



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)1

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

DATE: October 21, 2008

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Appointment of John Schmidt and  
George Romagosa to the  
Addiction Services Board  
Miami-Dade County

Kay Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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It is recommended that the Board consider the appointment of John Schmidt and George Romagosa to serve as members of the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board.

In accordance with Section 2-422 of the Code, the Miami Coalition for a Safe & Drug Free Community is recommending that Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Romagosa be appointed to serve as "private sector" representatives of the Miami-Dade Addiction Services Board.

A copy of the memoranda from Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director of the Miami Coalition, and Michael Doherty, staff director of the Addictions Services Board has been included for your review.

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Attachments

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John R. Schmidt  
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### Personal Information

Date of Birth: 12/9/55  
Place of Birth: Baltimore, Maryland  
Married, three children

### Career Objectives

- Advocacy for previously incarcerated persons and addicted individuals.

### Achievements

- Founder of MCTC (Marvin's Corner Teaching Center) Inc., a self reliant advocacy body for people with addiction problems.
- Current member of the Miami-Dade Reentry Task Force
- Long-term graduate of the Delancey Street Foundation

# Memorandum



**Date:** September 10, 2008

**To:** Kay Sullivan, Director  
Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Board

**From:** <sup>MD</sup> Michaela Doherty, Staff Director  
Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board  
Office Community Advocacy

**Subject:** Addiction Services Board Appointees

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CLERK, CIRCUIT & COUNTY COURTS  
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The Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board (ASB), as established by Ordinance 90-144, is composed of nine public sector members, named by means of their position and nine private sector members nominated by the Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community, and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

I am forwarding you a request from Mr. Doug Hughes, President of the Miami Coalition to appoint Mr. John Schmidt and Mr. George Romagosa as private sector members to the Addiction Services Board. Both Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Romagosa have a wide range of professional experience and expertise in the field of addiction. Please forward the nominations to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 375-2108, should you require any additional information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Attachments: Memoranda



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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 9, 2008

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From: Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director  
The Miami Coalition 

Subject: Appointment of John Schmidt to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board

The Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community respectfully requests the appointment of Mr. John Schmidt to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board. Mr. Schmidt is an exoffender who has worked extensively with the Delancy Project, a very successful reentry program in California. The foundation of this model reentry program is based on developing economic self-sufficiency through positive work experience in a mainstream entrepreneurial environment. Mr. Schmidt has been active in assisting the courts through interventions with offenders in need of structured treatment environments and employment. He is a respected individual who brings a unique life experience and a clear commitment to creating successful reentry strategies for individuals who have paid their debt to society and are working to rejoin the mainstream of our community's work force. Mr. Schmidt can be of great assistance to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board as it explores positive alternatives to reduce relapse and recidivism.

The members of the Miami Coalition's board of directors and I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition for additional information.



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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 9, 2008

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From: Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director  
The Miami Coalition 

Subject: Appointment of George Romagosa to the Miami-Dade County  
Addiction Services Board

The Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community respectfully requests the appointment of Mr. George Romagosa to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board. Mr. Romagosa served as a Federal Probation Officer and a drug treatment specialist operating an in-custody treatment program within the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He was a volunteer advisor to the Broward County Courts for the creation of the Broward Misdemeanor Drug Court Program. Mr. Romagosa is the creator and Executive Director of Court Options, a private diversion alternatives program operating in Broward, Dade and Monroe counties. He has the experience and perspective of both the public and private sectors and in-depth knowledge of the criminal justice system. His expertise and his passion for improving treatment systems will be valuable to the Addiction Services Board as it addresses the challenges of improving substance abuse treatment services in Miami-Dade County.

The members of the Miami Coalition's board of directors and I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Coalition for additional information.

**GEORGE ROMAGOSA**

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**Summary of background:**

- Successfully developed and implemented Court Options, the pretrial diversion program for the branch courts for the Miami-Dade State Attorneys Office.
- Led the restructuring of the Advocate Program. Implemented a curriculum for all the educational groups and the juvenile program.
- Successfully developed and implemented a record seal and expunction program for the Advocate Program and Court Options Program.
- Seven years of federal criminal justice experience, five years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and two years with United States Probation.
- Proficiency in assessing situations will provide vision, energy and develop and implement strategic structures to ensure a successful outcome.

**Education: Florida International University- Miami, Florida  
1986-1989 Concentration: BS Criminal Justice, Minor: Psychology**

**Professional experience:**

**7/2004-present Court Options, Miami, Florida**

**Executive Director**

**Highlights of responsibilities:**

- Successfully developed and implemented a pretrial diversion program for first time offenders for the Miami Dade State Attorneys Office.
- Implemented and developed a misdemeanor pretrial diversion program for misdemeanor second and third time marijuana offenders.
- Supervise two offices that provide services for five branch courts. Services include: case management, group facilitation, and record seal/expunction workshop.

**9/2003-9/2005 Chrysalis Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

**Program Director, Cassius House**

**Highlights of responsibilities:**

- Director of a group home for teenage Foster Boys ages 14-18
- Implemented a structured program for teenage boys who have a history of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, chemical dependency, criminal arrests.
- Successfully developed and implemented a life skill program to promote skills for the transition of the residents into the Independent Living Program designed for Foster kids.

**9/2001- 9/2003 Advocate Center for Treatment and Training, Miami, Florida**

**Staff and Program Development Manager**

**Highlights of responsibilities:**

- Supervised three divisions: juvenile services, social services and educational groups division
- Successfully developed and implemented the following Programs: felony drug court, juvenile services, record seal, volunteer anger management, curriculums for all psycho educational groups, Internship Program.

**2/99-9/2001 Federal Probation, Southern Florida  
Drug Treatment Field Officer**

**Highlights of responsibilities**

- Provided community supervision for a specialized caseload of offenders placed on federal supervision by the U.S. District Court.
- Supervised a specialized caseload for individuals with substance abuse and mental health related issues.
- Assisted offenders develop relapse/recidivism prevention plans in order to minimize future violations.
- Conducted pre-release investigations focusing on the re-entry of the offender's transition into the community.

**2/99-9/2002 Advocate Program Inc, Miami Florida  
Consultant (part-time)**

**Highlights of responsibilities:**

- Supervised and evaluated psycho-educational criminal justice groups.
- Provided written performance evaluations and recommendations for all group facilitators.

**4/95-2/2000 Federal Bureau of Prisons, FCI, Tallahassee, Florida  
Drug Treatment Specialist**

**Highlights of responsibilities:**

- Provided group and individual counseling for inmates in residential drug treatment
- Plan detailed aftercare programs for inmates released to halfway houses in the community
- Facilitated group-counseling sessions for male and female inmates who have experienced: sexual, physical and emotional abuse.

**2/98-2/2000 North Florida Safety Council, Tallahassee, Florida  
DUI Evaluator (part-time)**

**Highlights of responsibilities**

- Provided drug and alcohol evaluations on individuals arrested for DUI. Refer individuals for treatment when required.

**8/89-3/1995- Advocate Program Inc, Miami, Florida**

Listed below are the positions I held during my initial tenure with the Advocate Program.

**Supervisor, Branch Services  
Domestic Violence Case Manager  
Probation Counselor  
Intern**

- Began my experience as an intern, later hired as a probation counselor, again, promoted to domestic violence case manager which led to the promotion to branch office supervisor.
- Overall management and supervision of two branch probation offices
- Supervised individuals placed on probation and pre-trial diversion for domestic violence related offenses.
- Facilitated psycho-educational group counseling sessions for individuals arrested for criminal offenses.

**Languages**

- Fluent in Spanish and English

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