikowski, Humana 24. Eriko Robinson, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 25. Karem Rodriguez 26. Darlene Ross, Cano Health 27. Carla Sabugo, DOH-Miami-Dade WIC 28. Andrea Raquel Sparano, UM 29. Cristiane Rocha, Colgate BSBF 30. Rocio Velazquez, The Children's Movement of Miami 31. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 	

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	<p>32. Kristin Wallin, KidoKinetics</p> <p>33. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>34. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>35. Dayamyra Perezfernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</p> <p>36. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (Committee Liaison)</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	The March 2025 monthly meeting of the Children Issues Oral Health Committee Meeting was brought to order by Tenesha Avent at 10:05 a.m. All members were welcomed, and introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion to approve the February 2025 minutes by Gilda Ferradaz, and the motion was seconded by Jeffrey Hurst.	
Executive Board Update	<p>The Executive Board update was provided by Tenesha Avent and Candice Schottenloher. The Board last met in person at the Health Council of South Florida on March 10, 2025. During this meeting they had two presentations: (1) Health Literacy presentation presented by Shannon Charles. He is the Director of Advancement and Community Relations. (2) The Executive Board also had their Leadership orientation which was presented by the Co-Chairs to the new Executive Board leadership.</p> <p>It was also discussed that the Consortium Event Task Force will be meeting soon to plan the Consortium Annual Event merged with the Worksite Wellness Awards Ceremony. If you are interested in participating and have expertise in planning and logistics, please Candice Schottenloher to be added onto the committee.</p> <p>The Board is also working to update the digital brochure which includes the elevator speech that can encourage new partners and members to join the Consortium and work towards our common goal of achieving a healthier Miami-Dade. The Board also continues to discuss optimal health and the environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health.</p>	Add interested members to Planning Taskforce list serv.
Healthy Baby Taskforce Update	The Healthy Baby Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Children Issues Committee. The Taskforce is working to positively influence the environmental, social and economic conditions of health and reduce gaps in care and greatest impacts seen in infant mortality. The partners focus efforts on the broad social, economic, and environmental factors of health that approach to close the gap among Non-Hispanic Black and Non-Hispanic White infants through evidence-based interventions. Last month in February, the Healthy Baby Taskforce last met in-person. During this meeting, the Taskforce reviewed and discussed health observance months and how it relates to maternal and child health. They also brainstormed how they would like to look further at the current data to be able to ensure their workplan aligns with the needs of the community. More discussions will take place and today they will have a presentation to review national, state, and local data. The Taskforce will meet later today at 12:30 p.m. following Children Issues.	

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Previous Action Update Tobacco & Vaping Sessions Update	Tenesha Avent presented on behalf of Dr. Brito the pre- and post-assessment results from the Tobacco and Vaping Sessions at Arvida Middle and Sunset Senior High School. It was noted the students learned something from these sessions. The results reviewed the teacher rating and the percentage of students who reported that someone at home vapes and/or uses tobacco. The students were very informed and mainly alarmed by the number of deaths that occur due to tobacco and vape products. The partners are interested in providing more of these resources to parents because a lot of the students expressed that someone in the home uses vapes and/or tobacco products.	
Recognition of Improved Performance	The committee highlighted the following work plan objective for improved performance: By September 30, 2024, the CI Committee will partner with the Tobacco-Free Workgroup to improve health and quality in the community. The Tobacco and Vaping presentations were hosted during American Heart Month with the DOH-Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, American Heart Association, West Kendall Baptist Hospital, and the Consortium's Tobacco-Free Workgroup. This has been a partnership for over three years to increase awareness on the harms and dangers of tobacco and e-cigarettes as well as how it affects heart health.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	<p>The committee has three remaining committee activities that are behind and that we have been discussed over these last few months. During this meeting, the committee focused and discussed the following two of work plan activities the need improvement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By September 30, the Children's Issue Committee will increase education to childcare providers about food allergies. Jeff Hurst discussed planning a meeting with licensed providers to inform them of food allergies that children may experience and to inform the centers that actually prepare the food to be mindful of common allergies. This arises because it is not in the Florida administrative code to be aware of allergens but, it is important to know when distributing food. Their next action is to receive clearance to host a monthly meeting led by the Miami Children's Initiative. This organization is currently restructuring, and they would like to continue this with the help of Miami-Dade College, the Early Learning Coalition, as well as Ian Fleury, to see if this action can be done by the Southern region as an individual. 2. By September 30th, the Children's Issue will fund a children's book related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. There has been a leadership transition within the Alzheimer's Association so we are currently awaiting details on how we can continue this conversation with them. So, we will continue to brainstorm and connect back with Children's trust to set actionable steps. 	
New Business	<p>The committee reviewed the following Health Observance Months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March is National Nutrition Month and Pregnancy After Loss Awareness Month. ● April 7th-13th is Food Waste Prevention Week. 	

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Health Observance Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Maternal Health Week is April 11-17, 2025. It was shared the Black Mamas Matter Alliance is the leading organization for this observance. On their website they have many resources and information regarding their events. 	
M-DCPS Telehealth Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) started this month with launching a districtwide partnership with Hazel Health to provide telehealth services to every K-12 student in every school. This will ensure that students have access to both medical and mental health services Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., year-round. To learn more, please access the press release link. 	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrea Sparano, University of Miami, discussed a study (What drives youth irritability? A community-engaged, machine-learning approach) that needs Community Advisory Board Members. Dr. Spencer Evans from the UM Child Affect and Behavior Lab in the Department of Psychology, is forming a CAB of 10–12 local, Non-UM, caregivers, clinicians, and educators from diverse backgrounds who have experience with irritable youth. The CAB will participate in three meetings to help shape the study—refining questions, procedures, materials, and interpreting results. They’ll also offer input on frustration as a treatment target, potential strategies, and relevant professional or personal insights. Participants will be compensated ~\$150 per meeting (1–2 hours each). For more details or if interested, please email Andrea Sparano at ARS285@med.miami.edu. Cristiane Rocha shared an update for the Colgate Bright Smile Futures Program. They provide free dental screenings for children up to 12 years old. They currently go to schools and aftercare and are interested in still providing this service in the Summer. If an organization is planning an event where this is a need, please reach out via email at bp_cristiane_rocha@colpal.com or via phone at 786-426-6902. Neseyah McFarlane presented on behalf of the Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade. The next Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Community Action Group meeting will be hosted on March 25, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and during this meeting they will be having a presentation from the FIU Black Mothers Care plan. If you are interested in going, please contact her via email at NMcfarlane@hscmd.org. Tenesha Avent shared an update on the upcoming March of Dimes – Walk for Babies events. Please learn more here: https://marchforbabies.org/EventInfo?EventID=22935 Gilda Ferradaz shared April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. An email will be shared with resources and more. To learn more, please visit here: https://www.preventchildabusefl.org/pinwheels-for-prevention Candice Schottenloher shared the Miami-Dade County Well-being Survey has been launched and is now open. All materials are available in English, Spanish, and Creole. To access the survey, please access here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025_Wellbeing 	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. The next Children Issues Committee meeting will be held virtually on Friday, April 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	
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