

# Governing Board

March 21, 2012

Madeleine Romanello, Chair

# Introductions

☀ Ms. Madeleine Romanello, Chair

☀ In attendance:

Elizabeth Karwowski, *Get Credit Healthy*

Ariel Orta, *Nautilus Middle School*

Cheryl Polite-Eaford, *Choices Et Al, Inc.*

Deborah Ruggiero, *Teen Job Corps*

Nelson Santiago, *UNIDAD of Miami Beach*

Cecilia De Loof, *Ayuda*

Nathan Gomez, *Switchboard of Miami*

Madeleine Romanello, *Chamber of Commerce*

Geiry Sterling, *Miami Beach Senior High School*

Marcela Abello, *Aspira of Florida*

Nashely Villegas, *UNIDAD of Miami Beach*

Silvia Reyes, *Barry University*

Talmage Thornhill, *City of Miami Beach*

Maria Ruiz, *City of Miami Beach*

Mark Wohl, *Member*

Jeannette Egozi, *Stand Up! For Those Who Can't*

Rose Hedgemond, *Avenues of Excellence*

Eliyahu Kutoff, *Mechina of South Florida*

# Programmatic Update – Playing the Game of Life

- ☼ Ms. Jeannette Egozi, Executive Director
- ☼ Open slots at Happy Children for 3 year olds – we need 5 kids
- ☼ Please obtain additional information at [www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com](http://www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com) or by calling 305-798-KIDZ (5439)

# Programmatic Update – Stand Up for Those Who Can't

- ☼ Ms. Jeannette Egozi, Executive Director
  
- ☼ Aetna Grant for Obesity Prevention with 3 year olds begins April 1st with starting programming on April 30th. It is a 10-week program featuring:
  - ☼ Visual Arts – teaching nutrition and healthy food choices
  - ☼ Dance
  - ☼ Weekly Newsletters
  - ☼ Family Involvement Activity
  - ☼ End of Cycle performance
  
- ☼ Program is provided at the following locations:
  - ☼ Happy Kids- Miami Beach
  - ☼ Alberto's Dream Child Care – North Miami
  - ☼ Happy Children of Overtown – Overtown
  - ☼ Fantasy Land – Westchester
  
- ☼ Please obtain additional information at [www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com](http://www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com) or by calling 305-798-KIDZ (5439)

# Programmatic Update – Teens Are Lifelong Learners

## ☀ Ms. Cecilia De Loof

- ☀ Wilfredo Seda no longer with agency
  - ☀ Program provided at Miami Beach Senior High School and North Shore Park and Youth Center. Twenty (20) slots remain open.
  - ☀ T.A.L.L. Program with its Positive Action Curriculum has served teens for approximately 200 hours.
  - ☀ The Positive Action curriculum contains a total of 6 units: Self- Concept, Physical and Intellectual Positive Actions for a healthy Body and Mind, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for managing yourself responsibly, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Getting Along with Others, and Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Being Honest with Yourself and Others, and Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Improving Yourself Continually.
  - ☀ T.A.L.L. has covered the first 3 units from the Positive Action Curriculum. The impact in a number of children has been a way that they can manage positively difficult family situations and prevent negative social outcomes.
  - ☀ T.A.L.L. had the first Family Bonding on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the North Shore Park and Youth Center.
  - ☀ Currently preparing the second Family Bonding at Oleta River on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012
- ☀ Referrals to [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)

# Programmatic Update – Parents Now

## ☼ Ms. Cecila De Loof

- ☼ **Parents Now:** A program consisting of home visits, individual and family counseling, psycho-educational groups, and community networking to empower and enrich at-risk families of children; infant to 10 years of age. Parents are taught about brain development, parenting skills, communication skills, reading to children, family meetings, conflict resolution, community services, and good nutrition, quality use of free time, and support and buddy systems among the families. Additionally, speaker workshops are prepared for their cultural enhancement. Referrals for this program are only accepted from the Department of Children and Families.
- ☼ Parents Now Program is currently serving 8 families referred by DCF and Courts
- ☼ Sessions are bilingual to better accommodate client's needs. Target areas currently being served: Miami, Hialeah, and Miami Lakes. Improvement in the areas of communication and self-esteem has been observed.
- ☼ No graduations at the present time. Capacity to serve 21 additional youth.
- ☼ Next expected graduation is in 7 weeks.
- ☼ New intake completed on 3/2/12
- ☼ **Information at [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)**

# Programmatic Update – Family Empowerment

☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof

☼ **Family Empowerment:** A program designed to help juvenile first time offenders 12- 18 years old. We teach families, in a psycho-educational group setting, how to enhance their communication skills, positively resolve conflicts, learn anger management skills, and develop self-esteem enhancement skills, among others. We serve families in the Miami Beach, Hialeah and North Miami Beach areas. Referrals from this program are only accepted from the Juvenile Services Department.

☼ Contracted number of clients to be served throughout the year: 44

☼ Number clients accessing service: 23

☼ 3 new referrals clients are scheduled for next week

☼ Target areas currently being served: Miami Beach and Hialeah

☼ Sessions are bilingual to better accommodate client's needs. School visits and drug test are conducted

☼ 7 clients successfully graduated

☼ Information at [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)

# Programmatic Update – Here for You

- ☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ☼ **Here for You:** This Elderly Services Program provides social services to persons age 60 and over. The goals of the program are to assist elders in maintaining their independence in their community; to improve their nutritional status; to enhance the quality of their lives; to provide them with support and security and to provide their caregivers with assistance and relief so that they can continue to provide care.
- ☼ Contracted number of clients to be served throughout the year: 20
- ☼ Number clients accessing service: 12
- ☼ 6 clients currently receiving homemaker service. Biweekly counseling Home visits also provided.
- ☼ Referrals to community services as client's need.
- ☼ Referrals at [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)



# Programmatic Update – Morning All Stars

- ☼ Ms. Katie Klose, Program Coordinator
  - ☼ Referral Vacancies - Room for up to 50 more youth
  - ☼ Eligibility – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders; program sites include: Nautilus Middle, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, Boys & Girls Club – Flamingo Park, and Teen Club (Recreation)
  - ☼ Beginning March 19, afternoon sessions will be offered to Nautilus students on Mondays and Wednesdays.
  - ☼ Summer programming is available. Program is free of charge.
  - ☼ Referral to [katherineklose@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:katherineklose@miamibeachfl.gov)

**Informational Item**

# Programmatic Update – Parent-Child Home Program

- ☼ Ms. Cristina Denis, Program Coordinator
  - ☼ Current Enrollment – Program is now closed for enrollment
  - ☼ Fall Enrollment – Applications now being accepted
- ☼ Eligibility –
  - ☼ Miami Beach residents; and
  - ☼ Children between 16 months and 36 months old; and
  - ☼ Low-income households
- ☼ Information contact: [cristinadenis@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:cristinadenis@miamibeachfl.gov)

**Informational Item**

# Programmatic Update – Success University

- ☼ Ms. Talmage Thornhill, Program Coordinator
  - ☼ Current Enrollment – 63 youth and their families
  - ☼ Referral Vacancies – Ample room for new referrals
  - ☼ Eligibility – 11 or more absences and attending school in Miami Beach
  - ☼ Referral to [talmagethornhill@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:talmagethornhill@miamibeachfl.gov)

**Staff to work with Partners to explore the creation of a “script” as a means of empowering frontline staff to properly communicate scope and expectations of program participation.  
FORWARD TO APRIL AGENDA.**

# Programmatic Update – Success University

Agency	Late	Care Plan Contact	Completed	Referred	Contracted
Ayuda	2	<u>0</u>	7	9	32
Aspira	1	<u>0</u>	5	10	32
Barry Univ.	1	<u>3</u>	9	12	36
Contractor	0	<u>3</u>	5	6	17
Stand Up	2	<u>3</u>	8	9	19
Switchboard	0	<u>0</u>	5	5	32
Unidad	2	<u>0</u>	8	10	36

Ms. Egozi raised the issue of increasing paid contacts for clients. Ms. Ruiz noted the need to draw down existing contacts funds before positioning to seek additional ones. This issue should be brought back in anticipation of 2012/13 contract including the explorative use of a proportional needs formula.  
**FORWARD TO APRIL AGENDA.**

# Good & Welfare

- ☼ Effective April 1, 2012 our Executive Director, Dr. Robert Nolan will step down and Dr. Juan Gonzalez will take over as the Executive Director of the Institute for Child and Family Health, Inc.
- ☼ CEO Series launches with **The Contractor Service Model: A Primer for the Recruitment and Management of Contracted Staff** on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 11am, City Manager's Small Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall. *Open only to CEOs and executive management members.* RSVP to [mariaruiz@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:mariaruiz@miamibeachfl.gov)
- ☼ Free tax prep services are available through City of Miami Beach via appointment. Call 305-673-7491
- ☼ City of Miami Beach 2012/13 CDBG applications are tentatively available March 8<sup>th</sup> and due April 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact [briangillis@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:briangillis@miamibeachfl.gov)
- ☼ Mr. Wilfredo Seda is no longer with Ayuda, Inc.