

# Governing Board

May 16, 2012

Madeleine Romanello, Chair

# Introductions

☀ Ms. Madeleine Romanello, Chair

☀ In attendance:

Elizabeth Karwowski, *Get Credit Healthy*  
Cheryl Polite-Eaford, *Choices Et Al, Inc.*  
Deborah Ruggiero, *Teen Job Corps*  
Nelson Santiago, *UNIDAD of Miami Beach*  
Nathan Gomez, *Switchboard of Miami*  
Madeleine Romanello, *Chamber of Commerce*  
Geiry Sterling, *Miami Beach Senior High School*  
Marcela Abello, *Aspira of Florida*  
Lucy DelValle, *Aspira of Florida*  
Sandra Rojas, *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*  
Elmase Hoffman, *Stand Up! For Those Who Can't*  
Diana Susi, *Ayuda*  
Calvetta Phair, *On It Foundation*

# Programmatic Update – Playing the Game of Life

- ☼ Ms. Jeannette Egozi, Executive Director
- ☼ Program has been refunded by The Children’s Trust
- ☼ 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)

Informational Item

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

- ☼ Ms. Jeannette Egozi, Executive Director
- ☼ Aetna Grant for Obesity Prevention with 3 year olds is currently underway.
- ☼ Partnering with Master Sang's Tae Kwon Do academy for Summer Camp for \$159/week
- ☼ We take Full Medicaid, HMO Humana, Molina for speech therapy.
- ☼ Please obtain additional information at [www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com](http://www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com) or by calling 305-798-KIDZ (5439)

Informational Item

# Programmatic Update – Teens Are Lifelong Learners

- ☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ☼ 74 clients enrolled with room for 75.
- ☼ 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 and will start Unit 4.
- ☼ Referrals to [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)

Informational Item

# Programmatic Update – Parents Now

- ☀ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ☀ Parents Now Program is currently serving 10 families.
- ☀ Target areas currently being served: Miami, Hialeah, Miami Lakes and Miami Gardens.
- ☀ Sessions are bilingual to better accommodate client needs.
- ☀ Two Parents successfully finish the 13 weeks program.
- ☀ Information at [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)

Informational Item

# Programmatic Update – Family Empowerment

- ☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ☼ Client roster has met expectations
- ☼ 2 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
- ☼ 14 clients successfully graduated.
- ☼ Information at [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)

**Informational Item**

# Programmatic Update – Here for You

- ⚙ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ⚙ Contracted number of clients to be served throughout the year: 20
- ⚙ Number clients accessing service: 16
- ⚙ 12 clients currently receiving homemaker service.
- ⚙ Referrals at [dianasusi@ayudamiami.org](mailto:dianasusi@ayudamiami.org)

**Informational Item**



# Programmatic Update – Morning All Stars

- ☀ Ms. Katie Klose, Program Coordinator
- ☀ All Stars has begun recruiting participants for two summer cohorts that will meet twice a week for seven weeks. Our staff will provide transportation for the participants and the groups will take place at City Hall.
- ☀ Referral to [katherineklose@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:katherineklose@miamibeachfl.gov)

# 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
- ⚙ The renewal contract is scheduled to go The Children’s Trust Board for approval on May 14, 2012 4pm-6pm.
- ⚙ Information contact: [cristinadenis@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:cristinadenis@miamibeachfl.gov)

# Programmatic Update – Success University

- ☼ Ms. Talmage Thornhill, Program Coordinator
  - ☼ Current Enrollment – 103 youth and their families
  - ☼ Referral Vacancies – Ample room for new referrals
  - ☼ Eligibility – 11 or more absences and attending school in Miami Beach
  - ☼ 2012/2013 PY draft Scope of Services submitted; program budget to be submitted by 5/23; TCT Board approved renewal on Monday night.
  - ☼ Referral to [talmagethornhill@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:talmagethornhill@miamibeachfl.gov)

# 2012/13 Success University

- ⚙ The following contract changes keeping with long-term services plan were reviewed at the 2012/13 Renegotiation meeting held May 1<sup>st</sup> :
  - ⚙ Benchmarks for work quality established and defined
  - ⚙ Interim progress benchmarks established
  - ⚙ Additional Care Plan contact added
  - ⚙ Clients not meeting 75% of Care Plan completion at second Care Plan contact will be redirected for service re-engagement
  - ⚙ Failure to maintain compliance will trigger contract termination
  - ⚙ Performance Ratings weight performance more heavily

# Service Day 2012

☼ Mr. Mark Wohl, Member

☼ “For information, [mwohl@thecharregroup.com](mailto:mwohl@thecharregroup.com)

**Action 1 – Motion was made by Ms. Ruggiero and seconded by Ms. Polite-Eaford to extend board membership to representatives of Nautilus Middle and Biscayne Elementary Parent Teacher Associations. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Action 2 – A subcommittee was formed to address service day efforts including: Mr. Wohl, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Reyes and Ms. Santiago.**

**Action 3 – Target day for event is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ruiz to review City’s master calendar as well as explore activities and event agenda.**

# On It Foundation

☼ Ms. Calvetta Phair, President and Founder

☼ “For information, [phair@theonitfoundation.org](mailto:phair@theonitfoundation.org)

**Ms. Phair presented. Several Partners in attendance offered to provide information about available space for use by the foundation.**

**Ms. Ruiz encouraged another conversation with the Beacon Council regarding possible supports for a robotics business.**

# Trust RFP - 2013

- ☼ Need to begin identifying a second funding track for the Partnership. Among the topics discussed at the May 1<sup>st</sup> contract renegotiation meeting:
  - ☼ Bullying
  - ☼ Advocacy and support for youth with special needs
  - ☼ Families and Schools Together (FAST)
- ☼ Reminder that RFLI in the fall will be precursor to selection of grant partners

**Partners are encouraged to offer any additional areas of interest for consideration.**

# Good & Welfare

- ☼ Discovering Inclusion Birth to Age 5 Training presented by CCDH and hosted by the City of Miami Beach on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the First Floor Conference Room.
- ☼ **CEO Series:** *The Service Spectrum*, Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Meeting is open to CEOs and members of the executive management team.
- ☼ Hispanic immigrants in the US 5 years or less with a child aged 14 -22 are being sought for a University of Central Florida research study. Participants are compensated for participation. Contact [mariaruiz@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:mariaruiz@miamibeachfl.gov)



# Good & Welfare

- ✿ Incorporating Interventions into Everyday Routines Birth to 5 presented by CCDH and hosted by the City of Miami Beach on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Third Floor Training Room, 1755 Meridian Avenue.

**Ms. Susi encouraged Partners to attend recognition ceremony for her program on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am – 2pm at North Shore Youth Center.**

**Ms. Romanello encouraged Partners to inform residents about Memorial Day events so as to minimize negative impact.**

**Mr. Santiago discussed participation by his students at UM commencement and encouraged the Partners to explore participation by SU youth next year.**

**Ms. Reyes reported that the Miami-Dade County School Board was recognizing the Parent Child Home Program at today's board meeting.**