

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	
Blake Sando	*	P	P	P	p	E							Vince Lago
Vanessa Liebl	-	-	-	-	-	P							Mayor Raul FauliValdes
Mary Palacio-Pike	*	P	P	P	P	P							Patricia Keon
Philippa Milne	-	-	-	-	-	P							Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	P	P	p	P							Michael Mena

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:
 Raquel Elejabarrieta – Labor Relations & Risk Management
 Eglys Hernandez – Labor Relations & Risk Management

STAFF GUEST:
 Ericka Kofkin
 Jennifer Denk

CITIZEN ADVISORS:
 Bonnie Blaire
 Debbie Dietz

GUEST:
 Paola Villanueva- CILSF

CALL TO ORDER:
 Meeting was called to order at

MEETING ABSENCE:
 Blake Sando

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:
 May 1, 2019
 Motion by: Philippa Milne / 2nd: Mary Palacio-Pike / All approved unanimously

SECRETARY’S REPORT:
 None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:
 None

NEW BUSINESS:

Acknowledgment of new Board members

Two new Board members Ms. Vanessa Liebl and Ms. Philippa Milne were introduced and welcomed. Ms. Liebl advised Board of her website CHOICEMD.com and its services. Ms. Liebl stated she would gladly place information of Board events on her website and disseminate to all her contacts.

CILSF – Ms. Paola Villanueva – Services Provided

Ms. Villanueva addressed the Board regarding various programs which are offered by CILSF. Ms. Villanueva advised of upcoming training such as Money Management and that other training could be made available in groups of 7 or more. Ms. Villanueva also advised that if there is a consumer who is seeking services which they may not have available, CILSF will conduct research to locate such service and connect consumer with that entity.

Affordable Housing – Ms. Philippa Milne

Ms. Milne updated the Board on the progress of ongoing project in conjunction with ROOF (Residential Offering of Florida) regarding affordable housing for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Milne expressed her interest in seeing how the Board can assist with this project.

Casa Familia Accomplishment – Ms. Bonnie Blaire / Ms. Marie Whitehurst

Ms. Blaire advised Board of the accomplishment Casa Familia was able to achieve. Ms. Whitehurst informed Board Casa Familia was recently awarded by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation a total of nineteen million dollars which can be utilized towards the building of an affordable residential community for persons with disabilities within the Kendall area.

Inviting Guest Speakers – Ms. Mary Palacio-Pike

Ms. Palacio-Pike spoke to Board regarding Ms. Haley Moss who is a Florida Attorney living with Autism and that she believes it would be a great idea to invite Ms. Moss to participate as a guest at upcoming meetings/events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adventure Day for All Event

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised date for event has been determined to be October 12, 2019 as previous discussed. However, Board members stated that this date is Columbus Day weekend which can mean a lot of the residents will be out of town and if it would be possible to change the date to October 26, 2019. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised City feels better it being in early October because then it would be too close to November and Holiday park assembly. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated she would review with staff and advise Board.

Ms. Elejabarrieta distributed current list of resources (Exhibit 1) which were part of last year's event and asked Board to review and add further information if available. Ms. Elejabarrieta will also be emailing list to Board members. Ms. Elejabarrieta also advised there may be a minimal fee extended to Vendors this year to cover expenses such as tent rentals, however it has not yet been determined.

Business Award Program – Ms. Ericka Kofkin

Ms. Kofkin advised Board application has been updated and should be completed by Friday, June 14, 2019 and then program will be announced via social media as well as other venues. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised that Mr. Mark Trowbridge of Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce has been advised of the program and will be assisting regarding dissemination of information. Ms. Palacio-Pike suggested that it

would be a good idea to attend one of the Chamber's meeting and address them directly regarding the Business Award Program. Ms. Liebl advised she is a member of the Chamber and would be glad to speak regarding this program at next Chamber meeting. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised she would be emailing her power point presentation for reference.

Supper Club – Ms. Debbie Dietz

Ms. Dietz advised that at the last supper club there were 35 people who attended. Ms. Dietz stated that it has grown, and attendees look forward to getting together, even saving seats for each other.

Social Club – Ms. Bonnie Blaire

Ms. Blaire advised currently the Social Club consist of 20 participants. Ms. Blaire stated there is also a very important parent support group developing. Ms. Blaire stated they will be utilizing CIL for programming.

Ms. Blaire stated that at recent meeting they also addressed the Boccia program (Exhibit 2) and there was a lot of interest .

Parks & Recreations – Ms. Jennifer Denk

Ms. Denk stated she is a music therapist for the upcoming summer program. Ms. Denk stated that at her previous employment she had established a choir of which was composed of participants which had different types of disabilities. Ms. Blaire mentioned that in the past the Board used to sponsor the children from the Avondale School for a Christmas concert where they would stand on the stairs of the Colonnade and sing Christmas songs. Ms. Elejabarrieta asked reference to when this took place and Ms. Blaire replied she believed approximately 10 years. Board asked if perhaps footage regarding this was available and Ms. Elejabarrieta advised she would research this.

PUBLIC:

None

NEXT MEETING: July 3, 2019

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:09am

Motion by: Mary Palacio-Pike / 2nd Vanessa Liebl / All approved unanimously

EXHIBIT 1

Resource	Contact	Email	Phone	Address
Advanced Bionics	Karalee Needelman	Karalee.Needelman@advancedbionics.com		
Alex and Friends Band	Alex Perez	alexandfriendsmusic@yahoo.com		
Alpha Mu	Samantha Hassold			
Area Stage Company- Inclusion Theater Project	Carolina Ordonez	itp@areastagecompany.com	(305) 666-2078	
Arts for Autism	Audrey Lynn Amadeo	spectrumdancetherapy@gmail.com		
Arts for learning	Sheila Womble	sheila@a4imiami.org		
Ask Learn Go	Alex Minevich	alex@asklearngo.com	(954) 789-9200	
Atlantis Academy	Eric Smith	esmith@esa-education.com	(305) 271-9771	
Autism Soccer	Oscar Amuz	amuz@autismsoccer.org		
Autism Society of Florida	Teresa Becerra	Tbecerra1922@gmail.com	(305) 926-3835	
Autism Speaks	Carolina Lizarralde-Ex			
Baptist Hospital				
Bart Barta	Bart Barta	bart@autismsafety101.com		
Baywatchers	AnaMaria Miyares	amivares@ao.com	(305) 321-2639	
Behavioral Family Solutions	Christina Chong	christina@behavioralfamilysolutions.com		
Best Buddies	Cynthia Fernandez	CynthiaFernandez@bestbuddies.org	(786) 663-8999	1730 SW 13th Avenue Miami, FL 33145
Bird Bowl Bowling Center	Thersea	Theresa@birdbowl.com		
Carrie Brazer Ctr for Autism	Carrie Brazer		(305) 401-0604	
Casa Familia	Vinita Tandon	vintandon@hotmail.com		
CG Fire Rescue	Troy Easley			
CG Police GEM Vehicle				
CG Police K9	Major Brian Lawrence			
CIL	Patrick Frozini/Paola			
City of Coral Gables	US!			
Commissioner Sosa				
Commissioner Suarez				
Cooking Class for Autism- referred by Whole Steps Therapy				
Coral Gables Art Cinema	Brenda Moe	brenda@gablescinema.com		
Coral Gables Elected Officials				
Crystal Academy	Mary Pike, Ashley Cunill	mpalacionpike@cagables.com		
Dan Marino Foundation	Susan Morantes	smorantes@danmarinofoundation.org		

Resource	Contact	Email	Phone	Address
Del Aguila	Vanessa Oliveros	vanessa@aotservices.net		
DIG	Matt and Debbie Dietz	debbie@iustdigit.org		
Down Syndrome Association	Trina Zuleta	info@dsaom.org		
Easterseals South FL	Loreen Chant, Carolina Cano	ccano@sfl.easterseals.com	(305) 547-4757	
Epilepsy Foundation Doral				
FAAST Lab	Anamaria Nevares, Michelle Schladant	anevares@med.miami.edu		
Feel the Beat Dance	Anna-Marie Humphrey	Anna-Marie.Humphrey@cityofd	(305) 593-6600	
FIU- DRC	Amanda Niguidula	xniguidu@fiu.edu		
FIU Embrace	Ciara Khan	ckhan@fiu.edu		
FIU- RT Program	Lauren Alfonso, Tania Santiago	lalfonso@fiu.edu		
Fog Dog NAMI Band	Carlos and Matthew	mracher1985@gmail.com		
Fog Dog NAMI Band	Carlos	carlos.larrauri001@mymdc.net	(305) 510-9196	
Fresh Starts Now	Taylor Holcomb			
Full Spectrum ABA?	Chloe and Natalie	natalielanzet@gmail.com fullspectrum.edu@gmail.com		
Fun Dimensions	Joyce Frohman			
Gables Foundation	Mary Snow			
Gifts in Golf	Phil			
GiGi's Playhouse	Clary Zeledon	czeledon@gigisplayhouse.org		
Good Hope	Peggy Bass		(305) 258-2838	
Goodwill South Florida	Elva Abad	EAbad@GoodwillMiami.ORG		
Guns Over Guitars	Jono De Leon		(847) 420-6327	
HOPE Animals				
I am Adaptive	Marilyn and Eryn Zosia			
I Fly	Joe Souza			
Inner Ability Coaching	Jorge Navarro	info@innerabilitycoaching.com		
Jackson Health Child Life				
Jackson Health Pediatrics	Maria Arango			
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Jackson Health RT	Kelly Messett, Cathy Herring, Bianca Falcon			
JuliEnergynutrition	Julie Rothenberg			
Jungle Gym Fitness Safari	Jeovanna Dominguez			

Resource	Contact	Email	Phone	Address
Kia Kidz	Sensei Lana	kiakidz@yahoo.com		
Kidsology	Jessie Hernandez			
Landmark Cinema				
LEAP gymnastics	Lauren Petrick		(786) 701-2911	
Learning Links School	Stephanie Hernandez			
Light Up Learning	Jessie Castillo	info@lightuplearning.com	(786) 334-6967	
Lighthouse for the Blind	Carol Brady-Simmons		(786) 362-7480	
Lindamood Bell School	Nicole Matchette	Nicole.matchette@lindamoodbell.com		
Miami Dade PROS- Adventure	Mary Palacios, Jody Cox, Celia Leyva	Mary.Palacios@miamidade.gov	Celia.Leyva@miamidade.gov	
Miami Dade PROS- Table	Mary Palacios, Jody Cox, Celia Leyva	Jody.Cox@miamidade.gov		
Miami is Kind	Silvia Planas Prats		(305) 951-0745	
Miami Jewish Health	Luciana Loureiro		(305) 762-1370	
Miami Learning Experience	Kevin Grace		(305) 275-5900	
Miami Musicians Band				
Miami Theater Center	via online form		(305) 751-9550	
Movement Works	Claudia	Claufl4@aol.com		
Munchkin Blue	Zaria Walter			
NSU Audiology	Brad Ingaro	bingaro@nova.edu		
Our Pride Academy	Cristina Cartaya			
PalomARTS inc.	Paloma Duenas	palomaduenas@yahoo.com		
Parent to Parent Miami	Generic "contact" link			
Pet Therapy Program?				
Play to Learn Therapy Inc	Lorin Heagan	lorin.heagan@gmail.com		
Push to Open	Ernie Martinez		(786) 749-6263	
Sabrina Cohen Found.	Sabrina Cohen		(305) 968-8024	
Samantha's Promise	Michelle Garcia			
Sandra DeLuca	Nadia N. Arguelles-Goicoechea, Katelin Corzo			
Service Dog Program?				
Shake-A-Leg	Harry Horgan, Karis	Karis@shakealegmiami.org	(305) 858-5550	
So FL Autism Charter School	Susan Leon		(305) 823-2700	
Special Olympics	Mark Thompson			

EXHIBIT 2

COLLABORATIVE BOCCIA



Thursdays
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Demographics:
Tweens - Seniors, families,
people with and without disabilities

Boccia is a unique sport that was specifically designed to create competitive equity between players with and without impairments that affect motor skills. Players on opposing teams score points by propelling colored balls closest to a target ball on a long, narrow, indoor playing court. In Boccia, all participants play seated, whether in a wheelchair or not. Balls can be propelled by throwing, kicking, or utilizing a ramp — making the game an extremely adaptable sport for players of all ability levels.

This program will provide participants with everything needed to start playing Boccia, including rules, drills, strategies, and all equipment (balls, chairs, and ramps). No experience needed.

This program is free.

Visit the City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center 2 Andalusia Ave

Complimentary valet parking is available across the street at The Palace. Free parking is available in the garage above the building with validation. To receive validation, bring your ticket with you inside to the Registration Office.

City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center, 2 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134, 305-461-6764

ADA Notice: The City welcomes individuals with disabilities. To request a modification to a policy, practice or procedure or to request an auxiliary aide or service (such as a sign language interpreter) in order to participate in a City program, activity or event, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta or the Director of the sponsoring department at least seven (7) days in advance where circumstances permit. ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta may be reached by email: ada@coralgables.com, or by telephone: 305-722-8686 (voice) or 305-442-1600 (TTY/TDD).

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