



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(C)1

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2014

FROM: Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Appointment of Betty Hernandez
to the Miami-Dade County
Addiction Services Board

Christopher Agrippa, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Betty Hernandez to serve as a member of the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board.

In accordance with Section 2-421 of the Code, the Miami Coalition for a Safe & Drug Free Community Inc., is recommending that Betty Hernandez be appointed to serve as a "private sector" representative of the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board.

A copy of the memoranda from Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director of the Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community Inc., and Ms. Hernandez's Summary Statement and resume have been included for your review.

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Attachment



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Date: February 11, 2014
To: The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
From: Douglas W. Hughes, Executive Director *DWH*
Subject: Appointment of Betty Hernandez LMHC to the Addiction Services Board

The Miami Coalition For A Safe And Drug Free Community, Inc. requests the appointment of Ms. Betty Hernandez LMHC to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board. Ms. Hernandez has worked in the field of mental health and substance abuse treatment for approximately 15 years and has earned a Master Degree in Mental Health. She is the Vice President of Behavioral Health at the South Florida Behavioral Health Network where she has also served as the manager of quality improvement (QI) and as a treatment services manager responsible for oversight of multiple treatment providing organizations. Ms. Hernandez' mental health and related management experience and her interest in working with the members of the Addiction Services Board will add depth to the team and insight to the systems of care involved in behavioral health services and recovery. (Please see attached Resume and Statement of Interest by Ms. Hernandez).

Thank you for your consideration of this request to appoint Betty Hernandez LMHC to the ASB. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 866-305-7365, ext 200, dhughes@miamicoalition.org or 954-594-1000.

To: Miami Dade County Addictions Services Board (ASB)

From: Betty Hernandez, LMHC

Re: Summary Statement

I would be honored to serve on the Addictions Services Board as the voice representing SFBHN and the consumers of Miami-Dade and Monroe County. I have worked in the field of mental health and substance abuse treatment for approximately 15 years. In that time I have witnessed significant advancements in the way that mental health and substance abuse treatment can impact the lives of individuals. As a member of the Addiction Services Board, I hope to further this goal by working in unison with other professionals that understand how important it is that we continue to work together as a community to ensure that the right services are available to help individuals achieve wellness and recovery.

Betty Hernandez, LMHC, NCC

OBJECTIVE To utilize my background in counseling and management in an innovative environment that improves the quality of care in the community.

EDUCATION St. Thomas University Miami, Florida
Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling, August 1999

University of Miami Coral Gables, Florida
Bachelors of Art May 1997: Major in Psychology, Minor in English

WORK

EXPERIENCE *South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc.*

Vice President of Behavioral Health Services

February 2013 – Present

- Management and oversight of the System of Care: Children, Adult, Forensic, Prevention and Peer Services.
- Provides reports on a regular basis, and as directed or requested to keep SFBHN Management and Board informed of SOC activities
- Plans, coordinates, and directs behavioral health program delivery
- Advises management staff on strategic developments and key planning issues related to service delivery system
- Makes recommendations on resource allocations among divisions
- Participates in on-site reviews of regional programs as needed
- Advises management on problems and policies related to programmatic issues
- Assists with programmatic budget development
- Apprises Executive Management Staff of subcontractor programmatic status

Quality Improvement Manager

March 2011- February 2013

- Responsible for the development and implementation of quality improvement activities in conjunction with the goals of the QI Department, SFBHN Plans, the System of Care and contract requirements.
- Supervises two direct reports positions (2 Data Analyst)
- Analyzes data submitted by all contracted providers to assure compliance with established contract language, state regulations and statutes, and SFBHN's respective contracts with providers.

Provider Services Manager/ Adult System of Care Manager

December 2007-March 2011

- Supervise Utilization management of 14 residential substance abuse treatment providers funded by SFBHN through the Department of Children and Families.
- Supervision of TANF Department and Adult Substance Abuse Specialists
- Supervision of Adult Mental Health Specialists (October 2010)

- Provide supervision of three Drug Court Case Managers funded through a SAMHSA Grant with the Federal Government.
- Provide clinical interpretation of GAIN (Global Assessment of Individual Needs) results to case managers for clients participating in the Specialized Treatment for Women Grant.
- Providing technical assistance, and assist providers in accreditation process.
- Collect data, design reports, and interpret information for monthly, quarterly, and annual reports as necessary.
- Represent SFBHN as the Circuit 11 Managing Entity in multiple community functions.

Children's Home Society- Southeastern Division (1999-2007)

**Assistant Program Manager
Healthy Families Miami-Dade**

June 2006- December 2007

- Responsible for supervision of four Masters Level Supervisors/ Counselors.
- Operations management of 32 program staff that work with at risk families in the community to aid in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Community representative for Healthy Families Miami-Dade.
- Assist in maintaining standards established by Healthy Families America and Prevent Child Abuse America.

**Program Supervisor II-
McLamore Emergency Shelter for Children**

March 2005-June 2006

- Responsible for management of 24-hour residential facility that houses children ages birth to 11 years old that were removed from their primary home due to allegations of abuse and neglect.
- Coordinate and supervise events on-site and off-site for children in the facility.
- Clinical Supervisor for onsite Masters Level Therapist.
- Fiscal management and Program Development.
- Management and supervision of over 22 employees.

Residential Group Home Therapist

June 2000- March 2005

- BHOS Counselor for children in Group Home facility providing Individual, Group and Family Therapy
- Coordinate Discharge Planning and provide Crisis Intervention
- Conduct Bio-Psychosocial Assessments and In-depth Assessments

Case Manager (Counselor II)

Project SMILE

April 1999- June 2000

- Responsible for full case management of over 20 HIV+/AIDS children and their foster families.
- Court liaison for ongoing case management.
- Medical advocate for children in need of medical care.

ACTIVITIES/TRAINING

- Clinical Supervision Training
- National Certified Peer Reviewer for Prevent Child Abuse America
- Externship in Brief Strategic Family Therapy at University of Miami; Center for Family Studies
- Presenter at 2013 FADAA/FCCMH Annual Conference
- Co-Presenter at the Foster Family-Based Treatment Association National Conference

LICENSURES/ CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida
- National Certified Counselor – National Board of Certified Counselors
- State of Florida Qualified Clinical Supervisor- Mental Health Counseling
- The Florida Certification Board Advisory Council Board Member
- Certified GAIN Trainer
- GAIN Clinical Interpretation Certification
- Certificate for HIV 104
- Certified in HIV 501- Pre and Post HIV Counseling
- HIPPA & Confidentiality Training

SKILLS

- Fluent in English and Spanish
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Programs
- Experience with KIS (Knight Industry Software System)