

LOCAL WEEKLY REPORT

April 18 – April 21, 2011

Jackson Health System (JHS)

On Thursday, April 21, a Public Health Trust (PHT) committee will determine how much Jackson's new chief executive, Carlos Migoya will be compensated. Eneida Roldan, the present CEO, receives a salary of \$665,000 a year. The compensation committee for the PHT agreed to offer the the new CEO up to \$975,000. Migoya indicated that he was willing to accept substantially less money than Roldan's current salary but might request incentive bonuses contingent upon the hospital's financial turn around.

A special taskforce studying the alternatives for governing Jackson will also meet today to discuss what other hospitals are doing. The task force, which is chaired by Juan Zapata is comprised of twenty healthcare leaders. (Please see the agenda attached)

Miami

On Thursday, April 22, 2011, city commissioners will vote on whether to accept settling a lawsuit by billboard company, South Florida Equitable Fund (SFEF) that would grant the firm the right to nine sites in Miami. The company recently lobbied to include language into the state's transportation bill that would impact the city's collection of expected revenue by more than \$ 4 million. The bill language would limit the amount of money a city could collect for a yearly permit fee for an outdoor advertisement to \$500, which would override the city's ordinance that was projected to bring the city \$ 4.3 million a year.

City commissioners say they've been told by SFEF managing partners that if a settlement is reached, the language would be pulled from the bill. Under the settlement, a company erecting a billboard would pay as much as a \$50,000 one-time fee, then \$1,500 a year in permitting fees. With approximately 600 billboards and 26 murals within Miami, the estimated revenue for the first year was \$4.3 million. The city's agreement contains a clause that would kill the lawsuit settlement should the House bill pass (currently, there's no companion Senate provision).

Homestead

After serving for eight months, Jordan W. Leonard resigned last week from his position as executive director of the Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency. The resignation is effective May 4, according to Leonard's letter to City Manager George Grestas. Mr. Leonard, who also serves as a councilman for Bay Harbor Islands, cited that he had to seek other employment due to commuting issues. CRA Coordinator Monique D. Spence also resigned recently.

An assistant executive director and temporary secretary, with oversight from the assistant city manager, are now running the agency, which has a \$7.5 million budget. Miami-Dade County auditors last year released a negative report detailing wasteful spending, unaccountability and fraud within the agency. Under Leonard's leadership, accountability measures were implemented regarding how non profits are funded through the CRA. The agency's budget was approved by the county for the first time in two years and the county closed the audit. Grestas said that he is recruiting to fill the position of executive director.

Hialeah

The following resolution was passed by the city council on April 12, 2011:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION INTO LAW OF SENATE BILL 1212 INTRODUCED BY THE FLORIDA SENATOR RENE GARCIA TO PENALIZE PERSONS WHO SMOKE INSIDE A VEHICLE WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR OF LESS THAN 7 YEARS OF AGE.

Miami Lakes

Last week, the Town Council voted to fire its longtime legal counsel, Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske due to cost overruns. According to an analyses prepared by town staff, Miami Lakes budgeted \$1.2 million for legal services with Weiss Serota during the fiscal years 2006-2009 but during the period, paid nearly twice the amount - \$2.06 million. The Town Council voted 4-3 to terminate the contract within 60 days, set up a new committee to explore other options and hired Joe Geller as the town's interim attorney. Geller serves as attorney for the city of Opa-locka and the Village of El Portal. Geller, previously served as North Bay Village mayor and unsuccessfully ran for the state House District 106 in 2008. The town agreed to pay him up to \$150 an hour. Under Miami Lakes' charter, the mayor nominates the town attorney, subject to council approval.

Miami Lakes has its municipal elections scheduled for November 2012. With 18 months to go, Councilman Richard Pulido, has already encountered an opponent who has filed to run. Tony Lama, 33, a sales representative for a Massachusetts-based software

company, has filed to compete for Pulido's seat. Lama contends that the councilman is out of touch with the city's residents. Lama's platform will focus on attracting new business to the town; expanding youth services to more non-athletic activities; and targeting crime.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Save the date:

City of Miami:

What: Rally to Preserve CDBG Funding

Where: Manuel Arttime Theater, 900 SW 1st Street, Miami

When: April 25, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM

(For additional information, please see attached)

Southeast Florida Transportation Council:

What: Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)

Where: Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Board room

Trade Center South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850
Fort Lauderdale

When: April 25, 2011

Time: 10:00 A.M.

(For additional information and agenda please see the attached)

Miami-Dade County League of Cities:

What: MDCLC Board of Directors Meeting

Where: TBA

When: Thursday, May 5, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM