# *Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce*
# *for the*
# *Miami-Dade Public Library System*

## Agenda for Conference Call
## with National & State Library Stakeholders
## Wednesday, October 23, 2013
## at 10:30 Eastern Time

1. *Introductions & Welcome*

2. *Miami-Dade Public Library Systems FY 2013-14 Budget Review*

3. *Planning Process Review & Update*

4. *Group Input/Discussion on National Trends and Challenges*
   a. *Services*
   b. *Technology*
   c. *Funding*
   d. *Model Public Libraries Example*

5. *Next Call*

# **Notes**:

The meeting began with introductions and a review of the process to be followed by the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce, as well as an outline for the work of the Blue Ribbon Working Groups.

The stakeholders expressed support for the process mentioned above and added the following points to be considered as the work begins:

- Identify the broad goals that Miami-Dade County has as a community.
- Set goals for what needs to happen in each facility and what services should be offered system-wide.
- Keep in mind that libraries are nimble organizations that provide many services, i.e. early childhood learning and community health services. (Note: In L.A., there are citizenship corners because of the large number of immigrants.)
- Identify the most critical initiatives county-wide. What do residents need? How do these relate to the services/staffing that we will provide? Find the commonalities.
- Identify community needs and then align services to meet those needs.

Two additional questions were posed by the stakeholders:

1. Did we see a strong commitment from Foundations? County Staff's response was that local foundations, especially Knight and Miami Foundations have historically supported our Library System.
2. Are capital expenditures a separate funding stream or part of our operating budget? County Staff's response was that our ongoing capital expenditures are part of our overall budget.

There was some discussion on the penetration of internet access throughout the community. County Staff expressed the view that a wide technology divide exists in our community and that the Miami-Dade Public Library System is still the largest provider of free internet access in the County.