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

**Agenda for Conference Call
with National & State Library Stakeholders
Monday, November 18, 2013
10:30 AM Eastern Time**

1. *Introductions & Welcome*

2. *Update on Blue Ribbon Working Group Meetings*
    a. *Service Needs*
    b. *Service Model*
    c. *Funding*
    d. *Awareness, Advocacy, and Marketing*

3. *Next Call*

Notes:

An overview was given of the work of the Taskforce and Working Groups to date.

The following questions were asked by the stakeholders:

- How are you reaching the underserved in your community? County Staff discussed the geographic spread of libraries within the MDPLS currently existing in the areas representing various economic and ethnic communities, and the variety of programs, literacy, cultural, etc. offered.
- Can any resident in any municipality borrow materials? What is the fee structure? County Staff discussed the lending policy with regards to "out of district" residents by clarifying that residents of Hialeah, North Miami, and North Miami Beach may borrow materials due to our reciprocal borrowing arrangement with these cities. All other known residents are subject to a hundred dollar fee.
- How is the information gathered throughout this process going to be documented and shared? All work is being recorded and archived, and the results of each meeting will be posted on the Mayor's website.
- How are all facets of the work going to be pulled together in the end? The plan was explained with the work product of the Working Groups be presented to the Taskforce on December 18, 2013. The Taskforce will have an additional meeting to absorb the information and formulate recommendations in January.
- Regarding the survey based questions, what do you hope to accomplish? The survey will allow County Staff to consider the insights of County residents on MDPLS services.
- Concepts and ideas to be kept in mind as the process continues: County Staff has a unique opportunity by having all community stakeholders and residents talking about and weighing in on this issue, and Staff must take advantage of it. When thinking about technology, think about where technology will be in the future, not just today, because opportunities will be missed. Technology is only becoming more and more complex.
- In the past, nonprofits have been in competition with libraries. Work on forming alliances with CBOs because they know the needs of their communities best.

Also, the stakeholders once again validated the process being followed by the Taskforce and the Working Groups, expressing the value of comprehensive community input and information being gathered.