



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)2

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 15, 2012

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Appointment/Reappointment
of members to the Addiction
Services Board of Miami-Dade
County

Christopher Agrippa, Chief
Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals to serve on the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board:

Mr. Ronald Lowy
Dr. Patricia Junquera
Dr. Ashley Austin
Mr. Ruben Roberts
Mr. David Vittoria
Dr. Claudio Perez (reappointment)

In accordance with Section 2-422 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Miami Coalition for a Safe & Drug Free Community has nominated the individuals as qualified candidates to serve as "private sector" representatives of the Miami-Dade Addiction Services Board. The Code further provides that those appointments be ratified by the County Commission.

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

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Attachments

Memorandum



Date: April 23, 2012

To: Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief
Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Board

From: Michaela Doherty, Staff Support
Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board
Office of Management and Budget
Grants Coordination

Subject: Addiction Services Board Appointees

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, Executive Director of the Miami Coalition, to appoint the following individuals, as private sector members to the ASB.

Mr. Ronald Lowy
Dr. Patricia Junquera
Dr. Ashley Austin
Mr. Ruben Roberts

In addition, Mr. Hughes is also requesting the reappointment of Dr. Claudio Perez, who has been serving on the ASB for the past three years.

The knowledge and expertise of all of the candidates will continue to enhance the discussions and information sharing on the board. Attached please find the resumes for all of the individuals listed above. 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
Resumes

Memorandum



Date: April 25, 2012

To: Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief
Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Board

From:  Michaela Doherty, Staff Support
Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board
Office of Management and Budget
Grants Coordination

Subject: Addiction Services Board Appointment

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I am forwarding you a request from Mr. Doug Hughes, Executive Director of the Miami Coalition, to appoint Mr. David Vittoria, as a private sector member to the ASB.

Mr. Vittoria's knowledge and expertise will continue to enhance the discussions and information sharing on the board. Also attached please find Mr. Vittoria's resume. Please forward the nomination 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: Memorandum
Resume



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Date: April 19, 2012

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From:  Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director

Subject: Appointment of Ronald Lowy, Esq. to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board

The Board and staff of The Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Community, Inc. recommend the appointment of Mr. Ronald Lowy, Esq. to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board. Mr. Lowy is an attorney in private practice who has been serving on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Drug Court for several years. He is the Managing Partner of a local law firm specializing in civil law. He has had over 100 jury trials in state and federal courts involving interstate and international cases, class action lawsuits and professional malpractice. In appellate work he was successful in having the Florida Supreme Court overturn the conviction and sentence of a man on death row awaiting execution. Part of Mr. Lowy's practice has specialized in representing families of addicted persons seeking help for their loved ones. He has experience as a city government executive and college law professor. In 2010 Mr. Lowy was given the highest honorary award from the Caracas, Venezuela Bar Association for his international efforts in securing justice for Venezuelan nationals and companies. Mr. Lowy's experience in law, his advocacy for civil and criminal justice and his years of service to the Friends of Drug Court in Miami-Dade County clearly provide him with a unique perspective and support the expectation of him making many contributions to the Addiction Services Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If any members of the Board of County Commissioners desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Background

Juris Doctorate. 1985. University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL. Dean's List.

Bachelor of Arts. 1980. University of Miami, School of Arts and Sciences, Coral Gables, Florida.
Major in Political Science and Public Administration. Graduated Magna Cum Laude with 3.70 GPA

Employment History

January 2007 to Present

Lowy and Cook, P.A.

Managing partner in a litigation law firm that specializes in federal and state civil litigation. Ronald S. Lowy has tried more than one hundred jury trials in the State and Federal courts and has handled over seventy-five appeals. Lowy's law practice is primarily focused on complex litigation involving the prosecution of substantial interstate and international business lawsuits, class actions, professional malpractice cases and high-end family law cases. Ronald S. Lowy is well known for personally prosecuting the state's largest real estate partition suit involving the destruction of a multi-building condominium project destroyed in Hurricane Andrew in which thousands of parties were joined as defendants to clear title and clear the way for over 50 million dollars to be distributed to beneficiaries. The Miami-Dade Circuit Court has also appointed Lowy as the Court appointed Receiver to search out and seize the assets of an international travel club company that had stolen millions of dollars from innocent victims. Lowy has also served as the litigation counsel for the world's largest condominium developer, Crescent Heights Companies and has defended many dozens of multi-million dollar lawsuits on their behalf. Lowy is presently prosecuting a lawsuit against the rap singer T-Pain and his manager for failing to appear at an Independence Day concert in Guyana causing the promoters damages in excess of five million dollars.

January 1989 to January 2007

Law Offices of Ronald S. Lowy P.A.

Sole proprietor of a law firm which has been AV designated in the Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers by Martindale Hubbell. The Firm's areas of practice included state and federal criminal and civil litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. The firm's most noteworthy appeals, include a decision which resulted in the Florida Supreme Court overturning both the sentence and first degree murder conviction of a man awaiting execution on death row, a decision by the United States Supreme Court reversing and remanding a sentence entered concerning the federal sentencing guidelines and a decision, the first of its kind in the nation, to ban religious bias in jury selection.

July 1985 to December 1988

Law Offices of Nevel & Lowy

Attorney-at-Law. Partner in a law firm that performed State and Federal litigation.

May 1982 to July 1985

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs/Assistant to City Manager

Responsible for directing City, State, Federal grant applications; supervised County, State and Federal lobbying efforts; managed and supervised City's park development and expansion projects; coordinated City's participation, funding and permitting of special events; and represented City at Legislative Sessions.

July 1983 to July 1985

Executive Deputy Director

Managed day-to-day activities of governmental redevelopment agency, including supervising Agency staff, and preparing and administering Agency budget. Responsible for various redevelopment elements and strategies such as development of the \$3.6 million South Pointe Park.

Professional Memberships & Associations

Florida Bar Student Education and Admission to the Bar Committee (former member)

National Association of Criminal

Defense Attorneys

Federal Bar Association (former member)

Dade County Bar Association

Arbitration Committee, (former Chairman)

Criminal Court Committee (former Chairman)

Professionalism Committee (current member)

Florida Bar Criminal Section:

a) Former Legislative Committee member and

b) Former Ethics Committee member

Miami Beach Bar Association, Director 2003-2005 Board of Directors

American Bar Association, member

Civic & Social Organizations

Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce: Honorary Lifetime Trustee

Miami Beach Jaycees: former President

Dade County Young Democrats: former Recording Secretary and Director

Miami Beach Taxpayers Association: former Vice-President

Miami Beach Charter Review and Revision Committee, former member

Civic Profile

Ronald S. Lowy was an instructor at Miami-Dade Community College from 1985 through 1989 teaching paralegal courses including, Criminal Law, Torts, Business Law, Wills and Trusts Estate Administration, Legal Research and Legal Writing. In 1987, Mr. Lowy's class, from among all the classes taught by eight paralegal instructors in the Paralegal Program, was selected to be videotaped and submitted to the American Bar Association as part of the school's application for ABA certification of the Miami-Dade Community College's paralegal program. Mr. Lowy is proud that he

played a part in helping Miami-Dade Community's paralegal program become the first ABA certified paralegal program in Florida.

Ronald S. Lowy subsequently created and introduced a new legal class entitled "The People's Law Scool" for Florida International University's Division of Continuing Education. The course was designed to help lay people and citizens understand their legal rights in areas of civil rights, insurance, accidents, real estate, consumerism, business, and other areas that affect lives. Mr. Lowy taught the class at FIU's North Miami Campus during 1989 and 1990.

Mr. Lowy is a frequent guest lecturer and instructor at the St. Thomas School of Law in Miami, Florida where he has helped to teach evidence and other classes. He frequently is invited to sit as a Judge with State and federal Judges at the St. Thomas Final Moot Court Competition. Lowy has been appointed to serve as a Special Master, Curator and Arbitrator by judges in Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Lowy has been quoted in the American Bar Association Journal (April 2007) discussing his services as a resource and expert whom other lawyers rely upon and in May of 2009 was the only attorney invited to be a panelist with four Circuit Court Judges to discuss ethics and professionalism before the Dade County Bar Association. Mr. Lowy serves on the Miami-Dade Court Observer Program and lectures annually to new lawyers on the subject of professionalism.

Mr. Lowy was proud to recently have been recognized at the 2010 American Bar Association's International Law Conference and presented the highest honorary award from the Caracas, Venezuela Bar Association for his international efforts in securing justice for Venezuelan nationals and companies.



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Date: April 19, 2012

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From:  Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director

Subject: Appointment of Patricia Junquera, M.D. to the Miami-Dade County County Addiction Services Board

The Board and staff of the Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community, Inc. recommend the appointment of Patricia Junquera, M.D. to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board (ASB). Dr. Junquera is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine and serves as Medical Director of the Detox Unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital. She is an award winning teacher at UM and has been recognized for "Special Care" to veterans by the Veterans Administration. Dr. Junquera has been involved in research and has published related scientific articles on women and addiction, HIV and addiction, and dual diagnosis among other mental health and addiction issues. Dr. Junquera has a special interest in addiction and the law as well as the connection between addiction, mood disorders and women. She serves on the substance use committee for the undergraduate campus at the University of Miami, and is currently involved in ongoing dual diagnosis research. Business Leader named Dr. Junquera "Woman Extraordinaire for 2011"

Dr. Junquera's knowledge and experience in the field of addictions will greatly enhance the discussions, information sharing and advocacy that are a mainstay of the Addiction Services Board. She is committed to contributing to the ASB by providing her time and input toward achieving the challenging goals of the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If members of the Board of County Commissioners desire additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

University of Miami

Curriculum Vitae

1. DATE: September 27, 2011

I. PERSONAL:

2. Name: Patricia Junquera, M.D.
3. Home Phone: 305-456-2763
4. Office Phone: 305-355-9106
5. Home Address: 95 Shore Drive West Miami Florida 33133
6. Current Academic Rank: Assistant Clinical Professor
7. Primary Department: Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
8. Secondary or Joint appointments: Director of Health and Recovery Inpatient Detox Unit
9. Citizenship: United States
10. Visa Type (if non-citizen): not applicable

II. HIGHER EDUCATION

11. Institucional:

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| 7/1989-12/1992 | B.A. Psychology
University of Miami, Coral Gables Florida |
| 1/1993-1/1995 | Bachelor in Health Sciences (Summa cum Laude)
Universidad Autonoma de Ciencias Medicas de Centro America |
| 2/1995-6/1997 | Licensure in Medicine (Cum Laude)
Universidad Autonoma de Ciencias Medicas de Centro America |
| 7/2003-6/2007 | Residency Training in Psychiatry
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital and
Affiliated Hospitals. |
| 7/2007-6/2008 | Fellowship in Geriatric Psychiatry
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital and
Affiliated Hospitals. |

12. Non-Institutional:

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| 2009 | Suboxone training |
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13. Board Certification and Licensure:

2002	ECFMG Certification
2007	USMLE Step 3
2008-Present	Florida Medical License
2008-Present	Suboxone Certification
2011	Diplomat of The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

14. **Academic**

7/1998-6/1999	Clinical Research Assistant Special Immunology/HIV University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals.
7/2002-6/2003	Clinical Research Assistant Department of Infectious Diseases Medical University of South Carolina
7/2007-6/2008	Chief Resident in Geriatric Fellowship University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals.
7/2008-7/2010	Staff Psychiatrist VA Medical Center, Miami Florida
7/2008-7/2010	Academic Director Behavioral Health Clinic VA Medical Center, Miami Florida
7/2008-7/2010	Member Mental Health Systems Redesign Committee VA Medical Center, Miami Florida
7/2010- Present	Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry Department of Psychiatry University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals.
7/2010-Present	Medical Director of Health & Recovery Unit Mental Health Building Jackson Memorial Hospital
3/2010	Facilitator, Neurosciences Behavioral Module and the Doctoring 2 course for the 1 st year medical students. University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

15. Hospital Appointments:

- 2008-2010 VA Medical Center
Academic Director of BHC
Miami, Florida
- 2010-Present University of Miami Hospital
Psychiatry Staff
Miami, Florida
- 2010-Present Jackson Memorial Hospital
Medical Director of Health & Recovery Unit
Miami, Florida

16. Non-Academic:

- 2008-2010 Addiction Psychiatrist
The Watershed Rehabilitation Center
Boyton Beach, Florida
- 2008-2010 Adult and Geriatric Community Psychiatrist
Private Practice
Coral Gables, Florida
- 2011 Invited Lecturer
National Alliance for Mental Illness
University of Miami

17. Military: None

IV. PUBLICATIONS:

18. Book Reviews:

1. Junquera, P. A Man's Way through the 12 Steps. Book Review, Addictive Disorders and their Treatment, Volume 10, Number 2, p.91, June 2011.
2. Junquera, P. Addict Nation, an Intervention for America. Book Review, Addictive Disorders and their Treatment, Volume 10, Number 4, p.205, December 2011.
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19. Scientific Articles in Reviewed Journals:

1. James K. Rustad, M.D., Patricia Junquera, M.D., Luis Chaves M.D., and Spencer Eth, M.D. "Civil Commitment Among Patients with Alcohol and Drug Abuse: Practical, Conceptual and Ethical Issues" **Addictive Disorders and their Treatment (in print)**

20. Abstracts and Presentations:

1. Ruiz, P, Primm, A. Primeau, M. **Junquera, P.** *Woman with HIV and Addiction* Workshop at 2011 APA annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.

2. Junquera, P. *Nicotine Dependence and Mental Illness*. AHEC Tobacco Summit in Miami, Florida December 2011.

21. Other Works: n/a

V. PROFESSIONAL:

22. Funded Research:

1. Protocol # 20070433 – Optimizing Pharmacotherapy for Bipolar-Alcoholics, Ihsan Salloum, M.D. Principal Investigator; Patricia Junquera co-investigator.

2. Protocol #2070289 – Valproate Efficacy Cocaine – Bipolar Comorbidity, Ihsan Salloum, M.D. Principal Investigator; Patricia Junquera co-investigator.

3. i-SPOT-D-International Study to Predict Optimized Treatment of Depression. Principal Investigator; Radu Saveneau, M.D. and Patricia Junquera, M.D.

23. Other Professional Responsibilities: n/a

24. Professional and Honorary organizations:

American Medical Association
American Psychiatric Association
Florida Psychiatric Association
Miami Dade County Medical Association
Florida Psychoanalytic Society
American Society of Addiction Medicine
Association for Woman Psychiatrist
American Society for Hispanic Psychiatrist
Honorary Lecturer of National Alliance on Mental Illness

25. Honors and Awards:

Summa Cum Laude- Bachelors in Health Sciences 1995 San Jose, Costa Rica
Cum Laude- Licensure in Medicine 1997 San Jose, Costa Rica
Chief Follow Research Award 2008 University of Miami, Miami Florida
Senior Teaching Award 2009 University Of Miami, Miami Florida
Junior Teaching Award 2010 University of Miami, Miami Florida
Woman Extraordinaire 2011 by Business Leader Magazine, Miami Florida

26. Post-Doctoral Fellowships:

2007-2008 Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship
University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine/ Jackson Memorial
Hospital and Affiliated Hospitals.

27. Other Professional Activities:

2011 Examiner for Part II of the Psychiatry Boards
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

VI. TEACHING

28. Teaching Awards:

2009 Senior Teaching Award University of Miami, Miami Florida
2010 Junior Teaching Award University of Miami, Miami Florida

29. Teaching Specialization:

1. Substance Abuse Disorders and their Treatments; third year medical students, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine
2. Treatment of Bipolar Disorder; third year medical students, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine
3. Marchman Act, An Update; Resident lecture Series, University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital.
4. "What's New in Mental Health Research and Treatment";NAMI/UM Conference.
5. Mood Disorders and their Treatment; Resident lecture Series, University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital.
6. Benzodiazepine Lecture; Resident lecture Series, University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital.
7. Cytochrome P450 Lecture; PRITE Review Series, University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital.
8. Facilitator, Neurosciences Behavioral Module and the Doctoring 2 course for the 1st year medical students. University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
9. Pharmacology of Alcohol Dependence, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
10. Pharmacology of stimulants and Nicotine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
11. Tobacco and Mental Illness, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

30. Post-Doctoral/Resident supervision:

2008-2009 Jahan Narserezare Psychotherapy Supervision
2009-2010 Manuel Garcia /Psychotherapy Supervision.
2010-2011 Laura Mayol-Sabatier /Psychotherapy Supervision.
2011-Present Rodrigo Falcao /Psychotherapy Supervision.

VII. SERVICE

31. University Committee and Administrative Responsibilities:

2010-Present:

Member, Adult Outpatient Patient Clinic at Jackson Memorial Hospital
Member, Resident Training Committee Meeting at University of Miami, Miller School of
Medicine.
Member, Monthly Clinical Leadership Committee at Jackson Memorial Hospital/ University
of Miami.
Member, Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Education Committee at the University of
Miami.
Member, Resident Promotion Comiettee PGY-3 University of Miami, Miller School of
Medicine.

32. Community Services:

2002-2003 Crisis Victim Center Triage Team. Charleston, South Carolina.
2004-2005 Miami Bridge Shelter. Miami, Florida
2007-Present UM DOCS Program Health Fair



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2012

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From:  Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director

Subject: Appointment of Dr. Ashley Austin to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board

The Board and staff of the Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community, Inc. respectfully recommend the appointment of Ashley Austin, Ph.D. of Barry University to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board.

Dr. Austin is a motivated professional with expertise in adolescent substance abuse problems, evidence-based substance abuse treatment programs and treatment motivation, engagement and retention strategies. Her research background, her special interest in high risk adolescent populations and her desire to constantly improve the coordination and delivery of prevention, intervention and treatment services make Dr. Austin an ideal addition to the Addiction Services Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. Please contact this writer at any time if members of the Board desire additional information.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph. D.** Florida International University, Social Welfare, 2007.
Major areas of coursework: Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment, Micro Practice with Youth and Families, Racial/ethnic Health Disparities, Research.
Dissertation topic: Treatment attrition among ethnic minority youth with substance use problems participating in a brief motivational intervention: The influence of individual, social, cultural, and treatment factors.
- M. S. W.** Florida International University, Social Work, 1997, Concentration in Children and Family Services.
- B. S.** University of Florida, Psychology, 1994.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2009-Present Assistant Professor of Social Work**
Barry University, Miami, FL
Advisor to master's level social work students
Member of the following academic committees:
 Communique Committee
 Undergraduate Council
 Academic Affairs Committee
 Diversity Committee
 Dean's Advisory Committee
Member of the College of the Bahamas Initiative
BSW committee
- 2008-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Work,**
Barry University, Miami, FL
Advisor to master's and bachelor's level social work students
Member of the following academic committees:
 Communique Committee
 Diversity Committee
- 2007-2008 Program Coordinator, Postdoctoral Fellow,**

**Community Based Intervention Research Group, Florida
International University, Miami, FL.**

Oversaw the collection and management of data for a NIH-funded, randomized clinical trial

Participate in research-related activities including training in Structural Equations Modeling, weekly collaborative research meetings, and grant writing

**2002- 2006 Therapist, Research Assistant,
Community Based Intervention Research Group, Florida
International University, Miami, FL**

Conducted Guided Self-Change treatment with substance abusing adolescents in school settings as part of a NIAAA-funded randomized clinical trial. PI: Eric F. Wagner, Ph.D.

Trained in Motivational Interviewing

Managed data associated with an R01 randomized clinical trial.

Participated in the development and writing of grants and publications

**2002-2002 Social Work Practitioner, Substance Use Evaluator
Psychsolutions, Miami, FL**

Conducted in-depth psychiatric and substance use evaluations of adolescents who had been arrested

Provided home- and school-based individual and family therapy to children and adolescents

**2000-2001 Social Work Practitioner
Learning Assistance Center, San Diego, CA**

Conducted in-school and in-home individual, family, and group therapy services with low-income youth and families

Trained in delivering wrap-around services

Trained in play therapy

Acted as a liaison between at-risk youth and families and their community

**1997-2000 Social Work Practitioner,
Parents and Children Together, Tucson, AZ**

Provided myriad services including: individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, behavior management, case management, and advocacy to rural youth and families in community-based settings

**1997 Social Work Intern,
Specialized Development Center North, Miami, FL**

Worked as a part of an interdisciplinary clinical team providing individual and group therapy to children and adolescents attending a day treatment program

1996

**Social Work Intern,
Colleges and Careers Program, Miami, FL**

Provided clinical case management services to at-risk adolescents as well as developed and implemented a therapeutic group for pregnant teens and teenaged mothers in the program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Barry University

SW 572 Social Work Practice with Addictions, Spring 2011
SW 682 Advanced Research in Social Work, Fall 2010, Spring 2011
SW 622 Social Work with Families, Summer, 2010
SW 617, Social Work Practice with Adolescents, Spring 2010
SW 481 Social Work Research 1 (BSW), Spring 2010
SW 625 Professional Seminar in Social Work Practice, Fall 2009, Summer 2010
SW 581 Social Work Research 1, Summer 2009, Fall 2010
SW 521 Social Work Practice 1, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011
SW 501 Social Welfare Policy (MSW), Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010
SW 352 Social Welfare Policy (BSW), Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Florida International University

SOW 5235: Social Welfare Policy and Service, Summer 2008
SOW 3620: Diversity in Social Work, Spring 2008

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Community-Based Intervention Research Group, 2002-present
International Sexual Minority Youth Research Consortium 2009

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society for Social Work Research, 2003-present
National Association of Social Workers, 2008

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT

Program Evaluation:

2008-2010

Project PHASE, an adolescent HIV and substance abuse prevention program delivered by the Switchboard of Miami, Inc. and funded through The Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County.

2009-2010

Project REACH, a substance use and violence prevention program for homeless youth and families delivered by the Switchboard of Miami, Inc. and funded through Department of Justice.

2009-2010

Research and Clinical consultant for the Alliance for GLBTQ youth in Miami-Dade County.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Received the Early Career Social Work Research Mentoring Initiative Scholarship Award associated with the 2008 NIDA Blending Addiction Science and Treatment: The Impact of Evidence-Based Practices on Individuals, Families, and Communities Conference, Cincinnati, OH, June 2-3, 2008.

Submitted competitive proposal and received funding for dissertation research: Dissertation Year Fellowship, University Graduate School, Florida International University (2006).

Scholarship to attend: *The Tenth Annual Conference on Behavior, Clinical Neuroscience, Substance Abuse, and Culture*, Los Angeles, CA, October 21-24, 2004.

RESEARCH TRAINING

Participated in a two-part series of coursework in Advanced Structural Equation Modeling, 2007-2008.

Coordinate and participate in weekly round table research meetings with C-BIRG researchers and doctoral students, 2003, 2007-2008

Coordinate and participate in monthly round table research meetings with Faculty and staff of the School of Social Work at Barry University.

GRANTS EXPERIENCE

Co-Investigator on an unfunded pilot proposal, *Developmental and Gender Differences among a Clinical Sample of Substance Using Adolescents* submitted as part of a NIAAA P-20 Center grant (2007).

PUBLICATIONS

Austin, A., Hospital, M., Wagner, E. F., & Leon-Morris, S. (2010). Motivation for substance use among minority youth: Targets for intervention. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

- Kaplan, S. G., Engle, B., Austin, A., & Wagner, E. (2010). Applications in Schools. In M. Suarez and S. Naar-King (Eds.). *Motivational Interviewing with Adolescents and Families*. California: Guilford Press.
- Austin, A. & Wagner, E. F. (2010). Treatment Attrition among Racial/Ethnic Minority Youth. *The Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 10 (1).
- Wagner, E. & Austin, A. (2009). Problem Solving and Social Skills Training. In D. Springer & A. Rubin (Eds). *Substance Abuse Treatment for Youths and Adults, Clinician's Guide to Evidence-Based Practice Series*. New York: John Wiley & Sons (pp. 57-107).
- Austin, A. M., Macgowan, M. J. & Wagner, E. F. (2005). Effective family-based interventions for adolescents with substance use problems: A systematic review. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 15, 67-83. (Selected to be reprinted in M. G. Vaughn, M. Howard & B. Thyer (Eds.), *Readings in evidence-based social work: Synthesis of the intervention knowledge base* [pp. 55-84], 2009, Thousand Oaks, CA Sage).
- Wagner, E. F. & Austin, A. M. (2007). Substance use disorders in M. Hersen (Series Ed.) & D. Reitman (Volume Ed.) *Handbook of Assessment, Conceptualization, and Treatment (HACT): Vol. 2. Children and Adolescents* (pp. 348-365). New York: Wiley & Sons.
- Austin, A. M. & Wagner, E. F. (2006). Correlates of treatment retention among multiethnic youth with substance use problems: Initial examination of ethnic group differences. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 15(3), 105-128.
- Wagner, E. F. & Austin, A. M. (2006). Substance use disorders. R. T. Ammerman (Vol. Ed.), *Comprehensive handbook of personality and psychopathology: Vol. 4 Child psychopathology* (348-366). New Jersey: Wiley.
- Austin, A. M., Macgowan, M. J., & Wagner, E. F. (2005). Effective Family-Based Interventions for Adolescents with Substance Use Problems: A systematic review. *Journal of Research on Social Work Practice*, 15(2), 67-83.

PRESENTATIONS

- Austin, A., Craig, S., Engle, B. & Smith, M. Exploring substance use among multiethnic sexual minority youth: The influence of support and discrimination. *Society for Social Work Research 15th Annual Conference*, Tampa, FL, January 11-13, 2011.
- Engle, B., Craig, S., Austin, A., & Smith, M. Motivational interviewing implementation and practitioner skill acquisition in an agency serving sexual minority youth.

Society for Social Work Research 15th Annual Conference, Tampa, FL, January 11-13, 2011.

Craig, S., Austin, A., Smith, M. & Engle, B. The impact of a school-based care coordination program on the self-esteem of multi-ethnic sexual minority youth. *Society for Social Work Research 15th Annual Conference*, January 11-13, 2011.

Austin, A. & Wagner, E. F. Evidenced-based interventions for racial/ethnic minority substance abusing juvenile offenders: The challenge of treatment dropout. *Society for Social Work and Research 14th Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, January 14-17, 2010.

Austin, A., & Engle, B. Motivational Interviewing: An Innovative Approach to Changing School Culture. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*. San Antonio, Texas November 3-6, 2009.

Austin, A. & Wagner E. F. Treatment attrition among ethnic minority youth. Paper presentation for the *2008 Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE)*, Washington D. C., March 25-27.

Austin, A. M. Treatment attrition among ethnic minority youth: The influence of individual, social, cultural, and treatment factors. Poster presentation for the *30th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism*, Chicago, IL, July 7-12, 2007.

Austin, A. M. Evidence-based interventions for adolescents with substance use problems. Presentation for *The Society for Social Work and Research*, Eighth Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 15-18, 2004.

Austin, A. M. Correlates of Treatment Retention among Multiethnic Youth with Substance Use Problems. Presentation for the *Fourth International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health*, Quebec, Canada, May 23-27, 2004.

Austin, A. M. The influence of pretreatment and treatment factors on treatment retention among ethnically diverse adolescents with substance use problems. Presentation for the *Tenth Annual Conference on Behavior, Clinical Neuroscience, Substance Abuse, and Culture*, Los Angeles, CA, October 21-24, 2004.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Reviewer, *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 2006 & 2007

Reviewer, *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 2009

Reviewer, proposals for federally funded grants, Community-based Intervention Research Group, 2007-present

HONORS

First place in the student presentation competition at the Tenth Annual Conference on Behavior, Clinical Neuroscience, Substance Abuse, and Culture, Los Angeles, CA, October 21-24, 2004, for the presentation entitled:
The influence of pretreatment and treatment factors on treatment retention among ethnically diverse adolescents with substance use problems.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2012

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From:  Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director

Subject: Appointment of Mr. Ruben Roberts to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board

The Board and staff of the Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community, Inc. respectfully recommend the appointment of Mr. Ruben Roberts of the University of Miami to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board.

Mr. Roberts is a career professional with extensive experience in addressing the needs of underserved communities and helping disadvantaged youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system. He has been involved in social services for over 20 years and speaks nationally on the unique needs of disadvantaged families. Mr. Roberts trains and supervises therapists on Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT), an effective evidence-based program developed by the University of Miami. He has been appointed to state and federal task forces and workgroups dealing with health disparity and disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile and adult justice systems. Mr. Robert's perspective and expertise is frequently sought and his joining the Addiction Services board will add additional depth and insight to our team. Mr. Roberts will be a valuable addition to the Addiction Services Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. Please contact this writer at any time if members of the Board of county Commissioners desire additional information.

CURRICULUM VITAE
Ruban E. Roberts, M.S.W.

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Education

Master's in Business Administration, Barry University, North Miami Florida...December, 2012
Postgraduate Training for Brief Strategic Family Therapy Trainer Certification Center for Family Studies, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.....2001-2002
Postgraduate Brief Strategic Family Therapy Certification Training, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.....1999
Master of Social Work (Clinical), Barry University, North Miami, Florida.....1999
Student Government: Co-Vice President, Barry University.....1998-1999
Clinical Internship: Barry University Academy for Better Communities, Norland Elementary, Middle and Senior High Schools, North Miami, Florida.....1998
Clinical Internship: Jackson Memorial Hospital, E.A.P., Miami, Florida.....1997
Bachelor of Arts (Social Work), Union Institute University, North Miami, Florida.....1996

Licensure and Certification

State of Florida, Provisional Clinical Social Work, License # ISW1605
Master Clinical Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami

Professional Associations

National Association of Social Workers.....July, 1999 - Present

Board and Task Force Appointments

Miami-Dade Juvenile Justice Board Child AdvocateMarch, 2007 - Present
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Committee on Eliminating Mental Health DisparitiesApril, 2007 - Present
The State of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Task force on Disproportionate Minority Contact.....January, 2009 - 2011

Current Position

Senior Research Associate IV, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Consultant for the Brief Strategic Family Therapy Institute, University of Miami.....2002 - Present

Past Positions

Trainer, Senior Research Associate, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training and Fellowship Program, Eckerd Family Foundation Grant, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....2002 - 2006
Clinical Supervisor and Trainer, Family Intervention Services for Baypoint Schools, Kennedy Family Foundation Grant, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....2002 - 2004
Senior Research Associate IV and Family Therapist, Developing a Culturally-Rooted Adolescent Family Therapy (National Institute of Drug Abuse), Grant No. 1 Ro1 DA1314, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....2001 - 2002
Senior Research Associate II and Family Therapist, Baypoint Schools, Kennedy Family Foundation Grant Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....2000 - 2002

- Senior Research Associate II and Family Therapist, Preventing Abuse in Intimate Relationships, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Cooperative agreement Grant No. US4/CCU487858-0, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....2000 - 2001
- Senior Research Associate and Family Therapist, Human Ecology Treatment II for Hispanic and African American Substance Abusing Adolescents (Center for Substance Abuse Treatment) Grant No. 1 HD7TI00417, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....1999 - 2000
- Research Associate and Assessor, Human Ecology Treatment II for Hispanic and African American Substance Abusing Adolescents (Center for Substance Abuse Treatment) Grant No. 1 HD7TI00417, Center for Family Studies, University of Miami.....1997 - 1999

Workshops, Presentations, Consultation and Supervision :

- Roberts, R.E.,** (January, 2012). Introduction to Brief Strategic Family Therapy an Evidence Based Family Therapy Model Presentation, Professional Breakfast, Hanley Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (December, 2011 - Present). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshop, Supervision, and consultation, Catholic Charities, Baltimore MD.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (June, 27 - 28, 2011). Introduction to Brief Strategic Family Therapy an Evidence Based Family Therapy Model Presentation, National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED Learn), Sponsored by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda MD.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (December 14 -16, 2010). Introduction to Brief Strategic Family Therapy an Evidence Based Family Therapy Model Presentation, Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE). Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (August, 2010 - Present). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshop, Supervision, and consultation Eckerd Youth Alternative Inc. Pensacola, Florida
- Roberts, R.E.,** (October, 2009 - Present). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshop, Supervision, and consultation New York Foundling Mental Health Clinic. New York, New York
- Roberts, R.E.,** (August, 2005 - Present). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Touchstone Behavioral Health, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (August, 2006 - 2011). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Central Washington Community Mental Health Clinic, Yakima, Washington State.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (May, 2008 - 2011). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, The Third Circuit Court of Wayne County, Detroit, Michigan.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (May, 2009). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Model Presentation, State of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan.

- Roberts, R.E.,** (May, 2007 – January, 2009). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, The Associated Marine Institutes, Jefferson Parish Marine Institute, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (August, 2007). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Model Presentation, Hillsboro School District, Hillsboro, Oregon.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (June, 2007). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Workshops, Health and Education Services, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (February, 2007 - April, 2007). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Eckerd Family Foundation and Children's Trust Grant, Miami Bridge, Miami, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (April, 2006 – February, 2007). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, A Positive Step, Key West, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (August, 2003 - December, 2006). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Brief Strategic Family Therapy for Adolescent Drug Abusers, Protocol No.CTN-0014, Florida Node of the Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network, National Institute on Drug Abuse Grant No. U10DA137, Center for Family Studies, Crossroads, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (May, 2004 - August, 2006). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Brief Strategic Family Therapy for Adolescent Drug Abusers, Protocol No.CTN-0014, Florida Node of the Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network, National Institute on Drug Abuse GrantNo.U10DA137, Center for Family Studies, Gateway, Jacksonville, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (October, 2005 - July, 2006). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Bay County Probate and Juvenile Court, Bay City, Michigan.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (November, 2005 - March, 2006). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Health and Education Services, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (August, 2005 - December, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Beech Brook Behavioral and Berea Children's Homes, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (October, 2004 - December, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Brief Strategic Family Therapy for Adolescent Drug Abusers, Protocol No.CTN-0014, Florida Node of the Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network, National Institute on Drug Abuse Grant No. U10DA137, Center for Family Studies, Daymark, Salisbury, North Carolina.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (July, 2005 - August, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Chance to Change, Tacoma, Washington.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (June, 2005 - August, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Horizons Health Services, Amherst, Buffalo New York.
- Roberts, R.E.,** (June, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Presentation, National Institute on Drug Abuse and The University of Miami Center for Family Studies, Smart Practice, Practical Science: Blending Treatment and Research. Sheraton Bal Harbor Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

- Roberts, R.E.**, (February, 2005 - May, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, North Care Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (February, 2004 - May, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Human Services, Faribault and Martin County, Inc., Blue Earth, Minnesota.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (January, 2005 - February, 2005). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Workers Assistance Program, San Marcos, Texas.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (December, 2004). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Oakwood Center Children and Family Services, West Palm Beach, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (August, 2004). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Institute for Community Living, New York City, New York.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (December, 2002 - April, 2004). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Eckerd Family Foundation Grant, Center for Family Studies, Stewart Marchman Center, Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (December, 2002 - April, 2004). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Eckerd Family Foundation Grant, Center for Family Studies, The House Next Door., Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (October, 2002 - February, 2004). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops and Supervision, Youth Network Council, Chicago, Illinois.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (November, 2003 - December, 2003). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Special Health Resources for Texas, Inc., Longview, Texas.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (August, 2002 - April, 2003). Master Trainer, Brief Strategic Family Therapy Training Course Workshops, Eckerd Family Foundation Grant, Center for Family Studies, Southlight, Inc., Raleigh Durham, North Carolina.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (August, 2002). Brief Strategic Family Therapy: An Exemplary Model Program for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. Workshops, Child and Family Services of New Bedford, New Bedford, Massachusetts.
- Roberts, R.E.**, (December, 2001). Brief Strategic Family Therapy: An Exemplary Model Program for the Prevention of Substance Abuse Workshops, Florida Statewide Prevention Conference, Orlando, Florida.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2012

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From:  Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director

Subject: Reappointment of Mr. Claudio Perez to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board

The Board and staff of the Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community request the reappointment of Mr. Claudio Perez to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board. Mr. Perez has been an asset and valued member of the ASB for the past three (3) years. He provides knowledge and experience in the fields of mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, social services and crisis intervention. Mr. Perez is a respected member of the board, contributing significantly to ASB achievements. His Perez' continued membership and service will be of great benefit as the ASB continues to tackle the immediate and long-range challenges of substance abuse in our county.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If any member of the Board desires additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROFILE

Multi-cultured results driven and focused on maximizing the full potential in people, processes, technology and imagination to accomplish organizational objectives through dynamic, thoughtful and impactful leadership. President and Chief Executive Officer of several corporations, business owner with over 20 years of multi-industry experience and non-profit governance. Provides strategic leadership in organizational support and innovation with technology and systems required to maintain company operations and grow organization. Passionate about our social services, *substance abuse and mental health* delivery systems and organizations.

EXPERIENCE

1/06 - Present **AGAPE Network**

President/CEO

1993-2005 Board of Directors

Faith- and community-based nonprofit organization with 25 year history of meeting the critical Individual and Family needs of our community, including those related to *substance abuse and mental illness*. Providing health care services in the areas of therapeutic treatment, recovery support, and housing.

6/1993 – 12/05 **YFC Miami**

Miami, FL

Board Chairman/Leadership Development Director

A Faith based organization meeting the needs of our youth in Miami and around the nation since 1958. Nationally with over 1400 staff members, and over 10,000 volunteers YFC is impacting our young people with programs in the Public Schools, Juvenile Detention Centers, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Facilities, Foster Care Homes, Neighborhoods, After School Programs and others. Local area Miami YFC has its own governing Board and Staff, administering programs in over 32 sites in our community and reaching over 15,000 young people per year. Strategic planning and implementation of technology, funding development, steering committees, recruitment and organizational growth.

1983 - 3/02 **Universal Investors Association Corporation**

Miami, FL

President/CEO

A diversified investment company involved in real estate, business acquisitions, health care, private placements, and equity/futures markets. Developed primary goals and strategic plans, operating plans, policies and procedures, and short and long range objectives for the organization. Directed and coordinated activities to achieve profit and return on capital. Established organizational structure and delegated authority to subordinates. Lead the organization toward goals and objectives and reviewed results of business operations. Determined action plans to meet needs of investors and financial institutions. Represented organization to financial community, major customers, government agencies, and the public.

1982 - Present **Various other business ventures and partnerships**

Participating as President/CEO, Chairman, Consultant, Investor

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Coursework at different colleges & educational institutions during 25 year career, no formal degrees

Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Accounting, Executive Management, Banking, Finance, Information Systems, Operations, Sales/Marketing, Real Estate Investments and Management, Equities/Stock Market, Business Acquisitions and Administration, Time Management, Human Relations, Effective Communication, Entity & Corporate Structuring, Asset Protection, Marketing, Leadership & Character Development, Social Services, Counseling, Nonprofit Governance & Management, Planning and Facilitation, Public Speaking, Faith-Based Community Initiatives, Development & Fundraising.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2012

To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

From:  Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director

Subject: Appointment of David Vittoria, MSW to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board

The Board and staff of The Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Community, Inc. recommend the appointment of Mr. David Vittoria to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board. Mr. Vittoria has been dedicated to addiction treatment, recovery, advocacy and prevention on the local, domestic and international levels for over twenty years. He was recruited by Baptist Health South Florida in January of 2012 and is currently the Director of the Addiction Treatment Center at South Miami Hospital. Mr. Vittoria is a Miami native and has held various clinical and administrative positions in numerous mental health/substance abuse facilities in South Florida; including Charter Hospital of Miami, Grant Center, Deering Hospital and Transitions Recovery Program. He has spent years in the service of children, adolescents, adults and their families as a strengths-based, solution-focused clinician. Mr. Vittoria has also been an instructor at the University of Miami's Center for Addiction Studies and Education (C.A.S.E.) Program.

Mr. Vittoria served as the Founder & Chief Inspiration Officer of a private training and development firm, Ascendi. In his capacity as an organizational and executive coach, He and his colleagues partnered with 26 companies in the Fortune 50 over a five-year span, to assist them in their employee wellness and engagement efforts. In 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Vittoria launched a non-profit charitable initiative – Helping Those Helping Others, Inc. – designed to bring the same valuable training workshops and consulting services utilized in the corporate sector to help people in less-advantageous situations reduce their stress, communicate more effectively, lead more courageously and manage their time more efficiently. Mr. Vittoria obtained both his Bachelor's and Masters degrees in Social Work from Florida International University. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Employee Assistance Professionals Association. Mr. Vittoria's experience in human services, his advocacy for people challenged by disaster and adversity and his years of service in the addiction field make him an excellent addition to the Addiction Services Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If any members of the Board of County commissioners desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Critical Thinker, Strengths-Based Ambassador & Compassionate Clinician

A results-driven people and process manager with backbone and heart.

Experienced administrator, substance abuse/mental health clinician, instructor, author and coach with twenty years of expertise growing individuals, teams and healthcare organizations. Extensive background in strategic planning, addiction treatment program design, fiscal management and employee development. Key strengths:

- Authenticity
- Accountability
- Achieving Results
- Adaptability
- Coaching & Developing Others
- Communication
- Creativity
- Priority Management
- Relationship-Building
- Strategic Visionary

Professional Experience

Baptist Health South Florida – Miami, FL

January, 2012 – Present

Administrative Director

Addiction Treatment Center at South Miami Hospital

Responsible for the clinical and operational oversight of the Addiction Treatment Program at South Miami Hospital – reporting to the CEO; leading fifteen direct reports and sixty-five indirect reports. Duties include: directing day-to-day operations, developing additional service lines, creating new business development opportunities, interfacing with staff, physicians and referral sources; designing and implementing processes at all levels of patient flow, engaging in community outreach and advocacy; exercising fiscal responsibility through effective budget management.

Ascendi Training & Consulting – Miami, FL

2004 – 2011

Founder & Chief Inspiration Officer

<http://www.ascendi.com>

Principal of a management-consulting firm focused on executive and organizational development. Leadership functions include: advocating and promoting organization and stakeholder change related to Ascendi's critical mission, and supporting staff in the design and delivery of all customized client training and coaching programs across multiple platforms. Visionary responsibilities entail: ensuring staff and consultants have sufficient and up-to-date information, looking to the future for change opportunities, and constantly interfacing between our team members, clients, prospects, and the community. Management tasks involve: overseeing operations of entire organization, developing and deploying business development plans, leveraging human capital, and responsibility for managing all financial and physical resources. Client service functions include: needs-analysis, program design, presentation delivery, team development, keynote facilitation, outcome measurement and the customized design and delivery of multiple individual, team and organizational assessment tools.

Helping Those Helping Others, Inc. – Miami, FL

2005 – 2011

Founder & Executive Director

<http://www.htho.org>

Founder and principal of a 501c(3) public charity with a mission to design and deliver free training seminars, coaching programs, and consulting services to people in less-advantageous situations in order to reduce their stress, communicate more effectively, lead more courageously and manage their time more efficiently. Key responsibilities include: community outreach, overall leadership of staff in the development and implementation of short and long range plans and policies and other activities, financial management of the charity, including the development and implementation of the annual budget; communication with the Board of Directors, and development, implementation, and accomplishment of the annual work plan of the charitable corporation as approved by the Board.

Transitions Recovery Program – Miami, FL

2002 – 2004

Director of Utilization Management

Developed and implemented the organization's utilization management plan in accordance with the mission and strategic goals of the organization, federal and state law and regulations, and accreditation standards. Developed and implemented systems, policies and procedures for prospective, concurrent and retrospective case review, clinical practice guidelines, care maps, clinical protocols, and reporting quality of care issues identified during the utilization review process. Restructured pricing model, increased accountability within department, established appropriate internal/external benchmarking standards and negotiated all insurance company and managed care contracts.

Transitions Recovery Program – Miami, FL

1996 – 2002

Substance Abuse Counselor

Responsible for managing a caseload of over twenty clients, facilitating individual, family and group therapy sessions; maintaining client medical records, conducting intake assessments and psychosocial evaluations; treatment planning, case management, discharge planning and aftercare support.

Charter Hospital of Miami - Miami, FL

1994 – 1996

Director of Outpatient Substance Abuse Services

Oversight of all clinical and administrative functions in an outpatient substance abuse care program. Grew – through re-branding, innovative domestic and international marketing and extensive community engagement techniques; as well as a realigned, client-focused, clinical model – the average daily census from four patients to forty-two. Responsible for all fiscal operations, budgeting, fee development, financial reporting, policy development and implementation, public relations, health program promotion, staff assignments and scheduling, employee hiring and retention; as well as clinical service delivery.

Charter Hospital of Miami - Miami, FL

1991 – 1994

Clinical Team Leader

Oversight of all clinical operations within the combined, seventy-two bed acute-care psychiatric, women's and chemical dependency units. Duties included those listed above in subsequent Director position, as well as acting as a liaison between hospital administration and medical/psychiatric service providers.

Additional Positions Held

University of Miami – Miami, FL

1996 – 1998

Professor - Center for Addiction Studies and Education (C.A.S.E. Program)

Course: Assessment & Treatment Planning

Responsible for creating a learning and teaching environment for students in accordance with the educational objectives of the university. Taught units of instruction to students in an adult, continuing education course by: presenting instruction based on the competencies and performance levels of the course, maintaining accurate attendance and scholastic records of students, responding to student questions, participating in the university's assessment process, submitting required reports, planning learning activities and using teaching methods designed for a variety of learning styles to help students achieve course outcomes, and using course text, outlines, syllabi, and other curriculum materials in accordance with college and department guidelines. Additionally, participated in communications with the university, department, and team; and participated in professional development and in-service activities.

Education

Florida International University Master of Social Work - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Miami, FL
Florida International University Bachelor of Science in Social Work - <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Miami, FL

Certifications / Development

Florida Certification Board Certified Addictions Professional - #2534	Tallahassee, FL
National Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Nationally Certified Addictions Counselor, II - #83291	Alexandria, VA
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium Internationally Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor - #124388	Alexandria, VA
Center for Creative Leadership Benchmarks® Assessment Certification	Greensboro, NC
Inscape Publishing Certified DiSC Facilitator	Minneapolis, MN

Memberships / Associations

American Society of Training & Development
Employee Assistance Professionals Association
International Coach Federation
National Association of Social Workers
National Speakers Association
Society for Human Resource Management

Works Published

Author, *The 8 Basic Elements to Greater Happiness, Health & Productivity* (Walk the Talk, 2011)
ISBN#: 1935537563 // Amazon Bestseller: Top 100 Business & Self-Help Books – March, 2011