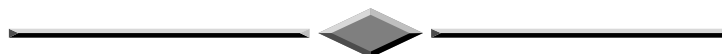




# Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade

**BLACK INFANT HEALTH PRACTICE INITIATIVE (BIHPI)**  
Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Dade County Medical Association (DCMA)  
1501 N.W. North River Drive, Miami, FL 33125  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



## **I. Welcome & Introductions**

*Kalenthia Nunnally-Bain, Board President*

## **II. Black Infant Health Practice Initiative (BIHPI) Update**

*Tamara Taitt, Communications & Programs Specialist*  
*Kalenthia Nunnally-Bain, Board President*

## **III. Review of Community Action Plan Objectives**

*Diana Sierra, Consultant*  
*Tamara Taitt, Communications & Programs Specialist*

## **IV. Next Steps**

*All*



**BLACK INFANT HEALTH PRACTICE INITIATIVE (BIHPI)  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Dade County Medical Association (DCMA)  
1501 N.W. North River Drive, Miami, FL 33125**

**Members Present:** Kalenthia Nunnally-Bain (President, Board of Directors), Jorge Alonso (Miami-Dade Community-Office of HIV/AIDS), Rev. Shirley L. Brown (Baptist Health South Florida/CHAMP), Sharon DeJoy (The Children’s Trust), Rev. Charles Dinkins (Hosanna Community Foundation), Dr. Shahnaz Duara (UMSM Department of Pediatrics), Judith Duclot-Fletcher (Health Choice Network), Corina Fitch (Bellymama Midwifery), Joyce B. Forchion (HBBFHC), Edline Hall (Hall Group/Atelier St. Joseph), Brodes Hartley Jr. (Community Health of South Florida, Inc.), Patricia Joassin-Rouzeau (YWCA of Greater Miami-Dade), Marie Jose Ledan (YWCA), Cortes M. Lewis (Tuff Love, Inc.), Latasha Moore (Miami-Dade AHEC, Inc.), Dr. Gina Morgan-Smith (Institute for Child and Family Health, Inc.), Dahlia Porter (Miami Maternity Center), Sheila Simms-Watson (Spirit of Life Midwifery), Dr. Cleide Suguihara (UM Department of Pediatrics-Division of Neonatology)

**Staff:** Tamara Taitt (Communications & Programs Specialist) and Barbara Martin (Administrative Assistant)

**I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**..... *Tamara Taitt  
Communications & Programs Specialist*

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Self introductions were made.

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES**.....*All*

The draft minutes from the previous BIHPI CAT meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were distributed. The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes.

**III. BLACK INFANT HEALTH PRACTICE INITIATIVE COMMUNITY UPDATE** ..... *Tamara Taitt  
Communications & Programs Specialist*

- Black Infant Health Practice Initiative Community Action Team Meeting on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 between 6:30pm and 8:30pm at the Dade County Medical Association located at 1501 N.W. North River Drive, Miami, FL 33125. The purpose of this meeting is to complete the Strategic Action Plan.
- Black Infant Health Practice Initiative Community Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 between 7:00pm and 10:00pm at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center located at 6161 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33142. The purpose of this meeting is to have a community call to action.

**IV. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GOALS**..... *Tamara Taitt*

- Goal # 1: Improve quality healthcare services provided to women of childbearing age.
- Goal # 2: Support public policies that facilitate reduction of disparities in infant mortality in Miami-Dade County.
- Goal # 3: Engage a variety of partners in creative community action to reduce infant mortality and social inequality.

**V. COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES**.....Tamara Taitt  
Communications & Programs Specialist

- Goal # 1 Objectives:
  1. Increase access and affordability of healthcare (for everyone).
  2. Increase availability of prioritized services for maternal/infant care.
  3. Increase availability of culturally appropriate services.
- Goal # 2 Objectives:
  1. Educate policy makers on the social determinants of infant mortality.
  2. Establish collaborative relationships with existing organizations working with Legislators.
  3. Increase Political and Social accountability through advocacy, education, and awareness.
- Goal # 3 Objectives:
  1. Educate the general public on how sources of inequality contribute to infant mortality.
  2. Foster Community Collaboration.
  3. Ensure the continued engagement of members of the communities affected by disparate rates of black infant mortality by including them on the Community Action Team.

**VI. ACTION STEPS**

- Action Steps were drafted by members.

**VII. GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**.....All

- Define quality healthcare.

The next Black Infant Health Practice Initiative Community Action Team Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Dade County Medical Association located at 1501 N.W. North River Drive, Miami, FL 33125.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.