

MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL READINESS COALITION

Board Meeting

May 20, 2003

8 a.m.

United Way of Miami-Dade – Ansin Building

3250 SW Third Ave.

Miami, Florida 33129

Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition board members present:

Imran Ali	Vickie Burley	Marisel Elias-Miranda	Willie Ivory
Patricia G. Johnson	Yvonne T. Johnson	Robert H. Kelly	Silvia La Villa
David Lawrence Jr.	Dabney Park	Marta Perez	Silvia M. Quintana
Jane Robinson	Lourdes C. Rovira	Gerald Schwartz	Lucia Vicencio
Barbara Weinstein			

Others in attendance:

Carole Abbott	Hilary Abel	Ivonne Anton	Ivette Aponte-Torres
Juanita Armbrister	Roni Bader-Tables	Judith Bernhard	Lisa Blair
Maria E. Binelo	Wil Blechman	Norma Brieler	Linda Carmona Sanchez
Ted Castellanos	Lisa Challenger	Christina Clowdus	Ann de las Pozas
Yesenia Diaz	Ruth Doran	Warren Eldridge	Manuel Fermin
Michelle Fries	Jorge Gechof	Susan Gold	Deborah Harbour
Pilar Hinestrosa	Chuck Hood	Betty Key	Michelle Leon
Donald Manning	Erica Mc Kinney	Mayra E. Martinez	Yvette Medina
Rose Mary Moreno	Norman Nierenberg	Frank O'Loughlin	Ardene Patterson
Ivonne Ramirez	Eduardo Rivera	Julie Riveron-Bello	Gina Romero
Bethany Sands	Ana Segal	Ana Sejeck	Rick Signori
Gloria Simms	Jerome Steers	Timothy Weeks	Marie Woodson
Robyn Yglesias	Aygun Yeakey		

David Lawrence welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

David Lawrence requested a motion for approval of the March 12 minutes.

Motion: Barbara Weinstein
Second: Patricia Johnson
Motion was unanimously approved.

BY-LAWS REVISION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Willie Ivory, Chair of the Nominating Committee requested a motion to approve the new Executive Committee Slate:

Patricia G. Johnson - Co-Chair
Willie Ivory – Co-Chair
Lourdes Rovira – Vice Chair
Vickie Burley – Secretary
Dabney Park – Treasurer

Motion: Jerry Schwartz
Second: Robert Kelly
Motion was unanimously approved.

Willie also requested a motion to approve the Amendment to By-Law to change the term from two years to three:

Motion: Silvia Quintana
Second: Patricia Johnson
Motion was unanimously approved.

CEO SEARCH COMMITTEE

David Lawrence informed the board that he has asked Bud Park to take over the CEO Search for the Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition.

David proposed to the board that he serve as Chair of the CEO Search Committee. The following are board members who will serve on the committee, with David; Willie Ivory, Patricia Johnson, Barbara Weinstein, Vickie Burley, Jane Robinson, Jerry Schwartz, Silvia La Villa.

The first meeting of the CEO Search committee will be held within 10 days to discuss the job description.

UNIVERSAL PRE-K

David Lawrence informed the board that a group of people around the state including Lt. General Toni Jennings, will be meeting before July 1 to discuss details on Universal Pre-k. This advisory board will make recommendations by October 2003 to the State Board of Education, and the legislature of the State of Florida. By March and April of 2004 the standards for pre-k may be set.

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

David Lawrence reported on The Children's Trust. A number of meetings have taken place to find out how to decide on what would make short term and long term differences. At the present time a CEO has not been hired, but by the July 17 board meeting The Children's Trust should be able to name the new CEO.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ivonne Ramirez presented to the board the Financial Statement for March 2003. Cash on hand was \$2.7 million, and accounts receivable was \$21 million consisting of February and March invoices for the two central agencies. No significant change in fixed assets. Current liability is \$20 million, which is what is owed to the central agencies. On the Consolidated Statement of Activities the \$2.2 million variance under revenue for the State of Florida Early Education Fund is expected to decrease within the next few months based on the Spending Plan meetings and forecasting from the central agencies and their increased enrollment efforts, There were no major variances under Operating Expenses. Salaries and benefits were under budget.

Ivonne present to the board the 2003-2004 budget, which was reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 19. Under the budget there is a projected loss, which represents the depreciation. Ivonne explained that It is not a cash loss.

Jerry Schwartz requested a motion to approve the Budget for 2003 - 2004.

Motion: Willie Ivory
Second: Patricia Johnson

Motion was unanimously approved.

ASSESSMENT INTERVENTION PROGRAM (AIP)

Warren Eldridge informed the board that we have a geographic breakdown for the pre-assessment and are in the process of turning it in more readable. We have noticed tremendous improvement in the post-assessment process.

ACCREDITATION TASK FORCE

Lucia Vicencio reported to the board that the Accreditation Task Force has continued to work with the coalition in order to allocate all the necessary resources to increase the number of accredited centers in the community.

ACCREDITATION REPORT

Ivette Aponte-Torres informed the board that as of May 20, the number of accredited facilities in Miami-Dade County is 125. Of that total, CDS has 49 facilities or 12.4 percent of its 395 contracted early care and education programs, and Family Central has 36 facilities or 15 percent of its 245 contracted early care and education programs.

STAR RATING SYSTEM

Chuck Hood informed the board that there is a meeting of the Star Rating System following the board meeting. At this meeting committee groups will be formed to discuss 10 items that will be used for measuring quality in the star rating system. We are extending the star rating system not only to our 0-5 population, but also to the after school population.

NEW BUSINESS

David Lawrence congratulated Chuck Hood as the new District Administrator for District 11 in the Florida Department of Children and Families. In the interim, Warren Eldridge will oversee the daily operations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Signed and approved by:

Vickie Burley
Board Secretary

Date