

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE CHAIR
HISPANIC AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2013
6:00 PM

CUBAOCHO ART AND RESEARCH CENTER
1465 SW 8 ST.
MIAMI, FLORIDA

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Abbie B. Cuellar
Magali Abad
Chistina F. Gomez-Pina
Jorge N. Iglesias
Edilfa E. Perez
Armando Rodriguez
Vivian Rosado
Felipe Villaraus

EXCUSED:

Xiomara Casado
Yvelice Gonzalez
Lyse Cuellar-Vidal

Meeting Guests: Katherine Burgos, Director of Operations and Jeannette M. Garcia, Special Project Coordinator, Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department (JSD)

HAAB Vice-Chairwoman Vivian Rosado opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. She welcomed and thanked the members for attending the meeting. She explained to the members that HAAB Chairwoman Lyse Cuellar- Vidal was at the doctor's office and she won't be attending the meeting. The meeting was held at Cubaocho Art & Research Center 1465 SW 8 St., Miami, Florida.

She asked HAAB Members to review the meeting agenda and to make a motion to approve it.

HAAB Member Edilfa E. Perez moved to approve the meeting agenda. HAAB Member Magali Abad Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

HAAB Vice-Chair Vivian Rosado asked HAAB Members to review the Board Retreat Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2013 and the Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2013 and to make a motion to approve them.

Board Member Edilfa E. Perez moved to approve the March 12, 2013 Board Retreat Meeting Minutes. Board Member Jorge N. Iglesias seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Board Member Magali Abad moved to approve the April 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Board Member Armando Rodriguez seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Board Vice-Chair Vivian Rosado introduced the meeting guests: Ms. Katherine Burgos, Director of Operations and Ms. Jeannette M. Garcia, Special Project Coordinator of Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JDS).

Ms. Katherine Burgos thanked HAAB Members for the opportunity to attend the HAAB Meeting to see how her institution and HAAB can work together. She explained that the Juvenile Services Department (JDS), formerly known as the JAC since it first opened in October 1997 has served as a centralized processing, referral, and evaluation center for all juveniles arrested in Miami-Dade County. The department allows representatives from law enforcement, social services, education and mental health to work in cohesive partnership to provide a complete array of services in the initial phases of the child's involvement with the criminal justice system. The center provides services to children as young as 6 years old to youngsters 17 years old and their families. They work with arrested youngsters as well as with at risk youngsters. The JAC is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to accept arrested juveniles. There are a high percentage of Hispanics and Blacks juvenile offenders.

The JDS concept allows representatives from law enforcement and social services to work together under one roof to provide a complete range of services and programs at the initial stages of the juvenile's involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. The delivery mechanism used to provide JSD/JAC services and programs is achieved through four major components: The Intake and Screening Component, the Diversion Services Continuum, the Prevention Continuum, and the Clinical Unit.

The Intake and Screening Component – is responsible for the intake and triaging of arrested youth delivered to the JAC for screening and intake processing.

The Diversion Services Continuum – offers graduated interventions based on the psychosocial assessment, the age of the youth, the alleged offense and its impact on the victim or community, and the youth history within the system.

The Prevention Continuum – was developed to identify and address the issues of the at-risk population to prevent their entrance into the juvenile justice system through the use of empirically based screening and assessment tools designed and administered in an appropriate manner.

The Clinical Unit – is managed by License and Masters level clinicians who provide clinical reviews for assessments conducted by staff. This unit assists in providing appropriate interventions for children in crisis and provides clinical assistance when dealing with youth exhibiting severe mental health and substance abuse issues.

The JDS operates with an active partnership of juvenile justice stakeholders. JSD partners include various local stakeholders: Juvenile Court judges, Clerk of Courts, State Attorney's Office, Department of Juvenile Justice, Miami Dade Public Schools, County departments, law enforcement, Public Defender's Office, and a multitude of private providers and community based organizations. The department also works with colleges and universities as well as state and federal agencies.

Ms. Jeannette M. Garcia explained that she is in contact with the community and they work hand in hand with the schools, foster homes, and all organizations that deal with children. They do and extensive outreach campaign. They are always looking for ways to boost their outreach and therefore they would like HAAB to invite them to all the fairs, public workshops, and events that the board hosts. They want to be present in the community all the time. They want to spread the word, let the community know that they are here to serve them.

Board Vice-Chair Vivian Rosado asked: When does the Juvenile Service Department become involved?

Katherine – They receive calls from the children parents, police and school personnel contact them so they go out to assist. They receive funds from the County and the Federal Government. They cover all schools public/private in Miami-Dade. They collaborate and are involved with the schools, providing training and services, guidance and answering their questions.

They have satellite offices at Edison, Opa-locka, and South Dade Government Center.

Board Member Felipe Villaraus asked: What is the relationship between the JDS and the Mental Health Agencies?

The JDS completes the intake process and does the assessment, and then they refer the individual to a mental health agency close to their home. They also work with the entire family if needed. Most of the referrals are free of charge.

Board Member Jorge Iglesias invited Katherine and Jeannette to appear on his radio program at WQBA Cadena Azul. He told them that he is always there on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and he welcomed them to the program to spread the word into the community

Katherine and Jeannette thanked the HAAB Members for providing space on the meeting agenda for them. They express gratitude for the opportunity of interacting with the HAAB Members. They thanked Mr. Iglesias for inviting them to his radio program. They will contact him to let them know the day they will be participating in his radio program.

Committees Report:

Signature Event Committee:

Committee Chair Jorge Iglesias informed HAAB Members that the committee met to make a detail decision of how to handle the Hispanic Heritage Calendar of Events. As it is stated on the committee meeting minutes that are in your meeting package, we will handle the calendar of events the same way we have done it in prior years. The only changed that was made to the program was that we won't be producing a 2013 art catalog. To produce the art catalog, we need to raise the proper funding to pay for the design and printing and time is of the essence. Also, since we will be in the transition process of changing the board director, Ms. Lazo wouldn't have time to complete the process involved with the production of an art catalog before she retires on July 2013. In place of the catalog, we will be doing invitations and programs for each of the events. It will provide the opportunity to six artists to each sponsor one event and adorn the invitations and programs with their artwork. We will also display on a table at each of the exhibits a collage of art catalogs from last years to previous years.

The committee will be meeting again to decide on an addition to the event's program, a music presentation that we couldn't discuss at the committee meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd, 2013, at 12:30 p.m., at Café Versailles Restaurant.

HAAB Director Maria Lazo asked Board Member Christina Gomez-Pina if Baptist Health would like to be the sponsor of the Hispanic Art Expressions Exhibits this year.

Board Member Christina Gomez-Pina said that she will look into it and let Ms. Lazo know if Baptist will be the sponsor of the project.

Outreach Committee:

Committee Chair Magali Abad informed HAAB Members that she will be calling a committee meeting as soon as she and Board Director Maria Lazo meet with Ms. Liliam Lopez, President/CEO South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. We already met with her and decided that we will be hosting another lunch forum in partnership with the chamber this year. We discussed the possibility of bringing a panel to explain the "Affordable Care Plan". We have scheduled a meeting with Ms. Lopez for Monday, June 3, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. to come up with a detail agenda for the forum.

She also informed HAAB Members that she attended a one day summit on behalf of the board. On May 9, 2013, she attended the "Hispanic Children, Families and its communities in Miami-Dade County" summit. It was presented by "The Connectfamilias Partnership", an organization created with the belief that building on each child's strengths maintain the family at the center, and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of Miami-Dade. (See Magali's Report Attached)