

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

Office of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  
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May 16, 2012  
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**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
MEETING May 16, 2012**

The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) convened in a meeting in the MDEAT Board Room, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine Room #106, on May 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The following MDEAT members were present: Mr. Ron Butler, Ms. Leigh Toney, Ms. Natasha K. Nalls, and Mr. Carlos Morales (Chairman Robert Holland Esq., Ms. Barbara Montero, Ms. Tamika Robinson, Mr. Marc Douthit Esq., Reverend Walter T. Richardson, Ms. Stephanye Johnson, and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers were absent).

**ROLL CALL**

The following staff members were present: MDEAT Executive Director John Dixon, Ms. Laverne Carlile, Ms. Maria de la Portilla, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. William Simmons, Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith, and Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST  
QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES**

In the absence of both Chairman Holland, and Vice Chair Douthit, Mr. Butler called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m., followed by a moment of silence. He noted the Trust would consider the discussion items until the attainment of a quorum.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

**I. Board Action Items**

**II. Information Items**

**A. Teen Court Fifth Annual Youth Conference Recap**

Mr. John Dixon provided a brief overview of the Teen Court Youth Conference, held on May 3, 2012, noting participants from eight high schools and three middle schools in Miami-Dade County were in attendance in addition to Commissioner Audrey Edmonson and Trust members Reverend Richardson and Ms. Treska Rodgers. He indicated that Ms. Veraunda Jackson, Esq., author of the book entitled "Behind the Scenes," who was one of the speakers, freely shared with the youth her childhood experiences, and her accomplishments after spending a year in a teen homeless shelter. He commended MDEAT staff for choosing quality speakers, and mentioned how speakers had captivated the youth's attention.

In addition, Mr. Anthony Williams noted "choices that impact life" was the central theme for the Teen Court Youth Conference.

Discussion ensued among Trust members regarding the highlights of the Teen Court Youth Conference, including the presentation of a certificate of appreciation on a plaque to Commissioner Edmonson, and youth sharing their testimonies about the Teen Court Program.

Mr. Dixon indicated that MDEAT staff would create a folder containing the Teen Court activities, a cover letter, support letters, the proposed resolution, and the recidivism rate of the participating youth in the Teen Court Program. He noted this folder would be presented to the County Commissioners in a binder format once approved by the Trust, and Commissioner Edmonson.

Ms. Leigh Toney suggested that photographs of events, and students as well as their quotes be placed in this folder. She recommended that the presentation be more graphic in keeping with the social media trend, and suggested that the binder be in the format of a magazine.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the number of letters received from parents of participating Teen Court youth, Ms. Toney suggested that MDEAT staff video record interviews with some parents and request people to make statements about the program.

### **B. Teen Court Mock Trial on Profiling**

Mr. Dixon noted the purpose of the Miami-Dade County Teen Court Mock Trial, to be held on May 29, 2012, was to help the youth understand the pros and cons and the result of profiling. He said that the setting would be similar to a television talk show and would include interviews of witnesses, police officers, and the implementation of the Teen Court Mock Trial. Mr. Dixon noted the considerable effort required to obtain two attorneys, and the Honorable Judge Orlando Prescott to work with the youth. He indicated that Trust member, Mr. Marc Douthit, Esq., would also be assisting, and seeking to involve people from the community with help from the Community Relations Board.

Mr. Williams clarified that this event would be held at 199<sup>th</sup> Street, and North West 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Miami, Florida.

### **C. MDEAT Office Relocation**

Mr. Dixon explained that MDEAT had been requested to relocate its office to a County-owned facility because the County was seeking to reduce its budget for leasing office space. He said that staff looked at office space on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of the Stephen P. Clark – Government Center. He reviewed the efforts to identify the least costly office space, and moving expenses. Mr. Dixon further explained that the high cost of moving would be offset by the savings from the last three months of the current location's security rental fee (approximately \$30,000).

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the procurement process, the fact that the lowest quote from a moving company was \$5,000, excluding partitions and equipment, and the deadline to move, which was the end of June, 2012.

Mr. Dixon noted a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Julio Ruiz-Turner, Interior Designer Specialist, Internal Services Department (ISD), to discuss all aspects in the relocation process, and indicated that an update would be forwarded to the Trust members.

**D. Miami-Dade Public Housing & Community Development (PHCD)/  
MDEAT Computer/ Wi-Fi Training Update**

Ms. Marie de la Portilla provided an update on the opening of the foregoing Computer /Wi-Fi Training activity. She noted 20 participants were involved, and the session might have to be divided into two sessions in the future because the facility only had eight computers. Ms. de la Portilla explained that the curriculum consisted of basic computer skills and literacy, and the future plans may consist of adding intermediate classes.

In response to Ms. Natasha Nall's inquiry, Ms. de la Portilla clarified that the April 27, 2012, computer training session was specifically for senior citizens; however, the session held at the Merline Mathew Community Center was offered to all public housing agencies and its residents.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding MDEAT's efforts to provide Wi-Fi services to the community hosting this event.

Responding to Mr. Ron Butler's inquiry regarding the status of the Trust Foundation, Mr. Dixon explained that the Trust Foundation account was separate from the Trust Account because it was established during the time MMAP (former name of MDEAT) for special initiatives and projects that members of the Trust wanted to financially support outside of General Funds operating expense budget. During the transformation from MMAP to MDEAT, the Trust Account funds were maintained and put into a special account to be used to coordinate, and implement the MMAP Trust Annual Conference, he noted. Mr. Dixon also noted that in addition to other donations, a Trust member from Commerce Bank donated funds annually to the Trust Account totaling \$10,000, which currently had approximately \$23,000. He explained that when the Foundation for Youth and Economic Development (Foundation) was established in 2011, it had no seed money, and in order to update the records and keep the Foundation, MDEAT was required to file annually and it was filed at the expense of a member of the Foundation. Mr. Dixon noted at that time the question was asked by the Foundation members whether some of the Trust funds could be put toward the Foundation to begin their activities. Mr. Dixon indicated that Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith and he exchanged a number of e-mails on this subject to determine whether this was possible.

Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith advised that he had asked for resolutions, motions or legislative history from staff today should do further research in the past MMAP minutes to determine the history of this Trust Account and the terms of the Trust Account, and the permissible use of the funds before he could provide a legal opinion.

Discussion ensued among the members of the Trust and MDEAT staff regarding the terms of the Trust Account.

Assistant County Attorney Smith advised that although these funds were considered public dollars, he needed to obtain the legislative history or a copy of the resolution to confirm the terms. He advised that according to his research, on July 19, 1984, the

County Commission ratified a resolution allowing the creation of a MMAP Trust Account, which was established to allow MMAP to pay for items that could not be purchased through normal County purchasing procedures, such as defraying costs associated with their annual conference. He also advised the need to identify the resolution that created the Trust Fund Account that appears to be for a sole purpose, which was to defray the cost associated with MMAP's Annual Conference. Since the Trust Account was created for a sole purpose, the County Commission would have to approve an amendment to this resolution for the funds to be used for other purposes, Mr. Smith advised. He said that he would speak to Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset, the legal advisor at that time, to ascertain the permissible use of the funds.

### **III. Advocacy Items – Committee Update**

#### **A. Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) Meeting Update**

Ms. Maria de la Portilla provided an update on current EDAC projects, which included participating in the community information system. Referring to the Martin Luther King Loan project, she said that staff attempted to identify ways to employ lead contractors, and incentives for companies to establish businesses in the building. She noted the efforts of staff in developing the Wi-Fi Computer Program, stating that the intent was to provide this service countywide, including in housing projects in South Dade.

Mr. Dixon explained that MDEAT was involved in discussions with staff at Florida International University (FIU) regarding collaborating with their community information system. He noted this would provide information for MDEAT to obtain statistics on the local economy that was useful for advocacy purposes.

Ms. Leigh Toney noted the model of the Martin Luther King project was based on a system that was housed at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She suggested that MDEAT staff contact the Director to conduct an overview of that model.

In response to Mr. Ron Butler's inquiry regarding the status of the Social Compact project, Mr. William Simmons indicated that MDEAT staff was in the process of receiving the internet interface to test the data received. He noted the GAP Analysis had been received; however, more information regarding the geography was needed, in terms of County Districts and municipalities.

Mr. Jose Gonzalez indicated that once this information was received, the maps in the GAP analysis would be complete.

Responding to Mr. Butler's inquiry, Mr. Dixon noted the deadline for the project was based on the time needed to receive the remaining information. He noted Trust members requested that the Housing and the Teen Court Programs be included; however, he suggested that the information dealing with economic and development issues be addressed separately. He said that a meeting with small businesses would be held on May 30, 2012, and another meeting would take place with small businesses located in South Dade in order to coordinate the South Dade Economic Development initiative. Mr.

Dixon noted this initiative would occur during the fiscal year, but other activities could last beyond the fiscal year.

Ms. Leigh Toney noted she would like to discuss strategic planning with MDEAT staff in order for plans to go beyond the fiscal year, and she would like to place this item to the next Trust's agenda meeting.

In response to Mr. William Simmon's comment regarding the strategic planning process, Ms. Toney expressed the need to review the plan to ensure that MDEAT was implementing it, and to refresh and fine-tune it. She stressed the importance of identifying partners that could help MDEAT expand its services, because of limited funds.

Ms. Natasha Nalls asked that a copy of the latest action plan be distributed to the members of the Trust before the next meeting.

#### **B. Housing Advocacy Committee (HAC) Meeting update**

Mr. Eric Johnson noted the HAC had two meetings in April to discuss programmatic changes with vendors and to receive their input regarding the housing assistance program, upcoming events, community participation, and public relations. He said that the sub-committee members agreed on the most important issues to cover for the upcoming events, including general financial literacy, accounting and use of accounts, credit restoration, and other housing options when mortgages were under water, and short-sales purchases. Mr. Johnson explained that designated staff teams cover those areas at the events to be held throughout the County, starting in July 2012.

In response to Mr. Johnson's comments on using Community Development Corporations as an inclusive outreach to non profit organizations, Ms. Leigh Toney noted she would also provide a list of other non profit groups that could be involved in the program.

#### **IV. Executive Director's Report**

#### **V. Departmental Monthly Reports**

##### **A. Fiscal**

Mr. Dixon noted that the expenditures for the remainder of 2012 Fiscal Year included allocations for the Teen Court Mock Trial event.

Mr. Gonzalez noted an issue arose with regard to funds for the Housing Division of MDEAT because the State had miscalculated funding, and had to renegotiate a payback of \$38,000. Therefore, funds were deducted from the State funding every month for seven months to recover this amount.

Discussion ensued among the Trust members regarding the process of allocating funds to projects, which only allowed MDEAT to obligate monies received; this resulted in reducing the amount awarded to homebuyers.

Further discussion ensued regarding how budget reductions had impacted the County's General Budget resulting in a reduction of County salaries and a requirement that employees take eight furlough days within the fiscal year.

**B. Housing**

**C. Teen Court/Youth Services**

**D. Public Information Services**

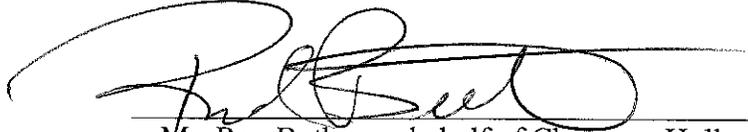
**VI. New Business**

**VII. Next Meeting**

Mr. John Dixon noted staff would send out another memorandum to members of the Trust regarding the time of MDEAT Trust meetings to attempt to resolve the issue of the lack of a quorum.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Trust the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Butler", is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Ron Butler, on behalf of Chairman Holland  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust



**Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust**  
**May 16, 2012**

Prepared by: Karen Harrison

**EXHIBITS LIST**

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# **MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MAY 16, 2012**

Agenda



## **MEETING NOTICE**

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

**TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012**

**TIME: 10:00 AM**

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



# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

10:00 A.M. – MDEAT CONFERENCE ROOM

## AGENDA

### Roll Call

### - DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### - QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES

### - Approval of Previous Minutes

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#### VI. New Business

#### VII. Next Meeting

### Adjournment

**INFORMATION ITEM II A**

**TEEN COURT FIFTH ANNUAL YOUTH  
CONFERENCE RECAP**

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# Memorandum



## INFORMATION ITEM

**To:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**From:** John E. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director  
**Date:** May 14, 2012  
**Subject:** 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Youth Speaking Out Against Violence  
Conference: Developing Change

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On May 3, 2012, the Miami-Dade County Teen Court had its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Developing Change. The conference was at the Doubletree Hotel, 711 N.W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The conference drew students from Homestead to the county line. There were eight (8) high schools in attendance (Booker T. Washington, Dr. Michael Krop, Homestead, Miami Central, Miami Norland, Miami Southridge, North Miami and South Dade. Also, there were three (3) middle schools (Madison, Miami Edison and Nautilus) attending.

The conference was highlighted with Teen Court presenting The Honorable Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner, District 3, being presented with a plaque for her continued dedication to the Teen Court program. The Commissioner also brought welcome from the County Commission to the conference. The conference had two speakers; the morning speaker was ~~Reneson Jean-Louis~~, a Teen Court volunteer from the South Dade Government Center and a student of South Dade High School. He spoke of his Teen Court involvement and his experiences in the program as a volunteer attorney.

The afternoon speaker was Veraunder I. Jackson, Esq. from Orlando, Florida and a twenty (20) year veteran of the Teen Court program, dating back to when she was in high school. Her message to the student was that the choices we make will affects our lives forever, so we must learn to make choices that will build positive self-esteem to develop big dreams. Her message was well received by everyone in attendance.

There were two hundred and twenty-eight (228) students in attendance and a good time was had by all.

**INFORMATION ITEM II B**

**TEEN COURT**  
**MOCK TRIAL ON PROFILING**

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# Memorandum



## INFORMATION ITEM

**To:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**From:** John E. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director  
**Date:** May 14, 2012  
**Subject:** Miami-Dade County Teen Court Mock Trial

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On May 29, 2012, the Miami-Dade County Teen Court will be presenting a Mock Trial on profiling. The Mock Trial will be presented at the Betty T. Ferguson Community Center Auditorium, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Mock Trial is intended to give viewers a better understanding of the pros and cons of profiling and the problems it creates.

There will first be a crime committed in the auditorium and police will be called to collect information from the victim. This information will be radioed to other officers in the area, including Crime Watch personnel. A youth who is in the area and had nothing to do with the crime will be singled out by Crime Watch and physically detained with violence. Later, the Crime Watch person will be charged with profiling because the youth he attacked was not the person who committed the crime. The case will then be tried and defended by the Teen Court Volunteer attorneys and the judge will give the case to the jury, but no verdict will be rendered.

The case will, however, be presented to the audience for questions, concerns and comments regarding what they have witnessed in the dramatization of the crime and the trial. ~~The audience will be the jurors to decide what should be the fate of the Crime Watch individual based on the trial proceedings.~~

**INFORMATION ITEM II C**  
**MDEAT OFFICE RELOCATION**

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### INFORMATION ITEM

**TO:** Members of the Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)

**FROM:** John Dixon  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 05/14/2012

**SUBJECT:** MDEAT Office Re-location

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As was previously discussed, the MDEAT main office will be relocated to the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor. The move should be completed by the end of June, 2012. The cost of the moving will be covered by the savings of the last three month of rent at Biscayne Building (approximately \$30,000.00)

A meeting is scheduled on May 15<sup>th</sup> with MDEAT and Julio Turner, Project Manager, GSA to discuss all aspects of the relocation. We will inform the Trust of the results of the GSA meeting.

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## **INFORMATION ITEM II D**

# **MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PHCD) AND MDEAT COMPUTER WI-FI TRAINING UPDATE**

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## INFORMATION ITEM

**TO:** Members of the MDEAT Trust

**FROM:** Maria Diaz de la Portilla  
Administrative Officer 2

**DATE:** May 16, 2012

**SUBJECT:** MDEAT and Miami Dade Public Housing Community Development  
Wi-Fi Project

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The computer Training WI-FI Project took place on April 27, 2012 at the Merline Matthews Community Center, located at 5200 N.W. 54 Street. The MDEAT project is a Partnership between MDEAT and the Miami Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD) to encourage public housing residents to become Computer literate.

This initiative was attended by Trust members, Stephanye Johnson and Carlos Morales and MDEAT Staff. There were 20 public housing residents, as well as Miami Dade Public Housing and Community Development Staff.

Introductions to the program and its goals were made by John Dixon and Maria Diaz de la Portilla.

~~During the training residents were provided instructions on going on line, internet safety, and basic computer skills~~

The Computer Training Wi-Fi Project second training event will take place on June 1, 2012 at 10: a.m., at Edison Courts located at 349 N.W. 65 Street. The event will be attended by John Dixon, Executive Director, and MDEAT staff.

At the training, residents will be provided instructions on basic computer skills and internet safety. There will be initially eight residents trained per session. If registration exceeds eight residents, then another session will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the same day.

To attend the event or receive more information, please call me at 786 873-7822.

## **ADVOCACY ITEM III A**

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE (EDAC) MEETING UPDATE**

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**ADVOCACY ITEM III B**

**HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (HAC)  
MEETING UPDATE**

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## MDEAT TRUST BOARD ADVOCACY ITEM

**Date:** May 14, 2012  
**To:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board  
**From:** John E. Dixon, MDEAT Executive Director  
**Subject:** Housing Advocacy Committee (HAC) Meeting Updates

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On Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> the Housing Resource and Affordability Sub-Committee and Public Relations & Outreach (PRO) Sub-Committee met at the Westchester Chase Bank branch 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. The Housing Resource and Affordability Sub-Committee met first in the role of a focus group to assess, discuss and comment on the recent changes and updates on MDEAT's Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP/ MMAP-HAP).

The group reviewed and discussed HAP funds availability and the allocation of funds, the new lender pipeline projection & pre-submission process, reviewed HAP Procedures Manual updates and offered comments and feedback on possible options and directions on moving HAP and other subsidy programs forward. The Housing Resource and Affordability Sub-Committee is the now combined Pre-Purchase Affordability Sub-Committee and Resource Sub-Committee that were merged to streamline and reduce outreach efforts.

The Public Relations & Outreach (PRO) Sub-Committee then met to begin planning a series of educational, outreach workshops and forums that will be held in the upcoming months in the different geographical regions of the county. This bi-monthly series of events is expected to begin in June or July 2012 with rotating workshops with rotating topics centered around:

1. Financial Literacy
2. Credit Restoration
3. Foreclosure Alternatives – Seller Side (Short Sale – Foreclosure – Modification – Deed in Lieu)
4. Affordable Housing Solutions – Shorts Sales / Foreclosure Sales / Rent Vs. Buy / Lease Purchase Option (keeping your home)

The ultimate goal is to have these series of workshops culminate into a large or larger event on these individualized topics with post-event follow-up by participating housing counseling agencies and sponsors.

Next steps are to establish a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for participants and sponsors, form 3 to 4 Teams with a "team leader" that will also moderate the individual events (determined and grouped by geographical location, develop a tracking/ action form and formulate the rotation of the topics and workshops. Attendees would be given a "Participation Certificate" to acknowledge their involvement and achievement of their stated goals. The next meetings are planned for mid/late May.

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. A**

**Fiscal Report**

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# **MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST**

## **FISCAL REPORT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2011/12**

**As of April 30, 2012**



# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ADMINISTRATION (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 11/12

As of April 30, 2012

Subobject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
00110	SALARIES	397,000	276,853	120,147
01010	FRINGES	132,600	71,861	60,739
01111	ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	-451,800		-451,800
11618	COURIER SERVICES		8	-8
21430	ENGINEERING		21	-21
22350	BOTTLED WATER & CH	200	158	42
22430	OTHER OUTSIDE CONTRACTS	500		500
23210	GENERAL LIABILITY	10,800	10,800	0
24130	MAINT & REPAIR:OFF	1,000	629	371
24571	P.C. MAINT	6,000	1,263	4,737
25330	COPY MACHINE RENTAL	6,000	41	5,959
25511	PAYMENTS TO LESSOR	134,000	87,394	46,606
26028	GSA SERVICE TICKET	2,000		2,000
26040	GSA WORK ORDERS	2,000		2,000
26050	GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	6,000	1,365	4,635
26051	GSA POSTAGE		363	-363
26062	FM LT EQ MILEAGE	500	279	221
26063	FM LT EQ PARTS	100		100
26068	FM ACC/ABU/MOD	500		500
26077	FM-POOL VEHICLE HOURS	2,000	391	1,609
26110	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	4,000	1,490	2,510
26260	OTHER CHARGES FOR	800		800
26502	P&R PROJ. DIVISION		14	-14
26509	P&R PROJ. FRINGE C		16	-16
26510	P&R PROJ. LABOR CO		47	-47
26613	CLERK-RECORDS STOR	500	70	430
31010	TELEPHONE-REGULAR	11,600	5,978	5,622
31011	TELEPHONE-LONG DISTANCE	600	303	297
31015	CELLULAR PHONE SERVICES	3,500	838	2,662
31018	OTHER COMMUNICATIONS	1,500	-188	1,688
31110	PUBLICATIONS	300		300
31130	MEMBERSHIPS	200		200
31210	TRAVEL EXPENSE-U.S	3,000	382	2,618
31215	TRAVEL EXPENSE-PCA		604	-604
31220	REGISTRATION FEES	500	220	280
31320	PARKING REIMBURSEMENT	400	342	58
31401	NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT	8,000	372	7,628
31402	NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT	4,000		4,000
31408	RADIO ADVERTISING	9,000		9,000
31420	SPONSORSHIPS/MARKETING	4,000		4,000
31510	OUTSIDE PRINTING	2,000		2,000

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ADMINISTRATION (G.F.)

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 11/12

As of April 30, 2012

<b>Subsubject</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
31520	GRAPHIC SERVICES	2,000	913	1,087
31540	SIGNS READY MADE		436	-436
31611	POSTAGE-REGULAR MA	500		500
31910	PETTY CASH EXPENDITURES	500		500
32010	INSERVICE TRAINING	500		500
41016	GASOLINE-UNLEADED		58	-58
43231	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	200		200
47010	OFFICE SUPPLIES/OUTSIDE VENDOR	500		500
47011	GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	6,000	1,336	4,664
49310	CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS	500	152	348
60620	GRANTS TO OTHERS	10,000		10,000
95021	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	5,000		5,000
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>329,000</b>	<b>464,809</b>	<b>-135,809</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 11/12

As of April 30, 2012

<b>Subobject</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
00110	SALARIES	70,000	40,586	29,414
01010	FRINGES	15,000	8,078	6,922
01111	ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	50,000		50,000
21110	MANAGEMENT SERVICES		13,450	-13,450
26050	GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	200		200
31408	RADIO ADVERTISING		1,181	-1,181
32010	INSERVICE TRAINING		199	-199
60620	GRANTS TO OTHERS	150,700	10,950	139,750
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>285,900</b>	<b>74,444</b>	<b>211,456</b>

# MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 11/12

As of April 30, 2012

Subobject	Description	Budget	Actual	Balance
R31900	OTHER TAXES	1,478,000	781,108	696,892
R36100	INTEREST EARNINGS	1,000	838	162
R36900	OTHER MISCELLANEOU	50,000	125,685	-75,685
R38900	OTHER NON REVENUE(	858,000	728,395	129,605
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,387,000</b>	<b>1,636,026</b>	<b>750,974</b>
	00110 SALARIES	138,000	94,257	43,743
	01010 FRINGES	34,000	21,333	12,667
	01111 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	50,000		50,000
	26050 GSA PRINTING & REP	600	319	281
	26616 RECORDING FEES	500	690	-190
	32010 INSERVICE TRAINING	800		800
	47011 GSA CENTRAL SERVICES	400		400
	49310 CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS		66	-66
	60620 HAP PROGRAM	2,162,600	1,006,725	1,155,875
	78030 ESCROW AGENT	100	60	40
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,387,000</b>	<b>1,123,450</b>	<b>1,263,550</b>

## TEEN COURT PROGRAM

FISCAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FY 10/12

As of April 30, 2012

<b>Subobject</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
R35900	OTHER FINES AND/OR	1,200,000	659,343	540,657
	CARRYOVER	293,000	597,524	-304,524
R36100	INTEREST EARNINGS	5,000	817	4,183
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,498,000</b>	<b>1,136,873</b>	<b>605,648</b>
	00110 SALARIES	805,000	359,682	445,318
	01010 FRINGES	242,000	89,388	152,612
	01111 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	282,200	0	282,200
	22310 SECURITY SERVICES	12,000	9,057	2,943
	22350 BOTTLED WATER & CHILLER	100	42	58
	22430 OTHER OUTSIDE CONTRACTS	3,500	2,021	1,479
	24130 MAINT & REPAIR:OFF	1,000	771	229
	25330 COPY MACHINE RENTAL	5,000	2,717	2,283
	25511 PAYMENTS TO LESSOR	12,400	800	11,600
	26032 GSA AFT.HOUR CHRGS	12,000	3,675	8,325
	26050 GSA PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	2,000	3,075	-1,075
	26051 GSA POSTAGE		189	-189
	26062 FM LT EQ MILEAGE	3,000	685	2,315
	26077 FM-POOL VEHICLE HOURS	2,000	518	1,482
	26260 OTHER CHARGES FOR		120	-120
	31210 TRAVEL EXPENSE-U.S	1,000	2,018	-1,018
	31220 REGISTRATION FEES	200	930	-730
	31402 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT	5,000		5,000
	31420 SPONSORSHIPS/MARKETING	5,000	7,207	-2,207
	31510 OUTSIDE PRINTING	600		600
	31520 GRAPHIC SERVICES		35	-35
	31611 POSTAGE-REGULAR MAIL	500	500	0
	32010 INSERVICE TRAINING		510	-510
	33050 OTHER GENERAL OPERATING		50	-50
	47011 GSA CENTRAL SERVIC	8,000	3,590	4,410
	49310 CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS	2,500	216	2,284
	60240 OTHER TRANSPORTATION		432	-432
	60620 GRANTS TO OTHERS	93,000	14,500	78,500
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,498,000</b>	<b>502,728</b>	<b>995,272</b>

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. B**

## **HOUSING UNIT REPORT**

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**MIAMI DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
APRIL 2012  
HOUSING OUTREACH & EDUCATION REPORT**



**HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP)**

During the period from April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012, there were twenty (20) HAP applications submitted totaling \$2,438,393 in first mortgages with an aggregate purchase price of \$2,576,839. There is \$60,000 in Miami Dade County and other (non-county) administered subsidy program mortgages associated with these submissions.

During the period from April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012, funds were provided to twenty-one (21) families purchasing homes for a total of \$126,105 in HAP mortgages. These loans generated \$2,645,320 in first mortgages with an aggregate purchase price of \$2,841,189. There was \$60,000 in Miami-Dade County administered subsidy program mortgages associated with these closings and 61,000 non-county funded subsidy program mortgages. The HAP loans have thereby increased Miami-Dade County's property tax roll by an estimated \$52,500 for April 2012 (based on an average annual tax bill of \$2,500 per home). See the April 2012 Production Report for statistical details.

**HAP FUNDING & TRAINING SEMINARS**

For fiscal year (2011-2012), one-hundred and fifty-four (154) loans totaling \$1,127,587 have been funded. The average HAP loan amount for April was \$6005 versus the February average amount of \$7,651. Consequently the February 2012 (MDEAT) Trust Board approved maximum permissible HAP funds reduction allowed six additional families to be funded in April.

The most recent Certification Workshop was held on April 11, 2012 at the Joseph Caleb Center. There were ninety-one (91) mortgage and real estate professionals in attendance. Workshops are generally held every 6-8 weeks and new requests to participate and become HAP certified are still being received. Individual mortgage originators and title/ closing agents must be approved to submit and close HAP files. Realtor and developer attendance is highly recommended but not required at this time. Signed Participation Agreements are required for individuals and their affiliated company along with licensing information for monitoring and tracking purposes.

**HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

There are no special housing program initiatives in operation or planned at this time. It is doubtful that we will receive adequate (Surtax) monies to allocate to and special housing project or initiative this fiscal year due to the reduced monthly allocation through the end FY2011-12 related to a multi-year overpayment by the state to Miami-Dade County and increased demand in HAP file submission requests and subsequent fundings. Matching funds from a secondary/ partnering source with an updated HAP funds analysis and projection would be required to consider any housing project or initiative.

## HOMEOWNERSHIP EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Presenter at Centro Campesino's First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshops in English and Spanish held at their complex in Florida City. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Downpayment Assistance Programs (DAP's) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. The presentations were made to approximately fifty-five (55) total attendees (both sessions).
  - Presenter at the Vision To Victory Destination Home 1<sup>st</sup>-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop held at New Birth Baptist Church in Opa Locka. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Downpayment Assistance Programs (DAP's) and how they integrate into the mortgage process to approximately fourteen (14) attendees.
  - Presenter at Trinity Empowerment Consortium's First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshops in English and Spanish held at the West Perrine Opportunity Center. The presentation topic was on MDEAT's HAP and MDEAT's role in usage with other subsidy program funds, other available Downpayment Assistance Programs (DAP's) and how they integrate into the mortgage process. The presentations were made to approximately sixty (60) total attendees (both sessions).
  - HAP Administrator & Outreach Coordinator Eric Johnson made presentations to University of Miami faculty and staff on the First-Time Homebuyer process and on MDEAT's HAP and other Downpayment Assistance Programs (DPA/DAP's) regarding their role and use in the mortgage and home buying process. The three presentations were coordinated by UM's Faculty & Staff Assistance Program personnel and were delivered at their Coral Gables, medical and biological & oceanographic campuses to a total of fifty-two attendees.
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MIAMI DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM April 2012			
General Statistics	April 2012	YTD April 2012	
Total Applicants	20	165	
Total Purchase Price	\$2,576,839.00	\$20,961,284.00	
Total amount in 1st Mortgages	\$2,438,393.00	\$19,055,023.00	
Total Amt SURTAX & Other Subsidies	\$60,000.00	\$815,530.00	
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>154</b>	
<b>Total MMAP Funding</b>	<b>\$126,105.00</b>	<b>\$1,127,587.00</b>	
Total Purchase Price	\$2,841,189.00	\$21,146,109.00	
Average Sales Price	\$135,294.71	\$137,312.40	
Total amount in 1st Mortgages	\$2,645,320.00	\$18,861,104.00	
Average 1st Mortgage	\$125,967.62	\$122,474.70	
Total Amt SURTAX Funding	\$60,000.00	\$494,600.00	
Other Loans	\$61,000.00	\$433,030.00	
Estimated Increase to Tax Base	\$52,500.00	\$385,000.00	
* Based on annual taxes of \$2500/yr.	Ave. HAP Ln Amt. YTD=	\$7,321.99	
	Ave. HAP Ln Amt. Apr12=	\$6,005.00	
<b>Head of Household</b>			
Female	9	57	
Male	12	97	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>154</b>	
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
Black	6	40	
Hispanic	14	103	
White	1	8	
Other	0	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>154</b>	
<b>Median Income Level</b>			
Very Low	2	19	
Low	10	79	
Median	1	27	
Median Moderate	8	29	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>154</b>	
<b>Commission District</b>			
District 1 - Barbara Jordan	5	34	
District 2 - Jean Monestime	1	12	
District 3 - Audrey Edmonson	1	3	
District 4 - Sally A. Heyman	0	1	
District 5 - Bruno A. Barreiro	0	1	
District 6 - Rebecca Sosa	1	9	
District 7 - Xavier L. Suarez	0	1	
District 8 - Linda Bell	7	58	
District 9 - Dennis C. Moss	3	21	
District 10 - Javier D. Souto	1	5	
District 11 - Joe A. Marinez	1	5	
District 12 - Jose "Pepe" Diaz	1	4	
District 13 - Esteban Bovo Jr.	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>154</b>	

# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. C**

## **TEEN COURT UNIT REPORT**

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# **DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

**V. D**

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**

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# Memorandum



**TO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board  
**THRU:** John E. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director  
**DATE:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Marketing and Public Information Report

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For your review, please find below the activities that were implemented to help the agency reach its audience via visual communications and printed materials for February – March 2012.

Offices of Marketing and Public Information provides assistance to the MDEAT Trust, Action Committees Chairpersons and staff liaisons, CBO's, and residents announcing our advocacy efforts and community empowerment initiatives created for. A multi-mix of collateral materials and promotional information are utilized to deliver the MDEAT message including: letters, flyers, radio and newspaper advertising placement, television interviews, news articles, press releases, photos, website event placement and updates, email listings, and other functions. Offices of Marketing and Public Information assist with logistics of all MDEAT events. All are available for your review and comply with county branding.

- A. The unit continually provides support to the MDEAT Trust Board, Executive Director, Economic Development Unit, Housing Assistance Program, Teen Court Program, Procurement/Purchasing Liaison, Fiscal Unit, and other operations of the agency.
- B. Post and edit all scheduled meetings for the MDEAT Board, and Action Committees along with other agency notifications.
- C. Monitor all Miami-Dade Board of County Commission and Commission Committee meetings.
- D. Continuously monitor newspapers, websites, magazines, radio, and TV broadcasts.
- E. Youth Action Committee (YAC)  
Miami-Dade County Teen Court Program

Prepared printed materials, press releases, and assist with outreach for the program. In addition, implement radio and newspaper awareness for the program.

1. Coordinating with Teen Court Division on packaging the Teen Court Resolution
2. Working on Teen Court Newsletter – Spring/Summer addition 2012.
3. Worked on *The State of Youth In Miami-Dade County - West Forum* on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at City of Miami Springs Community Center Theater.
4. Worked on the *5th Annual Miami-Dade County Teen Court Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Developing Change* on Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 711 N.W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 33126.
5. Worked on Youth Speak with CRB.

6. Working on the Teen Court Mock Trial on Profiling – May 29, 2012 - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Complex, 3000 NW 199 Street Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

#### F. Housing Advocacy Committee - Housing Assistance Program (HAP)

Prepared printed materials, press releases, and assisted with outreach for the committee. In addition, implement radio and newspaper awareness for the program.

1. Reviewing 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft for Housing Brochure.
2. Working with PR Housing Subcommittee on future initiatives and events.
3. Create Press Releases for Trainings as needed
4. Discussing and coordinating logistics for a large Housing event
5. Covering files to upload on MDEAT website.

#### G. Economic Development Action Committee

1. The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Economic Development Action Committee in partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Housing & Community Development presented the kick-off of the WI-FI Computer Training Program on Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Merline Matthews Community Center, located at 5200 NW 22 Avenue. Residents were able to learn how to operate a computer while using free Wi-Fi.

#### H. New Board Member Recruitment

1. The Office of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, the Nominating Council Members along with MDEAT will begin the interview process this week.
2. Website reflects the progress made by the Nominating Council, and announce the New Board member appointments once approved by Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

#### I. Updated the MDEAT New Website, [www.miamidade.gov/MDEAT](http://www.miamidade.gov/MDEAT):

1. Posted online current Teen Court Events including PDF flyers

#### J. Revising/upgrading all promotional materials:

1. Housing Assistant Program
2. Economic Development
3. MDEAT
4. Action Committees

#### K. MDEAT Newsletter –researching other County email newsletters to create a layout for MDEAT newsletter.

#### L. Annual Report 2009-2010 – Reviewing all MDEAT Divisions information that was submitted for fiscal year 2009-2010.

1. Drafted Letter for Chairman
2. Drafted Letter for Executive Director

**3. Scheduling photo shoots**

**M. Community Meetings/Forums/Fairs/Workshops attended: North Miami High School – FCAT Celebration Fair – Teen Court Promo Table setup at the event.**

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**PARA DIVULGACIÓN****INMEDIATA:** 13 de abril del 2012**ENLACE DE PRENSA:**FIDEICOMISO DE APOYO ECONÓMICO DE  
MIAMI-DADEJoey Walker o Melba Gasque 305-372-7600  
Comisionada Rebeca Sosa, Distrito 6  
Ivonne Pérez Suárez – 305-389-7146**La Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Comisionada del Condado, Distrito 6**

y

**el Comité de Acción de la Juventud****del Fideicomiso de Apoyo Económico de Miami-Dade**

presentaron

***“El estado de la juventud en el Condado de Miami-Dade”  
Foro Oeste***

(MIAMI, 12 de abril del 2012) – Rebeca Sosa, Comisionada del Condado de Miami-Dade y el Comité de Acción de la Juventud del Fideicomiso de Apoyo Económico de Miami-Dade (MDEAT, sigla en inglés) presentaron El estado de la juventud en el Condado de Miami-Dade – Foro Oeste el miércoles 11 de abril del 2012 en el teatro del centro comunitario de la Ciudad de Miami Springs. La juventud tuvo la oportunidad de expresarse acerca de lo que ocurre en su comunidad. Los ciudadanos abordaron temas de actualidad para los adolescentes como el crimen en sus vecindarios, empleos, la educación, el desarrollo de la juventud y el acoso escolar.

Los miembros del panel del foro oeste incluyeron a Myria Morgan, Administradora del Programa de la Juventud de *South Florida Workforce*; Catherimarty Burgos, Administradora de

Servicios Clínicos del Departamento de Servicios Juveniles; Charles Hurley, Jefe del Departamento de Policía de las Escuelas Públicas de Miami-Dade; Mark E. Zaher, Director de Operaciones Escolares/Programas Especiales de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Miami-Dade; y Bryan Calvos, Abogado Voluntario de la Juventud para la Corte de Adolescentes del Condado de Miami-Dade.

Los estudiantes, padres y ciudadanos interesados tuvieron todos la oportunidad de expresar sus opiniones acerca de temas de actualidad para los adolescentes. Se hizo una copia de todos los comentarios para recopilar acciones recomendadas y así crear un libro blanco para ser presentado a la Junta de Comisionados del Condado.

MDEAT también se encarga de la Corte de Adolescentes del Condado de Miami-Dade (M-DCTC, sigla en inglés), un programa impulsado por jóvenes que proporciona una manera de rendir cuentas alternativa a la del sistema de justicia juvenil y ayuda a interrumpir las etapas iniciales del comportamiento criminal. M-DCTC le da a la juventud y a sus familias una segunda oportunidad además de proporcionar oportunidades para servir a la comunidad del Condado de Miami-Dade.



Para obtener más información, visite [www.miamidade.gov/mdeat](http://www.miamidade.gov/mdeat) o llame al 305-372-7600.

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Es norma del Condado de Miami-Dade acatar todas las disposiciones de la Ley de Discapitados de los Estados Unidos. El edificio es accesible. Para solicitar los servicios de un intérprete del idioma de las señas, dispositivos de

**Fideicomiso de Apoyo Económico de Miami-Dade**  
19 West Flagler Street, M-106  
Miami, FL 33130  
305-372-7600

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

April 10, 2012

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
 Joey Walker or Melba Gasque 305-372-7600  
 Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6  
 Ivonne Perez Suarez – 305-389-7146

**The Honorable Rebeca Sosa, County Commissioner, District 6**

and

**Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  
 Youth Action Committee**

will host

***“The State of Youth in Miami-Dade County”***

**(MIAMI, April 10, 2012)** – In keeping with the commitment as a community advocate, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) will host a youth forum in west Dade. Citizens will have the opportunity to address issues on crime, jobs, economic development, affordable housing, education, youth development, creating legislation, alerting residents about available local, state and federal services, and much more is open for discussion.

Commissioner Sosa and the MDEAT Youth Action Committee (YAC) will host: *The State of Youth in Miami-Dade County- West Forum* on Wednesday, April 11th at the City of Miami Springs Community Center Theater, 1401 Westward Drive from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The West Forum will feature panelists addressing issues facing our youth in education, criminal justice, faith and employment. It is the intent to capture recommended actions submitted by participants, along with solutions provided by experts which may include creating legislative policy as an antidote. The Forum is prearranged for both youth and adults to be candid about issues affecting their neighborhood and/or school. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6, along with other local, county and state agencies, and community organizations will participate at the forum.

MDEAT also operates Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC), a youth-driven program providing alternative accountability to the juvenile justice system which helps disrupt the beginning stages of criminal behavior. M-DCTC gives youth and their families a second chance, as well as, provides opportunities to serve the Miami-Dade County community.

**WHO:** The Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner – District 6  
 And Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Youth Action Committee

**WHAT:** The State of Youth in Miami-Dade County - West Forum

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** City of Miami Springs Community Center Theater  
1401 Westward Drive  
Miami Springs, Florida 33166

For more information, visit [www.miamidade.gov/mdeat](http://www.miamidade.gov/mdeat) or call 305-372-7600.

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**Pou Piblikasyon Imedya:**  
2 avril 2012

**Kontak Laprès:**  
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST (MDEAT)  
Joey Walker oswa Melba Gasque  
305-372-7600  
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6  
Ivonne Perez Suarez – 305-389-7146



**L'Onorab Rebeca Sosa, Komisyonè Konte, Distrik 6**

ak

**Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust**

**Komite "Youth Action"**

ap prezante

**"Eta Jenès la nan Konte Miami-Dade"**

Konfòmman ak angajman li kòm aktivis kominotè, Komisyonè Konte Miami-Dade Rebeca Sosa an kolaborasyon ak Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) ap prezante yon fowòm lajènès nan Lwès Dade. Sitwayen yo ap gen opòtinite adrese kesyon krim, travay, devlopman ekonomik, lojman abòdab, edikasyon, devlopman lajènès, kreye lejislasyon, alète rezidan yo sou disponiblite sèvis lokal, eta ak federal, ak plis bagay ankò ap ouvè pou diskisyon.

Komisyonè Sosa ak MDEAT Youth Action Committee (YAC) ap prezante: *Eta Lajènès nan Konte Miami-Dade- Fowòm Lwès* jou mèkredi, 11 avril nan City of Miami Springs Community Center Theater, 1401 Westward Drive de 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Fowòm Lwès la ap gen ladan dè panelis k'ap adrese sijè kap konfwonte jenès la nan edikasyon, jitis kriminèl, lafwa relijye ak anplwa. Se nan entansyon pou kaptire aksyon ki rekòmande yo ke patisipan yo soumèt, ansanm ak solisyon ke ekspè yo bay ki ka gen ladan yo pou kreye lejislasyon kòm yon antidot. Fowòm lan aranje davans pou ni jèn yo ak adilt yo kapab pale fran sou sijè ki afekte katye yo ak/oswa lekòl yo. Komisyonè Konte Miami-Dade Rebeca Sosa, Distrik 6, ansanm ak lòt ajans lokal, konte ak eta, ak òganizasyon kominotè ap patisipe nan fowòm lan.

MDEAT ap opere tou Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC), yon pwogram jèn yo ki bay responsabilite altènatif a sistèm jistis jinenil la ki ede deranje premye etap kondwit kriminèl. M-DCTC bay jèn yo ak fanmi yo yon dezyèm chans, ensike, ba yo opòtinite pou sèvi kominote Konte Miami-Dade la.

**Kisa:** L'Onorab Rebeca Sosa, Komisyonè Konte Miami-Dade – Distrik 6

Eta Lajènès nan Konte Miami-Dade – Fowòm Lwès

**Kilè:** Mèkredi, 11 avril 2012 • 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Kikote:** City of Miami Springs Community Center Theater, 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florid 33166

Vin Fè Pati Solisyon an, vini nan fowòm GRATIS sa a ki ouvè a tout piblik la. Rele 305-372-7600. MDEAT angaje li a adrese disparite sosyo-ekonomik nan kominote Nwa Konte Miami-Dade la nan plede ak kowòdone inisyativ ak pwogram pou benefisyè tout kominote a.

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**Nòt pou laprès:** Yo envite w voye yon jounalis/fotografè.

The Honorable Rebeca Sosa, County Commissioner, District 6  
and  
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Youth Action Committee

Cordially invite you to a community forum

## The State of Youth in Miami-Dade County West Forum

**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** City of Miami Springs  
Community Center Theater  
1401 Westward Drive  
Miami Springs, Florida 33166



**Attend & Be Heard!**



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 2, 2012

**MEDIA CONTACT:**  
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST  
Melba Gasque 305-372-7600



**Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  
In partnership with  
Miami-Dade Public Housing & Community Development**

**Presented**

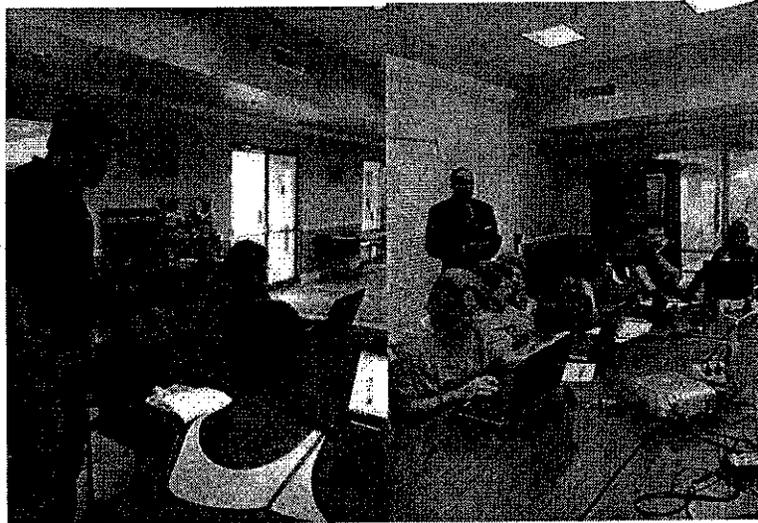
**Wi-Fi Computer Training  
at the  
Merline Matthews Community Center**

**(MIAMI, April 30, 2012)** – The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Economic Development Action Committee in partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Housing & Community Development presented the kick-off of the Wi-Fi Computer Training Program on Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Merline Matthews Community Center, located at 5200 NW 22 Avenue. Residents were able to learn how to operate a computer while using free Wi-Fi.

In keeping with the commitment as a community advocate agency, MDEAT's Economic Development Action Committee will be identifying urban areas that need technical assistance to bridge the digital divide in Miami-Dade County.

MDEAT's Economic Development Action Committee serves as the community's vehicle to express concerns about Economic Development projects and events. In addition, the Committee's task is to develop recommended actions as voiced by citizens and then work with lead authorities to encourage resolving the problems.

The Committee meets monthly at designated meeting sites to address citizens' issues. The Committee's members include community leaders, economic development professionals, business representatives, and individuals from the community.



For more information, on Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust's Economic Development Action Committee, please visit [www.miamidade.gov/mdeat](http://www.miamidade.gov/mdeat) or call 305-372-7600.

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Miami-Dade County  
**Teen Court**

**5th Annual**

# **BOOZ SPEAKING OUT GUNS & VIOLENCE CONFERENCE**

**Developing Change**

**Thursday, May 3, 2012**

**8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Doubletree Hotel**

**711 N.W. 72nd Avenue**

**Miami, Florida 33126**



**Veraunda I. Jackson, Esquire**

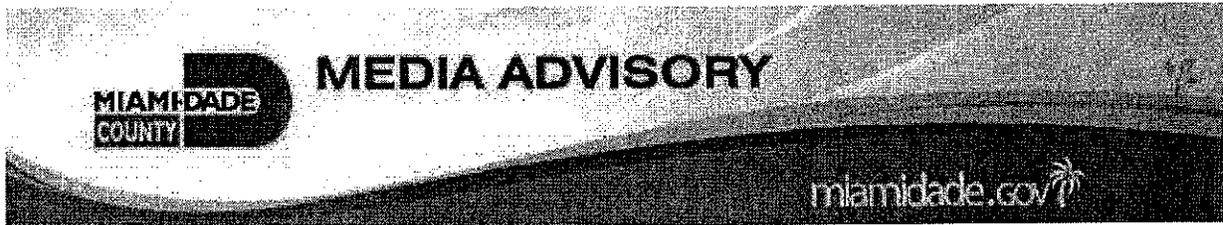
This conference is part of an ongoing mission of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC), a peer sanctioning program for youth to address FACE TO FACE the rise of violence in our neighborhoods, schools, and the community. Along with speakers and workshops the message is targeted to address the issues surrounding violence, the future of our youth, and listen to what the young people have to communicate during the wrap-up sessions. Participants will receive information to improve their decision making skills and gain insight to help guide them toward positive behavior. M-DCTC is a Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Initiative.



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**Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust  
Youth Action Committee**  
presents  
**The 5th Annual Miami-Dade County Teen Court Youth  
Speaking Out Against Violence Conference:  
Developing Change**

**(MIAMI, May 2, 2012)** – Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) will host the **5th Annual Miami-Dade County Teen Court Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Developing Change** on Thursday, May 3, 2012. This conference is part of the ongoing mission of Miami-Dade County Teen Court (M-DCTC), a peer sanctioning program for youth to address Face-To-Face the rise of violence in our neighborhoods, schools, and the community as a whole. Along with speakers and workshops, the message is targeted to address the issues surrounding violence, the future of our youth, and document the voices of participants as they express their concerns.

Over 200 students from the following Senior High Schools: Booker T. Washington, Dr. Michael Krop, Homestead, Miami Carol City, Miami Central, Miami Norland, Miami Southridge, North Miami, Miami Northwestern, South Dade will attend the conference. Additional participants include Madison, Miami Edison, and Nautilus Middle Schools. This experience helps students to improve their decision making skills and guide them to positive behavior. There will be various workshops with topics like "Profiling", "Bullying in our Community and in Schools", and "Gun Violence in America".

This year, motivational speaker, attorney, and author of *"Behind The Scenes: A Teenager's Guide to Starring in a Successful Life"*, Veraunda I. Jackson, Esquire, will be the keynote speaker. A variety of speakers including elected and local enforcement officials are invited to participate in the event. We will also be hearing from Teens that have participated in the Teen Court program.

**WHO:** Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Youth Action Committee

**WHAT:** 5th Annual Miami-Dade County Teen Court Youth Speaking Out Against Violence Conference: Developing Change

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 3, 2012 • 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Doubletree Hotel  
711 N.W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33126

For more information on Miami-Dade County Teen Court, please call Anthony D. Williams, Youth Division Director at 305-372-7600 or visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/mdeat>.

**Note to Press:** You are invited to send a reporter/photographer.

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To ensure the equitable participation of Blacks in Miami-Dade County's economic growth through advocacy and monitoring of economic conditions and economic development initiatives in Miami-Dade County.

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