

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust**

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April 21, 2010  
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**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2010**

The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) convened in a meeting at the Office of MDEAT Board Room, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine Room #106, on April 21, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., there being present: Chairman Robert Holland, Esq., Vice Chairman Marc Douthit, Esq., Ms. Stephanye Johnson, Ms. Barbara Montero, Mr. Carlos Morales, and Ms. Natasha K. Nalls (Mr. Ron Butler, Mr. Richard Kuper, Reverend Walter T. Richardson, Ms. Tamika Robinson, Ms. Leigh Toney and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers, and were absent ).

**ROLL CALL**

The following staff members were present: Executive Director John Dixon, Ms. Laverne Carlile, Ms. Maria de la Portilla, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Melba Gasque, Ms. Pamela Green, Mr. Williams Simmons, Mr. Anthony Williams and Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer.

Chairman Holland called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m., and noted that due to the lack of a quorum, only information item reports would be heard at today's (4/21) meeting. He also noted that a special MDEAT meeting would be held on April 29, 2010 to vote on the following Board Action Items: 1-A Teen Court Youth Conference; 1-B MDEAT Procurement Fair; 1-C Green Certifications and approval of previous MDEAT minutes.

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**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- I. Board Action Items**
  - A. Teen Court Youth Conference**
  - B. MDEAT Procurement Fair**

Chairman Holland noted that the Procurement Fair had a budget of \$10,000 and requested that Mr. Dixon provide him with an itemized list for the Fair.

- C. Green Certifications**
- II. Information Items**
  - A. Economic Development Action Committee Report**

Mr. John Dixon, Executive Director, MDEAT provided an update of the Economic Development Action (EDA) Committee Report. He noted that the members of the EDA Committee held its first public meeting in the community on April 8, 2010 at Florida

Memorial College. The topic of the meeting was "Bridging the Gap of the Digital Divide in Our Community," and the keynote speaker was Ms. Maggie Pedraza of Alliance for Digital Equality (The Alliance), noted Mr. Dixon. Detailed information was provided on how to get urban areas within cities and countrywide interested in digital technology and information regarding the digital divide. Mr. Dixon noted that Ms. Pedraza was currently targeting Miami-Dade County, particularly Liberty City area to teach the residents and businesses how to use digital technology to enhance their lives. Mr. Dixon pointed out that The Alliance was able to provide a number of computers to the residents of a Liberty City housing project; however, Comcast charged an \$80 monthly fee for internet services. Ms. Pedraza was able to get Comcast to lower the monthly service fee to \$10 for individuals participating in the program; Mr. Dixon noted that MDEAT's focus was more business related. A FMU professor attending the meeting suggested using FMU as an information/technology hub for businesses within the Miami Gardens area. Mr. Dixon said that they also discussed the idea of the economic corridor in Miami Gardens and creating the corridor, possibly on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, this would allow FMU to serve as an information/technology hub and provide potential employment opportunities for students at FMU. He said the hub stations would benefit the entire North Dade/Miami Gardens area. Mr. Dixon noted the topic regarding WiFi was discussed as well and the idea of creating hot spots within black communities, which was currently nonexistent.

Mr. Dixon noted that the members of the EDA determined that a subcommittee was needed in order to review how to access grant dollars regarding economic advocacy and development in North Dade or other areas. He also noted that the Economic Development Committee will host meetings in the evening to allow people within the community to attend and give their input. Mr. Dixon said he wanted provide information directly to the community and to receive their input. He also noted each committee would have its own community forum.

In response to Chairman Holland's inquiry regarding how many people attended the April 8, 2010 public meeting and how the meeting was advertised, Ms. Nalls stated approximately 20 people attended the meeting.

Mr. Dixon noted the meeting was advertised via radio, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Regional Minority Purchasing Council.

Chairman Holland expressed concern regarding the cost of radio advertisements and suggested in an effort to prevent spending funds on advertising, to schedule meetings and make announcements of those dates during the community meetings.

With regard to creating an economic business corridor within the City of Miami Gardens, Mr. Dixon noted he met with the City of Miami Gardens' Assistant City Manager to discuss the creation of an economic business corridor. He said the idea was to identify a group of businesses within close proximity that could interface based on their operations and provide these businesses with funding and technical assistance. Mr. Dixon noted companies receiving grants would have to hire an intern from FMU, this created synergy for the entire area's benefit. He noted 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 167<sup>th</sup> Street and 441 (northeast 2<sup>nd</sup>

Avenue) were discussed as possible areas to create the business corridor. He also noted the City of Miami Gardens was chosen because funds were available and would match funds with MDEAT towards this initiative.

Mr. Dixon noted he met with Mr. Leroy Jones, Executive Director, Neighbors And Neighbors Association (NANA) to collaborate on economic development. He said Mr. Jones agreed to be a member of the Economic Development Action Committee.

Ms. Barbara Montero suggested holding a forum to invite all Economic Development Organizations in an effort to develop partnerships.

Chairman Holland noted that MDEAT did not have the resources to make the economic development impact that was needed, but if other organizations were brought in and MDEAT served as an advocate it would be easier to focus on initiatives.

### **B. Housing Action Committee Report**

Ms. Stephanye Johnson presented a brief report regarding the Housing Action Committee and noted that the Housing Action Committee conducted small interactive meetings in an effort to set up alliances with different groups. She also noted that as a result of these meetings the committee had great exposure to many different types of events. The forthcoming Family Empowerment Series was tentatively scheduled to be held at Florida Memorial College on June 12, 2010, which was a major countywide event that focused on working with families noted Ms. Johnson. She named the following organizations that had already involved with the series: South Florida Board of Realtors, Miami-Dade County, the Delta Educational Charitable Health Initiative, the Collective Banking Group, and the Youth Impact Ministries. She noted she was still putting forth effort to involve more organizations. Ms. Johnson said Mr. Kelvin Boston of the television program Moneywise with Kelvin Boston was known as one of the premier guru's in financial literacy as it relates to the African American Community had committed to joining the Empowerment Series. Mr. Boston expressed being committed to providing funding for the venue. Ms. Johnson reported that she was working in conjunction with Home for USA and their program Project Rebound; she explained that the Project Rebound program dealt with the acquisition of existing foreclosed houses at deep discounts and they were looking for support, and we are looking to acquire some of these homes and help them move their program forward. Ms. Johnson said we have also been conducting outreach activities, we have the Teachers Initiative coming up this weekend on Saturday April 21, 2010 being held at Booker T. Washington Senior High School, we will have many different people there to discuss the program, and the different types of down payment assistance programs available to them.

### **C. Youth Action Committee Report**

Mr. Anthony Williams gave the Youth Action Committee Report. He noted the committee met on March 2, 2010 and the next meeting would be held at the Joseph Caleb

Center on April 29, 2010; he noted May's meeting would be held in the evening to allow the community members to be present and voice their concerns. Mr. Williams said the contract with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools was passed on May 12, 2010, he noted that he was working with School Board staff to coordinate the tutorial program and the stipend as well. Mr. Williams said a social meet and greet will be held for Judge Brown acknowledging his ascension within the court system and he would return with details regarding this event at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Dixon noted that this initiative was an opportunity to further market and promote the Teen Court Program. He said they had reached out to particular groups to educate people about Teen Court and its benefits. He noted exposing Teen Court to the actual court system informed them about how they could benefit from using Teen Court as a sanctioning alternative for juveniles. Mr. Dixon pointed out that he learned from the Chief Judge of Juvenile that they could not sentence a defendant to Teen Court and that this was a way they could refer juveniles that may benefit from the program.

Vice Chairman Marc Douthit pointed out the Diversionary Program was widely utilized because everyone was familiar with this program and this was an attempt to familiarize the Judges and the court system with the Teen Court Program as another alternative option.

Mr. Williams noted over 100 volunteers had signed up to be involved with the Teen Court Program at the Fair; he said this was another opportunity to expose the program to the community. Mr. Williams noted that on April 19, 2010 he attended City of Miami Commissioner Dunn's meeting regarding the teen curfew which would go into effect on May 1, 2010. He noted the meeting was held to address the curfew and make the community aware of the curfew and what would occur if their teen was picked up during a curfew sweep. Mr. Williams said that this was an opportunity to discuss this teen curfew at the Teen Summits.

## **Strategic Plan Update**

### **D. Initial Budget Hearing Report**

Mr. Jose Gonzalez reported that he attended the first resource allocation meeting between MDEAT and the Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) meeting on March 23, 2010, other attendees included Hugo Salazar, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM), Amber Riviere, Budget Analyst, OSBM and Paul Mauriello, Business Analyst Manager, OSBM and staff; Irene Taylor-Wooten, Assistant County Manager and staff; Ines Beecher, Budget Coordinator, Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA), Maria Abreu, Budget Analyst, OCA; John Dixon, Director, MDEAT, Jose Gonzalez, Fiscal Manager, MDEAT, Anthony Williams, Youth Director, MDEAT and Eric Johnson, Housing Assistance Program Director, MDEAT. A projection of the county's General Fund revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011 was given, the county projected a deficit of \$200 million on the General Fund. Mr. Gonzalez noted the challenges MDEAT faced were discussed. He noted a budget proposal of \$529,000 for administration from the General Fund, \$330,000 for economic development,

\$1,275,000,000 for housing and \$1,742,000,000 for Teen Court, with a total of 24 positions. Mr. Gonzalez stated that discussion ensued regarding the impact of the new documentary stamp surtax legislation with regard to the 10% maximum administrative charges against collected revenues. Regarding the Teen Court Program, Ms. Riviere pointed out that the \$3.00 traffic surcharge collections were approximately 11% less than last years, this represented a reduction of \$120,000.00.

Chairman Holland suggested to the staff to come up with ways to increase the administrative and economic development funds raised. He noted considering MDEAT was an advocacy trust there may be a need to bring additional staff to deal with issues within the community.

**E. Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Teachers Initiative**

**F. Fiscal Report**

**G. Housing Unit Report**

**H. Teen Court Unit Report**

**I. MDEAT 2010 Census Campaign**

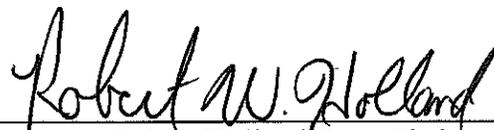
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Chairman Holland noted that the three action items on today's (4/21) agenda needed to be voted on by next week. He informed trust members that he would recess today's meeting until Thursday April 29, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**



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Mr. Robert Holland Esq., Chairman  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust



# Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

April 21, 2010

Prepared by: Zorana Gainer

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Sorry but unfortunately I also cannot attend. I will be in tallahassee for Dade days.

Carlos Morales

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

**TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010**

**TIME: 3:30 PM**

**LOCATION: BISCAYNE BUILDING  
19 WEST FLAGLER STREET – SUITE M-106  
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130**



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**ACTION ITEM I. A**  
**TEEN COURT YOUTH CONFERENCE**



## MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL

**TO:** Members of the MDEAT Trust  
**FROM:**   
John Dixon  
Executive Director  
**DATE:** April 16, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Miami-Dade County Teen Court Engaging Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference

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### PURPOSE OF ITEM

The purpose of this item is to have the Board of Directors of Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust authorize an expenditure not exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) permitting Miami-Dade County Teen Court to host the Third (3rd) Annual Youth Conference in May 2010.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust, Miami-Dade County Teen Court Program, which diverts youth from the criminal justice system, proposes to host a Third Annual Youth Conference in May 2010. This initiative is aimed at affording youth an opportunity to engage in discussions and activities that assist in the development of responsible citizens. The conference will foster leadership skills such as problem-solving, decision making and critical thinking. Various speakers from a cross-section of the community will address youth concerning decision making, improving relations, and reducing violence.

The conference is an effort to meet three goals to address the needs of the targeted population:

1. An intervention effort to facilitate diverting youth through structured discussion of topics to preventing violence in the community.
2. Better prepare those students who will serve as jurors, bailiffs, attorneys and clerks to advocate/make decision on behalf of the client.

3. Assist youth in the Teen Court Program to clarify their values which will contribute to improving decision making and prevention of involvement in the legal system.

The conference will provide the following benefits:

- Provide students with an understanding of legal and criminal processes;
- Help develop students' public speaking, communication and interpersonal skills;
- Help foster critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and other positive leadership skills;
- Help in the development of well-educated law respecting citizens.

The format of this conference is attached and as follows:

1. An opening plenary session
2. The participants will be broken into small groups facilitated by a staff member from MDEAT.
3. Students will return to the large group to report and discuss their recommended actions.
4. Findings will be written into a report and disseminated to the appropriate decision making entities including Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, Miami-Dade County Mayor, Miami-Dade County Manager, Lester Langer, Chief Judge, Juvenile Court, Wansley Walters, Director, Juvenile Assessment Center and others.

The May 2010 conference will include the following:

*Target Group:* At-risk middle and high school students

School/Organizations	Number of Student Attendees
South Dade Senior High School	50
Booker T. Washington Senior High School	50
North Western Senior High School	50
Norland Senior High School	50
Carol City Senior High School	50
Country Club Middle School	50
South Miami Middle School	50
Opa Locka Average Breakers Club	30
Miami-Dade County Teen Court Participants	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>430</b>

*Location:* Hilton Hotel, 5101 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami, Florida 33126

*Time:* 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Transportation:* Youth will be picked up from and delivered back to their school locations by MDEAT sponsored transportation. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the conference.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact will be in an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) from the Teen Court Budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust approve staff to coordinate and implement the Youth Conference scheduled for May 10, 2010 with a budget not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) which includes an expenditure to provide breakfast and lunch due to the length of the conference and the ages of the attendees.

**Teen Court Youth Conference  
Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust**

**Youth Speaking Out Against Violence  
Hilton Hotel  
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, Florida 33126**

**May 10, 2010  
Agenda**

<b>7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration Invocation Breakfast Welcome and Greetings</b>
<b>9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Presentation Cyberbullying Florida International University</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Kionne L. McGee, Esq. Assistant State Attorney</b>
<b>10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Break-Out Sessions (6) Youth-On-Youth Violence Youth and Police Perspectives</b>
<b>11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Report From Each Group Recommended Actions</b>
<b>12 noon – 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Introduction of Speaker Keynote Address Joseph B. Washington</b>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Award Presentations</b>
<b>1:30 pm – 1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Wrap-Up</b>

MIAMI DADE ECONOMIC ADOVOCACY TRUST  
TEEN COURT  
THIRD ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

BUDGET FOR CONFERENCE

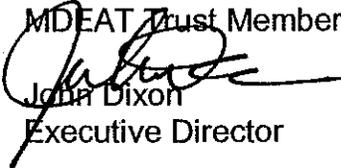
HILTON HOTEL	\$30,573.20
Breakfast for 500 attendees	
Lunch for 500 attendees	
Breakout Rooms	
Parking	\$ 100.00
Audio Visual Equipment	\$ 3,384.00
Coach Buses	
8 Buses @ \$562.00 each	\$ 4,496.00
Promotional Give Aways	\$ 6,500.00
Plaques/Awards	
10 Plaques @ \$75.00 each	\$ 750.00
Flowers for head table	\$ 200.00
Honorarium for Speaker	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,003.20</b>

**ACTION ITEM I. B**

**MDEAT PROCUREMENT FAIR**



**MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL**

**TO:** MDEAT Trust Members  
**FROM:**   
John Dixon  
Executive Director  
**DATE:** March 16, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** MDEAT Procurement Fair

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**PROPOSE OF ITEM**

The purpose of this item is to request the Board's authorization to coordinate and implement a Procurement Fair to provide an opportunity for small minority business to learn about how to do business with public and private sector entities. Participants will be able to gain first hand information from representatives of Miami Dade County's public institutions such as Miami Dade County, Miami Dade College, Florida International University, Miami Dade Public Schools, South Florida Management District and others that annually procure large amounts of goods and services. This event will enable businesses to network, receive certification information and develop relationships with local procurement offices. The Fair is scheduled for June 2010 at Florida Memorial University.

**BACKGROUND**

Historically, small minority companies have developed their business by securing public contracts. However, many of these firms receive a marginal amount of business from the total annual budget of these public procurement dollars. This has particularly been the experience of Black businesses. In these challenging economic times, it is the intent of this initiative to create a venue that will afford participants to gain access to individuals that can enhance the growth and development of their business.

**FISCAL IMPACT TO AGENCY**

The fiscal impact of this item is not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the MDEAT Economic Development budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust authorize staff to coordinate and implement the MDEAT Procurement.

**ACTION ITEM I. C**  
**GREEN CERTIFICATIONS**



**MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL**

**TO:** MDEAT Trust Members  
**FROM:**  John Dixon, Executive Director  
**DATE:** April 16, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** MDEAT Green Certifications

**PURPOSE OF ITEM**

The purpose of this item is to request the Board's authorization to coordinate and implement a class to prepare Black contractors for the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Associate examinations. The exam prep course will include information concerning Green Building and LEED Core Concepts; Green Operations; Green Building Design and Construction; and Green Interior Design. The course will afford Black contractors a greater opportunity to excel in obtaining their LEED professional credentials to compete better in the current and future construction arena.

**BACKGROUND**

Thoroughly understanding LEED and how to conserve energy and the use of more efficient building materials to reduce construction cost, is the key to future regarding commercial and residential building. Minority contractors, specifically Black contractors need to become accredited in LEED core concepts in an effort to move their businesses in a positive direction. Currently, Miami Dade County through the Department of Small Business Development is developing a plan to encourage small minority contractors to gain Green Certification. As prime contraction contractors perform County work and require sub-contractors, they will seek those firms that have Green credentials and have worked on Green projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT TO AGENCY**

The fiscal impact of this item is not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the MDEAT Economic Development budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust authorize staff to coordinate and implement the MDEAT Green Certification initiative.

**INFORMATION ITEM I. A**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**INFORMATION ITEM II. B**  
**HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT**

**INFORMATION ITEM II. C**

**YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT**

**INFORMATION ITEM II. D**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

**INFORMATION ITEM II. E**  
**INITIAL BUDGET HEARING REPORT**

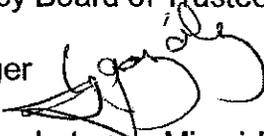


MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## Information Item

**Date:** April 16, 2010

**To:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Board of Trustees

**From:** Jose L. Gonzalez, Fiscal Manager 

**Subject:** First Resource Allocation Meeting between Miami-Dade Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) and the Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM)

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The First Resource Allocation (Budget) with OSBM took place March 23, 2010. The attendees were:

OSBM: Hugo Salazar, Deputy Director, Amber Riviere, Budget Analyst and Paul Mauriello. Business Analyst Manager.

County Manager Office (CMO): Irene Taylor-Wooden, Assistant County Manager and Mario Morlotte Assistant to Taylor-Wooden.

Office of the Commissioners Auditor (OCA): Ines Beecher, Budget Coordinator and Maria Abreu. Budget Analyst

MDEAT: John Dixon, Executive Director, Jose Gonzalez, Fiscal Manager, Anthony Williams, Youth Director and Eric Johnson, Housing Assistance Program Director.

The meeting started with an overview by Hugo Salazar regarding the County's General Fund (GF) revenue projection for FY 2010/11. As of March 2010, the county is projecting a deficit of \$200 million on the GF. OSMB is waiting on the preliminary property tax role values on June 1, 2010 to gain a better idea of the budget condition.

After the budget overview, Mr. Salazar discussed the MDEAT budget. The following information are highlights that were discussed at the OSMB/MDEAT meeting:

- OSMB and MDEAT agree that the proposed \$529,000 for Administration and \$330,000 for Economic Development will only maintain the current level of services for FY 2010-11.
- We discussed the MDEAT Housing Assistance Program and the effect of the new legislation impact on the Documentary Stamp Surtax with regards to the 10% maximum administrative charges against collected revenues.

- With respect to the Teen Court Program, it was observed by Ms. Riviere and Mr. Gonzalez that the \$3.00 traffic surcharge collections have around 11% less than last year. This is approximately a reduction of \$120,000.00.

After the discussion Mr. John Dixon informed OSBM about the following Trust issue:

- The Trust would like to transfer the economic development budget from the fund 010 to the fund 030; this will allow to carryover the funds that are not expended during the FY 2009/10 to rollover to the next Fiscal Year. As a result funds earmarked for projects in the current Fiscal Year will not be lost.

PROPOSED BUDGET 20010-11

(Dollars in thousands) Expenditures by Program	Total Funding		Total Positions	
	Budget FY 09-10	Proposed FY 10-11	Budget FY 09-10	Proposed FY 10-11
Administration	520	529	5	6
Economic Development	330	330	1	1
Housing	1,780	1,275	3	3
Teen Court	2,554	1,742	14	14
<b>Total Operating Exp.</b>	<b>5,184</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>

**INFORMATION ITEM II. F**

**HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
(HAP) TEACHERS INITIATIVE**

# MDEAT'S HAP DISTRICT 3 TEACHER INITIATIVE

## Initiative Recipient & Reservation List

as of April 10, 2010

APPLICANT(S) NAME & ADDRESS	PURCHASING ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)	PURCHASE PRICE	BCC DISTRICT	REMARKS/ COMMENTS
Nora Janvier	910 NW 89 Street Miami, FL 33150	\$244,000	2	Closed 11/20/2007
Myriene Homy	21001 NW 14 Place, Unit #245 Miami, FL 33169	\$215,198	1	CLOSED 8/14/2008
Carol D. Rahming	1610 NW 60 Street Miami, FL 33142	\$215,000	2	CLOSED 10/31/2008
Milca Exantus	20805 NE 8 Court Miami, FL 33179	\$57,000	1	CLOSED 3/13/2009
Jolayne Tullis	20444 NW 19 Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33056	\$140,000	1	CLOSED 6/26/2009
Agnes Harris Etibeng	20425 NW 15 Avenue, #b6 Miami, FL 33169	\$119,900	1	CLOSED 8/07/2009
Jennifer Hawkes	3011 SW 26 Street Miami, FL 33133	\$139,900	5	CLOSED 8/28/2009
Maria Raquel Rodriguez	79 NW 38 Street Miami, FL 33127	\$225,000	3	CLOSED 10/30/2009

APPLICANT(S) NAME & ADDRESS	PURCHASING ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)	PURCHASE PRICE	BCC DISTRICT	REMARKS/ COMMENTS
Lisa Harrison	3455 NW 195th Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056	\$141,000	1	The Mortgage Experts / HAP Approved - Pending Closing
Luz M. Deluque	TBD	TBD	TBD	Gibraltar Bank
Tajera Jackson (@Holmes Elementary)	TBD	TBD	TBD	Adrianna Gomez
Akera Lathan @ Booker T. Washington	TBD	TBD	TBD	Robin Holley

<b>TOTAL INITIATIVE ALLOCATED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
minus	
<b>8 Closed Loans (actual total \$197,000 *)</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REMAINING INITIATIVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>RESERVED AND PENDING FUNDS</b>	
1 Loan In-Process at MMAP Office	\$25,000
3 Slots Temp. Reserved - Pending Submission	\$75,000
0 Pending new contracts	
<b>RESERVED &amp; PENDING SUMMARY</b>	
3 Files w/ Temporary Reserved Funds	\$100,000
4 Remaining Unreserved Slots	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL REMAINING INITIATIVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

\* One only received \$22,000 due to required adjustment at closing to avoid cash-back to borrower

**INFORMATION ITEM II. G**  
**FISCAL REPORT**



# **MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

## **FISCAL REPORT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2009/10**

**As of March 31, 2010**

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ADMINISTRATION (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 09/10

As of March 31, 2010

Subject Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
00110 SALARIES	490,100	227,969	262,131
01010 FRINGES	186,000	79,943	106,057
01111 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	-420,000		-420,000
21110 MANAGEMENT SERVICE	30,000		30,000
22350 BOTTLED WATER & CHILLER	200	105	95
22430 OTHER OUTSIDE CONTRACT SERV	500		500
23210 GENERAL LIABILITY	11,600	11,600	0
24130 MAINT & REPAIR:OFFICE MACHINES	500	640	-140
24571 P.C. MAINT	4,000	3,494	506
24630 RADIO MAINTENANCE	300		300
25330 COPY MACHINE RENTAL	6,500	2,853	3,647
25511 PAYMENTS TO LESSOR	128,000	72,879	55,121
26028 GSA SERVICE TICKET	3,000	326	2,674
26040 GSA WORK ORDERS	3,000		3,000
26050 GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	4,000	119	3,881
26062 FM LT EQ MILEAGE	3,500	87	3,413
26067 FM POLICY CHARGES	1,000		1,000
26068 FM ACC/ABU/MOD	2,500		2,500
26077 FM-POOL VEHICLE HOURS	3,000	203	2,797
26110 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	3,000	1,290	1,710
26260 OTHER CHARGES FOR		20	-20
26613 CLERK-RECORDS STORAGE	500	50	450
31010 TELEPHONE-REGULAR	13,800	5,530	8,270
31011 TELEPHONE-LONG DISTANCE	1,400	226	1,174
31014 TELEPHONE-MTCE		75	-75
31015 CELLULAR PHONE SERVICES	5,600	1,945	3,655
31018 OTHER COMMUNICATIONS	1,100		1,100
31110 PUBLICATIONS		530	-530
31130 MEMBERSHIPS	500		500
31210 TRAVEL EXPENSE-U.S	5,000		5,000
31215 TRAVEL EXPENSE-PCA		-274	274
31220 REGISTRATION FEES	500		500
31320 PARKING REIMBURSEMENTS	400	360	40
31401 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING	4,000		4,000
31402 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING	4,000		4,000
31408 RADIO ADVERTISING	5,000		5,000
31510 OUTSIDE PRINTING	2,000		2,000
31520 GRAPHIC SERVICES	2,000	425	1,575
31540 SIGNS READY MADE		86	-86
31611 POSTAGE-REGULAR MAIL	2,000		2,000
31910 PETTY CASH EXPENDITURES	1,000		1,000

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ADMINISTRATION (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 09/10

As of March 31, 2010

<b>Subobject Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
32010 INSERVICE TRAINING	2,000	150	1,850
43231 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT		28	-28
47010 OFFICE SUPPLIES/OUTSIDE	1,000	384	616
47011 GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	6,000	1,005	4,995
47020 OFFICE EQUIP LESS THAN \$750	1,000		1,000
49310 CLOTHING AND UNIFOFORMS	500		500
49611 VIDEO SUPPLIES		35	-35
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>520,000</b>	<b>412,083</b>	<b>107,917</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 09/10

As of March 31, 2010

Subobject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
R31900	OTHER TAXES	870,000	479,867	390,133
R36100	INTEREST EARNINGS	14,000	499	13,501
	CARRYOVER	896,000	581,211	314,789
R36900	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	0	270	-270
R38900	OTHER NON REVENUE(	0	52,562	-52,562
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,780,000</b>	<b>1,114,409</b>	<b>665,591</b>
	00110 SALARIES	304,000	183,955	120,045
	01010 FRINGES	81,000	35,194	45,806
	21210 LEGAL COUNSEL	500		500
	26050 GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	500	479	21
	26052 GSA WAREHOUSE TRANSFERS		330	-330
	26616 RECORDING FEES	1,600	150	1,450
	31611 POSTAGE-REGULAR MAIL	300		300
	32010 INSERVICE TRAINING	800		800
	47011 GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	1,300	150	1,150
	60620 HAP PROGRAM	1,333,000	246,443	1,086,557
	60640 MISC	57,000		57,000
	78030 ESCROW AGENT		60	-60
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,780,000</b>	<b>466,761</b>	<b>1,313,239</b>

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 09/10**

As of March 31, 2010

<b>Subobject Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
00110 SALARIES	45,000	36,435	8,565
01010 FRINGES	18,000	9,613	8,387
01111 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	50,000		50,000
60620 GRANTS TO OTHERS	168,000		168,000
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>281,000</b>	<b>46,048</b>	<b>234,952</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## TEEN COURT PROGRAM

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 09/10

As of March 31, 2010

Subobject Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
R35900 OTHER FINES AND/OR	1,200,000	460,560	739,440
CARRYOVER	1,329,000	1,209,313	119,687
R36100 INTEREST EARNINGS	25,000	2,383	22,617
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,554,000</b>	<b>1,672,256</b>	<b>881,744</b>
00110 SALARIES	746,000	341,200	404,800
01010 FRINGES	260,000	100,213	159,787
01111 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	370,000		370,000
22310 SECURITY SERVICES	9,000	6,570	2,430
22350 BOTTLED WATER & CHILLER	100	42	58
22430 OTHER OUTSIDE CONTRACTUALS	3,500	1,733	1,767
24130 MAINT & REPAIR:OFF	3,000	778	2,222
25330 COPY MACHINE RENTAL	4,400	1,749	2,651
25360 OTHER COMM EQUIP RENTAL	100		100
25511 PAYMENTS TO LESSOR	10,000	800	9,200
25910 OTHER RENTAL EXPENSES		220	-220
26028 GSA SERVICE TICKET	100		100
26032 GSA AFT.HOUR CHRGS	14,000	3,776	10,224
26050 GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	1,500	2,015	-515
26051 GSA POSTAGE		78	-78
26052 GSA WAREHOUSE TRANSFER		440	-440
26062 FM LT EQ MILEAGE	7,000	1,664	5,336
26077 FM-POOL VEHICLE HOURS	3,000	1,339	1,661
31010 TELEPHONE-REGULAR		8	-8
31011 TELEPHONE-LONG DISTANCE	1,300		1,300
31018 OTHER COMMUNICATIONS	700		700
31210 TRAVEL EXPENSE-U.S	400	2,865	-2,465
31220 REGISTRATION FEES	600		600
31402 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING	7,000		7,000
31420 SPONSORSHIPS/MARKE		1,100	-1,100
31611 POSTAGE-REGULAR MAIL	500	74	426
41016 GASOLINE-UNLEADED	100	39	61
47011 GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	4,400	5,190	-790
49310 CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS	1,000	1,206	-206
60220 TRANSPORTATION		1,800	-1,800
60620 GRANTS TO OTHERS	1,106,300		1,106,300
95021 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		780	-780
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,554,000</b>	<b>475,679</b>	<b>2,078,321</b>

**INFORMATION ITEM II. H**  
**HOUSING UNIT REPORT**

**MIAMI DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
 MARCH 2010  
 HOUSING OUTREACH & ADVOCACY REPORT**

**HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP)**

During the period from March 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, sixteen (16) HAP applications were submitted totaling \$1,771,247 in first mortgages and \$348,520 in Miami Dade County and other (non-county) administered subsidy program mortgages.

During the period from March 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, eight (8) families purchased homes utilizing a total of \$46,247.00 in HAP mortgages. These loans generated \$1,103,752.00 in first mortgages, no (\$0.00) in Miami Dade County administered subsidy program mortgages and \$40,000 in non-county funded subsidy program mortgages. The HAP program thereby increased Miami Dade County's property tax roll by an estimated \$20,000.00 for March 2010 (see the March 2010 Production Report for statistical details).

**HAP FUNDING & TRAINING SEMINARS**

Funds are allocated based on a monthly cash position analysis. New lender file submissions are taken from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of every month. A funding analysis is conducted during the first half of every month.

The next Certification Workshop will be held on April 13, 2010 at the Joseph Caleb Center in Liberty City. Thirty-Nine (39) industry professionals attend the February workshop on MDEAT's HAP, general subsidy program and borrower qualification criteria. The workshop also provides the opportunity for certification to participate in the HAP.

Workshops are generally held every 6-8 weeks. Individual mortgage lenders or mortgage brokers must attend to become certified to submit files for borrowers and title/ closing agents must be approved to close HAP files. It is highly recommended that realtors and developers attend the workshop but it is not required at this time. Signed partnership Application/ Agreements with individual and/ or company licensing information are gathered for participation monitoring and tracking purposes.

**HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

**District 3 Teachers Initiative**

- o Eight (8) teachers have closed since inception utilizing \$200,000 of the \$400,000 reserved allocation (one had a minor adjustment at closing to avoid cash back to a borrower. One (1) file is approved by MDEAT and is pending closing, and three (3) teachers that are pre-qualified by an approved first-mortgage lender are pending purchase contract (See chart for details).
- o A total of sixteen (16) teachers will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The initiative provides \$25,000 to current full-time teachers who teach at a Miami Dade County Public School located in Commission District 3.

- An assessment of this pilot initiative is being conducted. There will be a Teacher Housing Opportunity Fair on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Booker T. Washington High School for identified teachers. The event will also include HAP partners and other subsidy program providers to present market available assistance programs and services.

### **HOMEOWNERSHIP EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

- Presenter at the Trinity Empowerment Group First-Time Homebuyer Education Seminar held at the Miami Dade County South Dade Government Center Library Branch. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, and the mortgage process to approximately eighteen (18) attendees.
- Presenter at the Housing Foundation of America & Liberty City Trust First-Time Homebuyer Education Seminar held at the St. Lukes Baptist Church in Liberty City. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, and the mortgage process to approximately forty-five (45) attendees.
- Presenter at the NID Housing Counseling Agency First-Time Homebuyer Education Seminar held at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Miami Gardens. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, and the mortgage process to approximately forty-five (45) attendees.
- Met with the City of Miami Garden's Community Development Coordinator, Elizabeth Valera, one of her program analyst and the South Florida Bank of America Wholesale Division Account Executive and their Regional Community Development Liaison to discuss the City's 1<sup>st</sup>-time Homebuyer Assistance Program and NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) processing and marketing. We are devising new ways to partner with their housing initiatives and provide HAP lenders potential access to assist in qualifying interested applicants and borrowers.

MIAMI DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MARCH 2010 PRODUCTION REPORT			
General Statistics	March 2010	YTD March 2010	
Total Applicants	16	59	
Total Purchase Price	\$2,175,900.00	\$8,719,389.00	
Total amount in 1st Mortgages	\$1,771,247.00	\$7,057,090.00	
Total Amt SURTAX & Other Subsidies	\$348,520.00	\$1,489,536.00	
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Total MMAP Funding</b>	<b>\$46,247.00</b>	<b>\$236,363.00</b>	
Total Purchase Price	\$1,173,900.00	\$5,980,568.00	
Average Sales Price	\$146,737.00	\$101,365.56	
Total amount in 1st Mortgages	\$1,103,752.00	\$4,960,281.00	
Average 1st Mortgage	\$137,969.00	\$124,007.03	
Total Amt SURTAX Funding	\$0.00	\$360,000.00	
Other Loans	\$40,000.00	\$554,996.00	
Estimated Increase to Tax Base	\$20,000.00	100,000.00	
<b>Head of Household</b>			
Female	3	20	
Male	5	23	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Black	3	16	
Hispanic	5	23	
White	0	0	
Other	0	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Median Income Level</b>			
Very Low	0	3	
Low	4	20	
Median	0	7	
Median Moderate	4	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Commission District</b>			
District 1 - Barbara Jordan	2	12	
District 2 - Dorin D. Rolle	0	3	
District 3 - Audrey Edmonson	2	7	
District 4 - Sally A. Heyman	0	2	
District 5 - Bruno A. Barreiro	0	0	
District 6 - Rebecca Sosa	0	0	
District 7 - Carlos A. Gimenez	0	0	
District 8 - Katy Sorenson	2	10	
District 9 - Dennis C. Moss	1	2	
District 10 - Javier D. Souto	0	1	
District 11 - Joe A. Marinez	0	2	
District 12 - Jose "Pepe" Diaz	1	1	
District 13 - Natacha Seijas	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	

**INFORMATION ITEM II. I**  
**TEEN COURT UNIT REPORT**

# Memorandum



## MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

### TEEN COURT REPORT

**To:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**From:** John E. Dixon, Executive Director  
**Date:** April, 2, 2010  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Teen Court Report for March 2010

#### PURPOSE OF ITEM

The purpose of this item is to inform the Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board, of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC) performance and activities for the month of March.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

##### Program Activities

**March 1, 2010:** March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2010 marked the first of several college and educational tours spearheaded by Miami-Dade County Teen Court, in collaboration with neighboring high schools, local colleges and universities. The goal of the college tour initiative is to allow more than 300 students from Miami-Dade County public high schools to become aware of educational benefits available to them through the community's local colleges and universities. The first tour was provided to Student Court participants attending Booker T. Washington Senior High School. Students were provided an opportunity to tour Florida International University's Tamiami Campus to gain insight into various university processes, course offerings, and programming.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> of 2010:** Teen Court staff partnered with *City of Miami Gardens* in its Census Campaign effort. The focus of the event involved emphasizing to residents the importance of being counted in the **2010 Census**. Participating in this joint initiative afforded Teen Court an opportunity to build and strengthen relationships with various community stakeholders.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> of 2010:** Teen Court staff conducted *Victim's Awareness Panel Workshop*-an interactive workshop that sparks dialogue between participants, parents and/or guardians. Forty-nine (49) individuals comprised of both program participants and their parents discussed the value of forgiveness, restoration,

and repair of lost trust as well as how various crimes committed impact the family and community.

**March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010:** Teen Court partnered with Miami-Dade County's Mayor Census Campaign initiative. In alignment with the goal of this initiative, various county employees, trained in delivering information concerning Census 2010, were invited to conduct presentations at Teen Court hearing sites throughout the Miami-Dade community. Through this effort, at least 50 individuals comprised of program youth and their parents had an opportunity to gain an understanding of the importance of completing the Census 2010 questionnaire.

**March 19, 2010:** Mr. Anthony Williams, Teen Court Director joined with Booker T. Washington Senior High School in its *Academy Explosion 2010*. *Academy Explosion* is a forum designed to allow students to experience what Booker T. Washington has to offer. Participating in this event afforded Mr. Williams an opportunity to share information about the peer-jury trial process offered through both Teen Court and Student Court.

**March 20, 2010:** Ms. LaVerne Carlile, Teen Court Administrator joined with Miami Carol City Senior High School in its *Carousel of Courses Academy/Curriculum Fair*. *Academy/Curriculum Fair* is designed to inform students about the various academy and course offerings provided during the upcoming 2010-2011 academic school year. Participating in this event afforded Ms. Carlile an opportunity to share information about the peer-jury trial process offered through both Teen Court and Student Court.

**March 24, 2010:** In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation, seventeen (17) Teen Court youth were afforded an opportunity to attend a Jail Tour held at Turner Guilford Knight (TGK) Correctional Center. The Tour serves as a crime prevention and intervention tool, providing participants with an understanding of the consequences of engaging in negative actions.

### **Program Performance**

**Referrals:** Teen Court received a combined total of forty-four (44) referrals from various juvenile justice agencies, to include the Juvenile Services Department (JSD), and Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office on behalf of Broward County Teen Court (BCTC). M-DCTC assists BCTC with co-monitoring cases involving youth who have committed crimes in Miami-Dade County although residing in Broward County. Additionally, due to recent innovation of the School-Based Referral Student Court Initiative—a collaborative begun with Dade County Public Schools, referrals were also received from the local public school system, as an alternative method to addressing school discipline issues and suspension.

**Community Service:** Teen Court Students participated in community service totaling six hundred twenty-three (623) hours. This included two hundred five (205) performed by defendants, two hundred eighty-six (286) generated by youth volunteers, and one hundred thirty-two (132) community service hours were provided by adults from the community serving as jury monitors as well as legal professionals volunteering as judges, presiding over Teen Court hearings.

## **Marketing**

**Ongoing:** MDEAT's Office of Public Information and Marketing division collaborates with Teen Court staff in formulating media strategy. Through these efforts, the last issue of *Teen Court Making a Difference in Teens' Lives Newsletter* was ready for distribution as of November 2009, and showcased 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter events. Featured highlights covered the following: (1) Teen Court's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Creating Solutions for Change; (2) Teen Court's appearance on WPLG-Channel 10 News; (3) Teen Court's partnering with Youth Violence Prevention Coalition of Opa-Locka, an innovation of Commissioner Dorothy Johnson; and (4) Student Court Training at South Dade Senior High School. Additionally, in the Volunteer Corner of this period's issue, Teen Court volunteers, Leonard Thompson of Miami Carol City Senior High School, and Omar Cancio, of Coral Gables Senior High School, were recognized for their contributions to Teen Court as well as for being Silver Knight recipients/awardees.

Additionally, the newsletter showcased program strengths and other news worthy information, affirming Teen Court as a viable youth diversion program, instrumental in developing today's teens for tomorrow's leadership. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter issue of the newsletter is in production.

**Offender Information for March 2010**

**Referrals per fiscal year:**

12/31/98 – 09/30/99	334	Carried Over	3,689
10/01/99 – 09/30/00	506	10/01/09 – 10/31/09	26
10/01/00 – 09/30/01	323	11/01/09 – 11/30/09	34
10/01/01 – 09/30/02	336	12/01/09 – 12/31/09	26
10/01/02 – 09/30/03	293	01/01/10 – 01/31/10	37
10/01/03 – 09/30/04	390	02/01/10 – 02/28/10	31
10/01/04 – 09/30/05	267	03/01/10 -03-31/10	44
10/01/05 – 09/30/06	215		
10/01/06 – 09/30/07	245		
10/01/07 – 09/30/08	356		
10/01/08 – 90/30/09	424		
		<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>3,887</b>

**Monthly Sanctions for Referrals Completed (March 2010)**

Anti-Theft Class Attendees	48	Jail Tour Attendees	17
Curfew	0	Jury Duties Completed	294
Declined referrals	0	Letter of Apology/Closed Cases	10
Educational Workshops (Substance Abuse Attendees)	36	Peer Circle Attendees	0
Essay Completed/Closed Cases	10	Restitution	0
Ethics Workshops Attendees	49	Victim Awareness Panel Workshop Attendees	49
Hours of Community Service/ Closed Cases	205	Verbal Apology to Parent	25

**Offenses and Number of Charges:**

Note: Some defendants have multiple charges

Affray	1
Battery	7
Behaviorial Problems	2
Criminal Mischief	1
Disciplinary Problems	3
Disruptive Behavior in School	9
Disruption of School Function	0
Disorderly Conduct	2
Disorderly intoxication	1
Disturbing the Peace	1
Fighting	1
Gang Affiliation	0
Gambling	0
Grand Theft	0
Interfere with school administration	0
Loitering and Prowling	1
Loitering and Prowling	0
Petit Theft	10
Retail Theft	12
Resisting without violence	1
Sleeping in School	0
Substance Abuse	1
Trespass after warning	1
Trespass occupied structure	1
Use of Cell phone	3
Walking out of class	0

**Referral Sources:**

Department of Juvenile Justice	0
Miami-Dade County School Based Referrals	9
Civil Citation Program	26
State Attorney's Office	7
Prevention Incentive Program	2
Other Agencies	0

**Age:**

Eight	0
Nine	0
Ten	0
Eleven	0
Twelve	2
Thirteen	3
Fourteen	7
Fifteen	10
Sixteen	13
Seventeen	7
Eighteen	0

**Race:**

African American	28
Caucasian	3
Hispanic	13
Other	0

**Gender:**

Female	19
Male	25

**Commission Districts March 2010:**

1	2	7	3
2	9	8	0
3	8	9	0
4	0	10	1
5	2	11	3
6	3	12	2

13	0
Broward	7

**Commission Districts for Fiscal Year 10/01/09 – 03/31/10**

1	51	7	34
2	81	8	23
3	68	9	41
4	55	10	29
5	32	11	29
6	40	12	11

13	2
Broward	122

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**MDEAT 2010 CENSUS CAMPAIGN**

**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board  
**THRU:** Economic Development Action Committee  
**FROM:** John Dixon, Executive Director  
Marketing and Office of Public Information  
**DATE:** April 15, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** MDEAT 2010 Census Campaign

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Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board made a commitment to get involved with Census 2010 to make sure that history is made by returning all census forms regardless of immigration or personal status. As we enter a new decade, one of the most important initiatives on the national and public agendas is Census 2010. Citizens/voters have the opportunity to bring money, power, and politics into their neighborhoods

As MDEAT supported the efforts of Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez and County Chairman Dennis C. Moss, District 9; and Census Committee Co-Chairs City of Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson, School Board Vice-Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, and City of Miami Mayor Andre Pierre it is essential that we make history by educating citizens regarding the census and return the forms regardless of immigration or personal status.

The Census Count affects ten years of federal funds, political representation, public infrastructure, and private investment opportunities. In addition, the Florida Legislature will place two issues on the November General Election Ballot addressing standards for the Florida Legislature to follow legislative and congressional redistricting initiatives stemming from Census 2010 ([FairDistrictsFlorida.com](http://FairDistrictsFlorida.com)).

MDEAT has spread the word by participating in the Census 2010 Campaign as a spokesperson at numerous community meetings; collaborated at several events with the City of Miami Gardens; and funded a promotional radio/TV/blog campaign targeting the Haitian community.

The Economic Development Action Committee took the lead along with Teen Court, Housing, and MDEAT administrative staff. The attached grid outlines most of the activities accomplished through MDEAT's involvement. As we continue to advocate on behalf of the black community, it is our hope that these outreach efforts will pay dividends for this community and parlay into our action committee process.

**MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL**

**TO:** MDEAT Trust Members  
**FROM:** John Dixon, Executive Director  
**DATE:** March 16, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** MDEAT Census Campaign

**PURPOSE OF ITEM**

The purpose of this item is to request the Board's authorization to allow staff through the Economic Development Action Committee to coordinate and implement a Census Campaign that will target residents in predominantly Black communities via radio. The advertisements will highlight the importance of completing census forms and the financial impact of being counted.

**BACKGROUND**

Historically, Miami-Dade County's Black community has been identified as difficult to count during the Census Campaign. In the last Census, the Black community was undercounted by 45%. The undercount represents a vast amount of lost funding that could have assisted many underserved people. Every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based in part on Census data. The Census data is used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities. In addition, the data determines boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts. The count and data is critical to gain much needed services and resources for Black communities in great need.

**FISCAL IMPACT TO AGENCY**

The fiscal impact of this item is \$2,500.00 in General Fund – Economic Development dollars.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust authorize staff to coordinate and implement this project.

# Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) CENSUS 2010 OUTREACH



EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT PHONE #	CONTACT E-MAIL/WEB SITE	PARTICIPANTS	EVENT TIME	STAFF/DIVISION
County -School Board Census Kick-off	02/12/10	District Regional Office				400	1:00-4:00PM	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Mayors Gibson's Census 2010 Campaign	02/19/10	Cultral Arts Center				100	10:00-12 Noon	John Dixon & Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
St. Dominic Resident Mtg.	02/18/10	5849 NW 7th St, Miami, FL., 33126	Janet Perez	305-485-8832		60	11:00am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Rebecca Towers Resident Mtg.	02/24/10	150 Alton Road S, M. Beach 33139	Maria Estela Silva	305-672-3736		115	10:30am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Bird Road Senior Center Mtg.	02/26/10	14619 SW 42 St., Miami, FL	Mercedes Moreno	305-485-8832		140	11:00am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Mildred Pepper Senior Center Mtg.	02/26/10	10000 SW 56 St., Miami, FL 33165	Gladys Benitez	305-598-0260		130	11:00am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Palm Towers Resident Mtg.	03/02/10	950 NW 95 St., Miami, FL, 33150	Leshia E. Elie	305-836-1234	lelie@miamidadefl.gov	35	10:30am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Smathers Resident Mtg.	03/03/10	1040 SW 29 Court, Miami, FL, 33135	Maria Estela Silva	305-643-4114		115	11:30am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.

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EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT PHONE #	CONTACT E-MAIL/WEB SITE	PARTICIPANTS	EVENT TIME	STAFF/DIVISION
Palmer House Resident Mtg.	03/04/10	1225 SW 107 Ave Miami, FL	Maria Jovi	305-221-9566		120	2:30pm	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Westwind Senior Center Mtg.	03/09/10	6805 SW 152 Ave Miami, FL 33193	Rosario Martinez	305-261-6202		55	11:00am	Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Claude Pepper Resident Mtg.		750 NW 18th Terr, Miami, FL 33136	Daisy D'Verna	305-547-3227	<a href="mailto:ddverna@miamidade.gov">ddverna@miamidade.gov</a>	150		Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Jack Orr Senior Center Resident Mtg.		550 NW 5th St., Miami, FL 33128	Kimberly	305-579-5588		140		Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Victory Senior Center Mtg.		250 SW 114 Ave Miami, FL, 33172	Lucy Molina	305-261-6202		55		Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
United Way	03/27/10	Main Office 13 Avenue Coralway				200		Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.
Mayors Gibson's Census 2010 Campaign Health Fair	05/01/10							Maria Diaz de la Portilla /Economic Dev.

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Miami Gardens Mayor Gibson's Census 2010 Campaign General Partnering Discussion	03/01/10	Miami Gardens City Hall	Jay Marder	305-622-8025	<a href="mailto:jmarder@miamigardens-fl.gov">jmarder@miamigardens-fl.gov</a>	5	10 -11:00 AM	Anthony Williams/TC John Dixon/Adm.
Miami Gardens Census 2010 Campaign/Temporary Protected Status	03/06/10	Miami Gardens City Hall	Jay Marder	305-622-8025	<a href="mailto:jmarder@miamigardens-fl.gov">jmarder@miamigardens-fl.gov</a>	100	10-2:00 PM	Joseph Aleandre/TC (requested staff who could speak creole)
Miami Gardens Census 2010 Campaign /An Awareness Gathering	03/14/10	Tony's Catering 18230 NW 2 Ave. Miami Gardens, FL 33055	Jay Marder	305-622-8025	<a href="mailto:jmarder@miamigardens-fl.gov">jmarder@miamigardens-fl.gov</a>	80	12-2.00PM	Anthony William & Juan Aspajo/Teen Court
Chanel 10 / Anthony Williams appears on Ch. 10 Newcast	03/14/10	Tony's Catering 18230 NW 2 Ave. Miami Gardens, FL 33055				TV Audience	Evening News Broadcast	Anthony Williams/Teen Court
Miami Dade County Mayor Census Campaign Initiative	03/15/10	Richard E. Gerstein Court Hse 1351 NW 12 St Miami, FL 33189	Maria De La Millera	O-786-315-2505 F-786-315-2540 C-305-219-3119	<a href="http://www.miamidade.gov/builing/">http://www.miamidade.gov/builing/</a>	25	6-6:45 PM	Anthony Williams & Juan Aspajo/Teen Court



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Miami Dade County Mayor Census Campaign Initiative	03/22/10	Richard E. Gerstein Court-Hse 1351 NW 12 St. Miami, FL 33189	Maria De La Milera	O-786-315-2505 F-786-315-2540 C-305-219-3119	<a href="http://www.miamidade.gov/building/">http://www.miamidade.gov/building/</a>	25	6-6:45 PM	Anthony Williams & Juan Aspajo/Teen Court
Miami Gardens Census 2010 Campaign Census (Sunday)	03/28/10	Miami Gardens Shopping Plaza 4646 NW 183 St. Miami Gardens	Jay Marder	305-622-8025	<a href="mailto:imarder@miamigardens-fl.gov">imarder@miamigardens-fl.gov</a>	90	2-3:00 PM	Melba Gasque & Juan Aspajo/Teen Court (requested staff who could speak Spanish)
The Fair	04/03/10-04/11/10	FIU Fair Grounds					Sun-Thur 2:30pm-11:30pm & Fri-Sat 12:00pm-12:00am	All Staff
<b>Media Campaign/Haitian Community</b>								
Census Letter to Media	3/28/2010	Mailing	NA		<a href="http://www.miamidade.gov/census2010/">www.miamidade.gov/census2010/</a>			Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker
Internet Announcement	?	Carl's Corner Daily Blog	Marie-Flore Latorfue of Gade Tet OU, LLC	786-521-7321			One Wk	Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker

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EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT PHONE #	CONTACT E-MAIL/WEB SITE	PARTICIPANTS	EVENT TIME	STAFF/DIVISION
Global Solution	4/05/10-04/09/10	WSRF 1580AM	Marie-Flore Latortue of Gade Tet OU, LLC	786-521-7321			Mon-Fri 10:00AM-11:00AM	Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker
Host Pierre Nazon Beauifiere	4/05/10-04/09/10	1700AM	Marie-Flore Latortue of Gade Tet OU, LLC	786-521-7321			Mon-Sat 2:00PM-3:00PM	Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker
TV Commercials Announcements	4/06/10 & 4/08/10	Island TV	Marie-Flore Latortue of Gade Tet OU, LLC	786-521-7321			6:00PM-7:00PM	Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker
Alternative Veye Yo	4/05/10-4/09/10 & 4/11/10	880-AM	Marie-Flore Latortue of Gade Tet OU, LLC	786-521-7321			Mon-Fri & Sunday	Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker
Gade Tet Ou Radio Show	Sat-Sun	WKAT 1360 AM	Marie-Flore Latortue of Gade Tet OU, LLC	786-521-7321			6:00PM-8:00PM Sat & 8:00PM-9:00PM Sun	Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker
Census 2010 Press Release								Barbara Montero/Trust Member & Joey Walker





Carlos Alvarez, Mayor

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust<sup>7</sup>

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Mr. Carl Fombrun  
10201 SW 86 St.  
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Dear Mr. Fombrun:

For almost three decades, Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT), formerly known as Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMAP), has been a catalyst for socioeconomic change. Our mission is to address the socio-economic disparity of Miami-Dade County's Black community by advocating and coordinating beneficial initiatives and programs. We advocate for the community in the areas of housing, criminal justice, education, employment, health, and youth development with a major emphasis in economic development.

On behalf of MDEAT, we look forward to working closely with you and the community-at-large to address quality of life issues through our action committee process. We envision that your collaborative support will help ensure the equitable participation of Blacks in Miami-Dade County's economic growth as outlined in the MDEAT mission.

As we enter a new decade, one of the most important initiatives on the national and public agendas' is Census 2010. Citizens have the opportunity to bring funding, economic growth and quality of life projects to the neighborhoods. MDEAT has made a commitment to get involved with Census 2010 and we need your help and resources to make sure that we all make history by returning a census form regardless of immigration or personal status.

As we support the efforts of Miami-Dade County Chairman Dennis C. Moss, District 9, and City of Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson, Census 2010 is particularly crucial for previously undercounted communities. It affects ten years of federal funds, political representation, public infrastructure, and private investment opportunities. In addition, the Florida Legislature will place (2) issues on the November General Election Ballot addressing standards for the Florida Legislature to follow legislative and congressional redistricting initiatives stemming from Census 2010 (FairDistrictsFlorida.com).

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Census letter to media  
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With your assistance, MDEAT will spread the word via radio, Haitian TV, and email blogs while working with Census 2010 to target neighborhoods that traditionally do not return the forms and desperately need to do so. Please do not hesitate to call on us regarding any issue, especially Census 2010 or visit the website at [www.miamidade.gov/census2010/](http://www.miamidade.gov/census2010/);

To get involved with MDEAT and have your issue addressed during one of our monthly Action Committee Meetings or for more information on our initiatives, please contact our Executive Director John Dixon at 305-372-7600. We invite you to visit our website <http://www.miamidade.gov>.

Sincerely,

***Barbara Bibas Montero***

Barbara Bibas Montero

Member of the Board  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

## Resansman 2010: **Fè I Konte**. Sa nan Men Ou.

- ❖ Resansman an ki sou kont Biwo Resansman Etazini, se lalwa ki mande pou li fèt chak 10 zan.
- ❖ Li gen wòl pou li konte tout moun tout laj, tout ras, tout gwoup etnik, kit yo se sitwayen, kit yo pa sitwayen, kap viv nan peyi Etazini ak nan teritwa Etazini yo.
- ❖ Kontwòl sa a enpòtant anpil pou sèvis Miami-Dade bay kominote a e li gen gwo konsekans sou finans nan konte a pi devan.
- ❖ Dapre lalwa, Biwo Resansman an pa kapab pataje enfòmasyon ak pèsonn, kit li se Wèlfè oswa ajans imigrasyon.
- ❖ Done Resansman yo ap ede komitote a nan sans projè ki pou fè la vi a miyò ak nan sans avansman ekonomik, tankou kreyasyon djòb ak abitasyon.
- ❖ Done Resansman yo pèmèt kominote nou an resevwa finansman federal pou sante piblik, edikasyon, transpò, sèvis pou Granmoun ki gen plis pase 65 an, amelyorasyon wout, elatriye.
- ❖ Tout tan kontwòl la pi ekza, se pi plis kominote nou an ap resevwa.

1e Avril se Jounen Nasyonal Resansman. Tanpri, ranpli fòm nou yo epi voye yo tounen nan lapòs. Ant Avril ak Jiyè 2010, moun kap fè kontwòl pou Resansman an ap pase vizite moun nan kay ki pat voye fòm tounen yo. Tanpri fè ansòt yo konte ou paske ou fè yon diferans. Mèsi.

Se Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust of Miami Dade County, yon òganizasyon ki gen pou objektif pou li sèvi moun ki pi nan bezwen nan kominote nou an epitou batay pou devlopman ak balans sosyal ak ekonomik, ki peye pou mesaj sa a.



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**Sunday-Monday, April 4, 5, 2010**

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**DAILY BLOG IN 4 LANGUAGES**

English French Spanish Creole

**VISITORS COUNTER:**

**Reaching 4 MILLION in last 10 months**

**July 2009 to April 2010.**

**QUOTES OF THE DAY**

**"The future is called "perhaps," which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the only important thing is not to allow that to scare you."**

Tennessee Williams  
 1911-1983

**"Happiness doesn't depend on what we have, but it does depend on how we feel toward what we have. We can be happy with little and miserable with much."**

William Dempster Hoard 1836-1918

**RECEIVED FROM BARBARA BIBAS MONTERO**  
 Member of the Board  
 Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  
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# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCAY TRUST

*Building Relationships for a Better Community*

## Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust supports Census 2010

Submitted by Joey Walker and Melba Gasque, MDEAT

If you haven't heard, it's Census 2010 time! Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) has collaborated with The City of Miami Gardens and Mayor Shirley Gibson to participate in getting the word out on Census 2010. Miami-Dade County Teen Court, A Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Initiative, will set up booths to distribute Census 2010 information at Miami Carol City and Norland High Schools as well as several other Miami Gardens events. "These are very important times, and every person counted means dollars to the community creating a better quality-of-life for the residents in Miami Gardens and many other underserved communities," states John E. Dixon, Jr., MDEAT Executive Director.

It is very important to fill out the Census 2010 form and return it early. Census 2010 is crucial, particularly for vulnerable communities. It affects ten years of federal funds, political representation, public infrastructure, and private investment that includes:

- **Federal Funds:** For each 100 people not counted, a community risks losing an estimated \$1.2 million over the next decade for federally funded programs including: Medicaid, public housing assistance, child health programs, Head Start, transit programs, and more.
- **Political Representation:** States use census numbers to redraw all political boundaries and determine which states gain or lose representation, including Congressional Districts, state house, and senate districts seats for city councils, school committees, and county boards.
- **Public Infrastructure:** All levels of government rely on census numbers to locate vital public works projects like schools, health centers, highways, public transportation, and affordable housing.
- **Private Investment:** Businesses, large and small use census numbers to identify new markets, select sites for development, make investment decisions, and determine the goods and services offered.

In addition, the Florida Legislature will place (2) issues on the November General Election Ballot addressing standards for Florida Legislature to follow legislative and congressional redistricting initiatives stemming from Census 2010 (FairDistrictsFlorida.com). As you can see, when families do not participate in the census, it means their communities lose access to funding, resources, and power.

*It's in our hands;* make sure that everyone you know is counted. Don't be left out of making history. For more information go to the Miami Gardens Website [www.cmg.com](http://www.cmg.com) or call Miami-Dade County 311.

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