



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)1

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

Date: January 22, 2008

From: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

Subject: Appointment of Ivon Mesa
to the Dial-A-Life Program
Advisory and Oversight Board

Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Ms. Ivon Mesa to serve as a member of the Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board.

Section 2-1311 of the Miami-Dade County Code established the Dial-A-Life Program to oversee the collection and distribution of donated cellular and/or mobile telephones to eligible members of the community. The section further provides for the Board of County Commissioners to appoint one member from the Domestic Violence Oversight Board to the Dial-A-Life Advisory Board.

The Dial-A-Life Program Coordinator has forwarded a letter from Ms. Mesa expressing her interest in serving as a member of the Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board. Ms. Mesa will fill the seat vacated by Ms. Joanne Feuerman who is no longer with the agency.

Ms. Mesa's letter of interest and resume are attached for your review.

KS:sm
Attachments

December 20, 2007

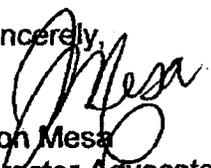
Carmen Williams
Dial-A-Life Program Coordinator
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
5680 SW 87 Avenue
Miami, FL 33173

Dear Ms. Williams:

Please accept this correspondence as a token of my deep interest in serving on the Dial-A-Life Board. It is with great pleasure and humility that I will be replacing Diana Susi and most recently Joanne Feuerman as the representative for the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board. As my resume shows, I have been a strong and effective advocate for domestic violence victims and their children for many years, including local and international interests. It has been my pleasure to assist elected officials and other interested parties to advance the cause of justice in domestic violence cases.

I look forward to contributing to the continued success of the Dial-A-Life Board and working with your staff and the Board members. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to our community.

Sincerely,



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PROFILE

Very self-motivated individual with the ability to communicate effectively. Work well under pressure and maintain a positive attitude at all times. Consistently recognized as having excellent interpersonal skills. Well developed verbal, written and public speaking skills. Able to work extremely well under minimal supervision.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1993-Present

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Director, Domestic Violence Intake Unit

Oversee the daily operations of the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Intake Operations at headquarters and all district offices, which includes a flow of approximately one thousand clients on a monthly basis. Responsible for creating and implementing policies and procedures geared toward improving the quality of service rendered to clients in Miami-Dade County. Identify resources in our community in order to expand the services rendered by the unit. Network and create partnerships with community agencies, both locally and nationally. Hire, train, evaluate and terminate staff. Create and implement statistical instruments to effectuate policy changes through the analysis of information compiled. Prepare budget proposal and grant application. Conduct training sessions on Domestic Violence & the Workplace and Domestic Violence around the country. Assess and effectively respond to complex situations involving the public and the operations of the courts.

The Program has been under the administration of three different entities:

Under the Human Services Department, February 2006-Present

Under the Clerk of the Court, July 2004-February 2006

Under the Administrative Office of the Court, January 1993-July 2004

2000 - Present
(Part-Time)

STEPS BEYOND INC.

Miami, Florida

Consultant/Trainer, Sexual Harassment, Domestic Violence, Cultural Diversity, Organizational Development, Organizational Leadership and Time Management.

2000 - Present
(Part-Time)

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Miami, Florida

Adjunct Professor, Family Violence, Sociology & Anthropology Department

April 1997 - October 1998
(Part-Time)

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CORAL PARK ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

Miami, Florida

Professor of English as a Second Language

October 1994 - November 1999
(Part-Time)

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

Miami, Florida

Professor of English as a Second Language

July 1988 - October 1990

FLORIDA NATIONAL COLLEGE

Miami, Florida

Registrar/In Charge of Academic Affairs.

Directing administrative and community activities and meetings. Counseling students. Selecting the more convenient course work and materials necessary to enhance the different programs.

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SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women, Appointed by Commissioner Plummer, 1994
Lectured on "domestic violence" in Caracas at the "Fourth International Family Congress" to an audience from South American and European countries, invited by the government of Venezuela, 1994.
Created comprehensive statistical monthly reports which led to significant policy changes.
Lectured on Domestic Violence in Uruguay, invited by Commissioner Natacha Millan-Seijas, Miami-Dade County Commissioners, 1995.
Hosted the "Zero Tolerance" television series in Spanish, invited by the Alliance Against Domestic Violence, 1995.
Co-produced and hosted eighteen television series on Domestic Violence, at the invitation of City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women, 1996.
Coordinated and served as Mistress of Ceremonies and panelist at the first statewide conference on domestic violence offered in Spanish in the state of Florida. The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Hispanic Women Alliance Against Domestic Violence, 1998, hosted this conference.
Appointed by Miami-Dade Commissioner to the Domestic Violence Oversight Board, 1998.
Worked with Miami-Dade County Public School Board in the implementation of a curriculum on domestic violence, 1998.
Worked with Miami-Dade County Commissioner in the creation and implementation of the County Ordinance on Domestic Violence & the Workplace. This ordinance is the first document of this nature in the United States, 1999.
Founder and Chair of the Latino Alliance Against Domestic Violence.
Invited by the American Embassy's Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Department of State's Office of International Information Program, to lecture on domestic violence in the Dominican Republic, 2000.
Served as a Grant Reviewer for the Violence Against Women Office Staff in Washington (Federal Funding), 2001.
Involved in several grant-writing efforts to secure funding for several court projects. Created partnerships with Legal Aid of Greater Miami and South Florida Employment Council to offer additional in house services, 2001
Person responsible for working with county government and the city of Miami Beach to open a unit to address domestic violence in the city of Miami Beach, 2002.
Honor by C.A.S.A. in recognition of her fight against domestic violence. 2007
Selected by the United States International Speaker Bureau as a speaker on Violence Against Women, 2007.
Invited by the American Embassy's Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Department of State's Office of International Information Program, to lecture on domestic violence in Spain, 2007.

AWARDS

2004 Governor's Peace at Home Award, Criminal Justice Category
2004 Governor's Peace at Home Award, Overall Category
Dr. Dorothy J. Hicks, presented by Victim Services Center, 2003
Woman of the Next Century Award, presented by the Miami-Dade County Women's Association, 2000
Recipient of the National Association Hispanic Public Administrator Community Service Award, 1997
Recipient of Employee of the Year Award, Miami-Dade County, AOC, 1994

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CERTIFICATES

Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment to Duty and Excellent Services, 11th Judicial Circuit, Administrative Office of the Courts, 2004.
Certificate of Appreciation for most Valuable and Distinguished Service on behalf of the city of Miami Beach, presented by Major Neisen Kasdin, 2001.
Certificate of Completion from Whitney Russ Real Estate Course, 2001.
Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Commitment and Dedication to Helping the Citizens of Miami-Dade, Presented by State Representative, Gustavo Barreiro, 1999.
Certificate of Notary Public, 1999
Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to the Judiciary of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, 1996
Certificate of Achievement for Completion of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor Certificate Program, 1996
Certificate of Miami-Dade County Public Educator, 1994
Certificate of Educator of the State of Florida Department of Education, 1994

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIL AFFILIATIONS

Domestic Violence Oversight Board, Appointed by Commissioner Souto, 2005, Member
Miami-Dade Commission on the Status of Women, Appointed by City of Miami Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, 2002, Member
Latino Alliance Against Domestic Violence, Chair
Miami-Dade County Alliance Against Domestic Violence, Member
2000 Leadership Miami, Selected by the Governor of the State of Florida
Miami-Dade Women Association, Member

EDUCATION

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Master in Public Administration

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Miami, Florida
Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice

MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Miami, Florida
Associate in Art, Education

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish.
Computer Literacy: Proficient in Corel Word Perfect 8.0, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Outlook and Internet