

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD**

**Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street, 18th Floor
Conference Room 18-2
Miami, Florida 33128**

***BOARD MINUTES
March 27, 2008
10:30 A.M.**

Domestic Violence Oversight Board Members Present

Chair Lucia Davis-Raiford
Vice-Chair Ivon Mesa
Sophie Brion
Craig Dearr, Esq.
Margaret Henghold, Esq.
Chief Therese Homer
Major Grace O'Donnell
Brenda Rivera, Esq.
Migna Sanchez-Llorens, Esq.

Domestic Violence Oversight Board Members Excused Absent

Sharon Aaron
Judge Rosa Figarola
Rev. Frances McCray
Cynthia Sinclair

Domestic Violence Oversight Board Members Not Excused Absent

Visitors

Amy Aiken
Oscar Braynon
Sharon Denaro
Angela Diaz-Vidaillet
Mara Leventhal
Suzanne Quinn

Staff Present

Vaughn Tooley, Executive Director
Sarah M. Lenett, Victim Services Analyst
Mandana Dashtaki, Esq., Assistant County Attorney

*Staff Summary/Not a Verbatim Transcription

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Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Items for Approval

Excused absences were offered for Sharon Aaron, Judge Rosa Figarola, Rev. Frances McCray, and Cynthia Sinclair.

The minutes from the March 27, 2008 meeting was approved.

Motion by: Ivon Mesa
Second by: Brenda Rivera
Approved: 8-0

Agenda Item No. 3 – Chair’s Report:

The Chair reported continued meetings with people who can bring expertise to assist with leveraging funds in terms of meeting construction costs, and getting more information regarding the procurement process for both future and current shelter operations. The Chair met with staff from the Office of Community and Economic Development and plans to meet again with staff from Housing. She is also meeting and speaking with members of other Boards to get ideas to shore up expertise for the DVOB in areas currently lacking, such as finance, development and construction. She noted that the Board is very strongly represented with domestic violence expertise but lacks expertise in some important areas that have to do with construction and operation of centers.

The Chair stated that all construction options must be explored, including new technologies. She plans to ask for a presentation from InnoVida, a locally based company that constructs composite modular buildings when we are further along in the process of evaluating and selecting from among all options. In discussions with the Office of Capital Improvement, the strong recommendation was that everyone is encouraged to proceed with design/build contracts that produce turnkey facilities. OCI does not promote separate design contracts and construction contracts.

The Chair reported attending and participating in opportunities to leverage support for the Board’s construction and operations activities. She specifically cited the webinar presented by the San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation on funding and sustainability. The San Diego Family Justice Center is a municipal department and has enhanced its’ funding and sustainability by creating a new and separate non-profit organization, the Family Justice Center Alliance, with a board of trustees. The Chair asked staff to provide the Board with an updated list of foundations, trusts and potential corporate donors for two purposes: 1) To determine what 501c3 organizations are out there and how relationships can be used with groups to fundraise and enter into contracts to support the Board’s efforts; 2) and to assist in the process of determining whether the Board moves toward creating a 501c3 through the Board of County Commissioners, or seek to do business with an existing organization.

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Agenda Item No. 4 Staff's Report:

Staff directed members to an Ordinance Relating to County Boards which amended a section of County Code. The amendment reads: "No person shall be eligible to serve on a County board if, at the time of appointment to the County board, the person has filed a lawsuit against the County that is pending at the time of appointment unless the Board of County Commissioners by two-thirds vote of its membership waives this requirement. No person sitting on a County board may file a lawsuit that challenges a policy set by the Board of County Commissioners without relinquishing his or her seat on the County board unless the Board of County Commissioners by two-thirds vote of its membership waives this requirement."

Oscar Braynon of the Office of Community Advocacy was scheduled to make a presentation on the Domestic Violence Oversight Board website. (Mr. Braynon will be rescheduled to go through the website with members at a later date if needed due to time limitations. The website is still a work in progress that can be accessed at www.miamidade.gov/domesticviolence).

Staff presented the financial report that showed cash balance of \$ 9,612,506.26 and total revenue (tax proceeds + interest) for February of \$ 219,471.16. Although the tax is predicted either flatten or decrease this year, the proceeds for the same period in the previous fiscal year were less than what has been collected to this point.

Sharon Denaro from the Advocate Center for Training & Treatment reported on the progress of the Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of domestic violence and sexual assault data in Miami-Dade County and its municipalities. This information is being prepared to update the Domestic Violence Gaps in Services Report from 2003. Unable to get reach an agreement and plan of work with Miami-Dade County's Enterprise Technology Services Department to do the maps, a private vendor was used. The process of collecting data for 2007 is nearly complete, except for police data. Police data reported by municipalities to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for 2007 will not be available until July 2008. So the police data is for 2006 crimes reported. Ms. Denaro was able to get Miami-Dade Police Department data for 2007 shortly before the meeting which includes statistics from the unincorporated areas and in some of the newer municipalities that continue to use MDPD for police services.

The maps included the following pages that were all divided by County Commission Districts:

- 2006 Domestic Violence Offense Rate by Zip Codes, MDPD Jurisdiction
- 2006 DV Offense Rate by Municipality
- 2006 Sexual Assault Offense Rate by Zip Codes, MDPD Jurisdiction
- 2006 Sexual Assault Offense Rate by Municipality
- 2006 Sexual Assault with DV Flag Offense Rate by Zip Codes, MDPD Jurisdiction

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- 2006 Sexual Assault with DV Flag Offense Rate by Municipality
- 2007 Residence of Petitioners Filing for Domestic Violence or Repeat Violence Injunctions by Zip Code
- 2007 Residence of Sexual Assault Victims Presenting at the Rape Treatment Center by Zip Code All Ages
- 2007 Residence of sexual Assault Victims Presenting at the Rape Treatment Center by Zip Code, Ages 0 – 11 years
- 2007 Residence of Sexual Assault Victims Presenting at the Rape Treatment Center by Zip Code, Ages 12 – 18 years
- 2007 Residence of Sexual Assault Victims Presenting at the Rape Treatment Center by Zip Code, Ages 18+
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service Providers
- 2007 Domestic Violence-Related Homicide/Suicide Fatalities by Type

The presentation was highly anticipated and members asked many questions for clarification of terms and exactly what the measures mean, and how they can be framed for effective policy analysis and recommendations. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled in the Community Education and Collaboration Committee as the mapping and reporting process continues.

Committee Reports – (Agenda Item #6)

Community Education & Collaboration

The Community Education and Collaboration Committee did not meet due to lack of quorum.

Construction & Needs Assessment/Finance

In addition to items discussed earlier in the meeting, the Construction and Finance Committee discussed the Work Order and MOU for the SW Center site plan needed for the GSA Government Facility Hearing. The Board wants to see if the site plan can be done cheaper than the GSA proposal. Under the Office of Capital Improvement, Miami-Dade County created the Equitable Distribution Program (EDP) to provide a process to equitably distribute architectural, engineering and landscape architectural (A&E) assignments for projects with an estimated construction cost of less than \$1 million (\$50,000 for study activities). This Program will be considered to determine if applicable for our needs.

In discussing the RFP/Bid Waiver options for the current Center Operator contract, The Chair received preliminary information that the contract can be extended for six months to provide more time to evaluate and determine the best course of action.

Agenda Item 7 – Old Business/Action Items:

None

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Agenda Item 8 – New Business:

None

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.