

**Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, 300 NE 2<sup>ND</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL**  
**Conference Agenda**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**1. Opening session 9:30 .a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (1261 – Auditorium)**

- \* **Welcome Remarks**
- \* **Keynote Speakers**

**2. Morning Workshops - 10:45 am – Noon**

**Youth: (Room 1261 – Auditorium)**

**Civil Rights Models in Our Diverse Community:** A panel of historic leaders from diverse Miami-Dade communities share stories that illustrate strategies each has utilized to reduce disparities and achieve equity toward specific civil rights goals. The presentations are followed by questions, answers and comments from the youth audience and an exploration by youth and adult leaders of lessons learned and strategies for the achievement of current civil rights goals.

**Municipal Activists: (Room 2106 – Batten)**

**CRB Mission, Members, Roles and Responsibilities** A panel of respected community leaders, subject matter experts and CRB members, past and present, will present an overview of the mission of Community Relations Boards; address the importance of a broad based and diverse membership that is representative of the various social, racial, religious, linguistic, cultural and economic groups comprising the population of the city; and ways to foster mutual understanding, cooperation and respect among all groups in the community.

**Community Activists: (Room 6100)**

**Community Relations and the Criminal Justice System:** A panel of leaders representing police, corrections, state attorney, public defender, and the judiciary describe activities each is currently implementing or planning to implement to enhance relations with the community including ways to inform, educate and engage the community members they serve. Presentations will be followed by questions, answers and comments from audience members and panelists about the need to enhance relations and ways to do so.

**LUNCH on your own**

**3. Afternoon Workshops 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Youth: (1 – 3 p.m.) (Room 1261 – Auditorium)**

**Civil Rights Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** A panel of current leaders from diverse Miami-Dade communities will describe the civil rights goals that they believe should be the priority of their respective communities today and why. A panel of youth leaders will share their perspectives on what should be the current

civil rights goals of the respective communities and community-wide and why. The presentations will be followed by questions, answers and comments by the youth audience and by panelists addressing strategies that may be effectively utilized to achieve current civil rights goals.

**Municipal Activists: (1- 2 p.m.) (Room 2106 – Batten)**

**Strategies to Prevent and Reduce Community Tensions:** A panel of past and current CRB leaders will describe ways that the CRB can have an impact by: addressing hot issues; building bridges of communication, understanding and mutual respect; engaging key stakeholders; conducting events and activities; and implementing interventions.

**Community Activists: (1-2 p.m.) (Room 6100)**

**Advocating for Fair Immigration Policies and Practices:** A panel of elected officials and immigrant advocates describe priorities for the achievement of fair and just immigration policies and practices. Presentations will be followed by questions, answers and comments from the audience and panelists about barriers to community support and ways that community members may be supportive of comprehensive immigration reform.

**Municipal Activists: (2 – 3 p.m.) (Room 2106 – Batten)**

**Working with Federal Civil Rights Partners:** A panel of representatives from federal agencies with offices in Miami-Dade that are charged with protecting civil rights and promoting community relations share information about their activities and priorities in this community and how activists may access and coordinate services. Participating agencies include: the U.S. Attorney's Office; The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; the U.S. Justice Department Community Relations Service; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Presentations will be followed by questions, answers and comments from the audience and panelists.

**Community Activists: (2 – 3 p.m.) (Room 6100)**

**Advocating for Economic Justice and Social Equity:** A panel of subject matter experts will describe specific strategies to facilitate the participation of under-utilized groups in the major economic and social opportunities that are available in Miami-Dade County. Leaders in the areas of business development, procurement, employment, education, and environmental justice share ways that greater equity may be achieved in our community regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, immigration status, or disability. Presentations will be followed by questions, answers and comments from the audience and panelists.

**4. Closing Session: 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (Room 1261 – Auditorium)**

**The Future Focus of the Community Relations Board:** Presentations by prominent CRB leaders from the past and present explore the challenges and priorities for the present and the future of intergroup relations in Miami-Dade County. Presentations will be followed by a brief period for questions, answers and comments from the audience and panelists.