



## MEMORANDUM

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To: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D.  
and Members Board County Commissioners

Date: May 11, 2004

From: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

Subject: Appointment of Member  
to the Dial-A-Life Program  
Advisory And Oversight Board

  
Kay Sullivan, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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It is recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Ms. Diana Susi to serve as a member on the Dial-A-Life Program Advisory Oversight Board.

On September 25, 2003, Ms. Lauren Lazarus was selected as a member of the Dial-A-Life Program as a representative of the Domestic Violence Oversight Board. Ms. Lazarus was deemed ineligible to serve on the Dial-A-Life Program, since she did not meet the County's residency requirements, thereby creating a vacancy on the Dial-A-Life Program. In accordance with Section 2-1312(D)(1) of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Board of County Commission shall approve one(1) of the Domestic Violence Oversight Board members to serve on the Dial-A-Life program.

On April 29, 2004, by vote of the Domestic Violence Oversight Board, it was recommended that Ms. Diane Susi be appointed to serve the Dial-A-Life Program to represent the Domestic Violence Oversight Board.

A copy of Ms. Diane Susi's resume is attached for your review.

Attachment

**DIANA SUSI**

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Dade

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**SUMMARY**

Licensed by the State of Florida Department of Professional Regulations as Marriage and Family Therapist.  
Rehabilitation Service Provider. Addictions Counselor. Educator.

**WORK HISTORY**

- 1986 - Present      *President - CEO AYUDA, Inc.*, a non-profit organization in charge of Grants Development and Fund Raising for *Early Childhood Scholarships*, Teenage students and Elderly population. *Director of Happy Kids Childcare Centers*. Developed Educational and Counseling Programs at 7118 Byron Avenue, 2217 Normandy Drive, 1700 Jefferson Avenue, 7625 Byron Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.
- 1986 - 1996      Administrative Director of Stamen Comprehensive Center, Inc., which owned and operated North Beach Tutoring Service located at 1171 - 71st Street, Miami Beach, Fla.
- 1983 - 1986      Woods Rehabilitation Services, Orlando, Florida. Regional Representative. Visiting Nurses Association, Miami, Florida. Visiting Social Worker. Association for the Development of the exceptional Miami Beach, Florida. Women and Children's Resource Center, Miami Beach, Florida.
- 1980 - 1981      Coordinator and Supervisor of CETA - A Program of Job Training of Latin Adolescents and placement in summer jobs.
- 1978 - Present      Individual and Family Therapist. Public School Liason, Domestic Violence, Homeless prevention activities.

**EDUCATION**

Master Degree in Social Work - Barry University, May, 1978  
Major in Counseling.  
Minor in Business Administration.  
Bachelor of Science, University of Miami, May, 1974.

**TRAINED**

Jackson Memorial Hospital counseling patients in critical care unit, 1977-1978  
Mailman Center for Child Development, Miami, 1975 -1976.

**PERSONAL**

Fluent in Spanish and English

Member of the following Chambers of Commerce: Miami Beach, South Beach Hispanic and Miami Beach Latin, North Beach Development Corporation, City of Miami Beach Neighborhood First Oversight Committee.  
Committee member on the Status of Women. City of Miami Beach.  
Member of the following Organizations. Cuban Women's Club, Kiwanis Club of Miami Beach, Women for Human Rights, National Association of Social Workers and National Association for the Education of the Youth Child, Dade Community Foundation, Miamian's Working Together in Miami Beach, Life Member of Hadassah.

## **DIANA SUSI**

### **Special Honours and Recognitions.**

December, 1999	Recipient of Father Albert Cutie - Father Albert - Channel 51 Award <b>For dedicating 22 years of her life to help needy children</b>
November, 1999	Recipient of the Key to Miami-Dade County Recipient to the Key to the City of Miami Beach Proclamation given by Florida House of Representatives, Tallahassee Proclamation given by the City of Key Biscayne.
August, 1999	Finalist, CHAW's 1999 Vivian Salazar Quevedo, Woman of the Year Award
June, 1999	Nominee for Monsignor Bryan Walsh Human Service Professional Award.
March, 1998	Recipient "Woman Worth Knowing" Award Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women
February, 1998	Nominee Miami Dade County Medal of Service - Civil Service
December, 1997	Recipient <b>One of the Most Outstanding Personalities in Miami Beach -Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce.</b>
October, 1997	Nominee for Leadership Award.Centro Comunitario Hispano.
May, 1997	Nominee Director of the Year Award.Metro Dade Child Development Service.
November, 1996	Recipient -Unity Award for Community Service Work. Hispanic Affairs Committee, <b>Miami Beach.</b>
July, 1996	Nominee Miami Herald's Charles Whitel Spirit of Excellence Award.
April, 1996	Recipient of Proclamations given by Metro Dade County; City of Miami and City of Miami Beach.
April, 1996	Recipient Special Award Community Development Week- City of Miami Beach
June, 1995	<b>Hadassah Service Award - Hadassah International</b>
April, 1995	<b>Floridana Especial - Cuban Women's Club</b>
January, 1993	<b>Most Valuable and Distinguished Service - City of Miami Beach</b>
November, 1992	Proclamation for the Betterment of the City and Service to its Citizens - City of Miami Beach