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## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**December 14, 2017**



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## Board of Director's Meeting

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6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting

*Village of Key Biscayne*

#### WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Oliver G. Gilbert, III,  
Mayor, City of Miami Gardens*

#### 1. INVOCATION:

*Councilman Luis F. de la Cruz,  
Village of Key Biscayne*

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Councilman Brett Moss,  
Village of Key Biscayne*

#### 3. MINUTES: November 2, 2017

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. HOST VILLAGE PRESENTATION:

*Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay,  
Village of Key Biscayne*

6. CRC PROPOSAL 61 PRESENTATION:

*CRC Commissioner Chris Smith,  
Former State Senator*

7. MDCLC ELEVENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE RECOGNITIONS:

- Baptist Health South Florida
  - *Ms. Maria Luisa Gonzalez*
- City of Hialeah Gardens
  - *Mayor Yiojet de la Cruz*
  - *Mr. Manuel Carrera*
- TruckMax
  - *Mr. Manuel Maroño*
  - *Mr. Gil Chez*
- Wells Fargo
  - *Mr. Patrick G. Morris*

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

*Richard Kuper, Esq.*

9. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

- **CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30043**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHTOUT THE COUNTRY AND TO PROVIDE ON-SITE SCHOOL SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SCREENINGS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESMENTS, CRISIS INTERVENTIONS, AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS, FACILITATE THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

- **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION NO. 221-17-15022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING PARQUES REUNIDOS SERVICIOS CENTRALES, S.A., THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF MIAMI SEAQUARIUM, TO RELOCATE THE ORCA NAMED LOLITA TO A SEA PEN IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

10. ADJORNMENT









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#### Minutes

November 2, 2017

The Sea View Hotel

**President Gilbert** asked that First Vice President **Jordan W. Leonard** chair the meeting. **First Vice President Jordan W. Leonard**, Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

First Vice President **Leonard** introduced Commissioner **Daniel Gielchinsky**, Town of Surfside, to give the invocation.

Councilman **Joshua Fuller**, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President **Leonard** then introduced Mayor **Gabriel Groisman**, Bal Harbour Village and Commissioner **Michael Karukin**, Town of Surfside for the host municipalities presentation. Mayor Groisman, Mayor Leonard, and Commissioner Karukin each gave a presentation about their municipality and were excited and proud to have the League host the meeting in their area and encouraged the League to have a meeting there annually.

Vice President **Leonard** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vice President **Leonard** introduced Mr. **Seth Salver**, from the accounting firm Salver and Salver, CPA, to present the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and to answer any questions the Board members may have. Mr. Salver asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 year. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vice President **Leonard** asked Mr. **Barton Fye** to approach the podium for a presentation about Underground Utilities. Mr. Fye explained that



Underground utilities conversion is the process of converting cable lines above ground to underground locations. Some benefits include improved neighborhood aesthetics, enhanced service reliability, and safety improvements as the lines are no longer exposed to the elements. Mr. Fye showed photographs of municipalities who have begun the process of conversion. He asked that if anyone had questions or would like to discuss the improvements that can be made in their community to please approach him, he also provided the attendees with his contact information. Mr. Fye thanked everyone for their time and asked that everyone consider the utility conversion for their municipality.

Vice President **Leonard** introduced Executive Director **Richard Kuper**, for the Executive Director's report. **Mr. Kuper** introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: First Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Bay Harbor Islands, Second Vice President George Vallejo, Mayor, North Miami Beach, Secretary Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, El Portal, Treasurer Keon Hardemon, Chairman, Miami **Board Members** present: Assistant Mayor Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor Tracy Truppman, Biscayne Park, Councilman Jaime Mendal, Golden Beach, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Miami Beach, Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Commissioner Gabriel Edmond, South Miami, Commissioner Michael Karukin, Surfside, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens, Councilwoman Mara Zapata, Miami Springs, Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal. **Past Presidents** present: Council President Luis Gonzalez, Hialeah, Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami, Former Commissioner Deede Weithorn, Miami Beach, Former State Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Richard Steinberg, Former State Representative. **City Managers** present: Edward Rojas, Doral, Chritia Alou, El Portal, Alexander Diaz, Golden Beach, Alex Rey, Miami Lakes, Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach, Ronald Wasson, Bay Harbor Islands, JC Jimenez, Bay Harbor Islands. **City Clerks** present: Dwight Danie, Bal Harbour, Yenise Jacobi, El Portal, Marilane Lima, Indian Creek, Sandra Novoa, Surfside, Pamela Latimore, North Miami Beach, Stephanie Marquez Quintero, Bal Harbour, Roseann Prado, Indian Creek. **City Attorney** present: Susan Trevarthen, Bal Harbour, Daniel Espino, Doral, Mitchell Bierman, Pinecrest, Cutler Bay. **Judge** present: Betty Capote, County Court, Andrea Wolfson, County Court, Alex Bokor, County Court. **Judicial Candidates** present: Milena Abreu, Mike Mirabal, Chris Pracitto. **Associate Members** present: American Traffic Solution, Orlando Torres, Baptist Health South Florida, Maria Luisa Gonzalez, Berger Singerman, Javier Vazquez, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, FPL, Aletha Player, Hialeah Park, John Brunetti, Jr., Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Jackson Health system, Rochelle Lewis, Esther Abolila, Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, Samantha Laurel, JC Canabal, Miami-Dade College, Elaine Blattner, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, Gabriel Osceola, Talbert Cypress, Waste Pro of Florida, Kenneth Rivera, Weiss Serota Helfman..., Daniel Espino, Esq., Katherine Mehaffey, Esq., Haydee Sera, Esq., Susan Trevarthen, Esq., Ashley Daniels, Esq., Mitchell Bierman, Esq., Jose Arango, Esq., Jihan Soliman, Esq..

**Mr. Kuper** announced that the League hosted the Seventh Annual Best Practices Conference on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Hilton Downtown Miami Hotel and it was a great success, he thanked all who attended and sponsored the BPC. He then announced that the Eleventh Annual Turkey Drive will take place on November 16, 2017, and the upcoming State Ethics Training

hosted by the MDCLC will take place on November 9, 2017 at the Grapeland High Park. Mr. Kuper thanked everyone for their support and participation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

***Summarized minutes***







# MIAMI BEACH

**City of Miami Beach**, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov)  
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November 1, 2017

Executive Director Richard Kuper, Esq.  
Miami-Dade County League of Cities  
19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 707  
Miami, FL 33130

Dear Executive Director Kuper, Esq.,

Attached please find a copy of City of Miami Beach Resolution No. 2017-30043:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND TO PROVIDE ON-SITE SCHOOL SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SCREENINGS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS, CRISIS INTERVENTIONS, AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING TO FACILITATE THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL ISSUES.

This Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach on October 18, 2017.

We ask that you please transmit this resolution to your elected officials. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,



Rafael E. Granado  
City Clerk

c: Commissioner Micky Steinberg



**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND TO PROVIDE ON-SITE SCHOOL SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SCREENINGS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS, CRISIS INTERVENTIONS, AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING TO FACILITATE THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL ISSUES.**

**WHEREAS**, one in three children suffers developmental or behavioral disabilities that limit their health and school performance; and, according to Dr. Peter A. Gorski, former Chief Community Health, Child Development and Innovation Officer for The Children's Trust, "[a]nxiety, depression, inattention and other behavioral issues have replaced infectious diseases and physical disabilities as the chief culprits that interfere with children's health, well-being and learning;" and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Miami Beach established an innovative nurse initiative with other municipalities to fund full-time nurses at public schools in the Miami Beach feeder pattern that did not have on-site health care access. Beginning in 2015, the municipal partnership, referred to as the Nurse Enhancement Initiative, was expanded to include behavioral health services; and

**WHEREAS**, in further response to youth behavioral issues, the City of Miami Beach, in partnership with neighboring municipalities and entities, including the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation and The Children's Trust, launched a school-based program for the 2015-16 School Year that offered enhanced behavioral health screening, support, and community referral services to children in three public schools in the Miami Beach feeder pattern; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nurse Enhancement Initiative engages students as active partners in mental health education and advocacy, which is paramount to reducing the stigma connected to mental health and improving the likelihood that those in distress seek help and receive the support that is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the City of Miami Beach expanded its health services program to all public schools in Miami Beach, and added comprehensive on-site behavioral health services such as social-emotional screenings, behavioral assessments, crisis interventions, and counseling to youth attending Miami Beach Senior High School, Nautilus Middle School, Feinberg Fisher K-8 Center, South Pointe Elementary, North Beach Elementary, Treasure Island Elementary, and Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach has aggressively pursued additional funding to enhance the school-based health clinics and has been a leader in the State of Florida with regard to providing early access to mental health services in our public schools in order to identify and address high-risk behaviors that can lead to future substance abuse, impaired driving, and mental health issues; and



WHEREAS, by virtue of the Miami Beach behavioral health services program's inspiring impact, the State Attorney's Safer and Healthier Community Fund, through The Miami Foundation, has awarded a school-based initiative of \$50,000 to the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation to expand such services; and

WHEREAS, through mental health services programs on school campuses, such as social emotional screening, behavior health assessments, crisis interventions, and mental health counseling, many behavioral issues can be addressed and resolved, thereby supporting our youth's ability to learn and develop without such obstacles; and

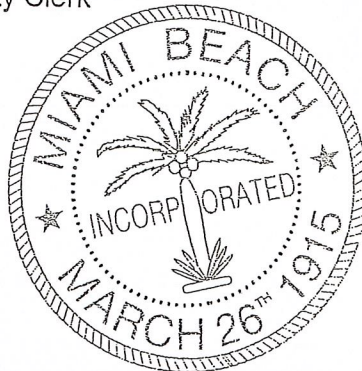
WHEREAS, youth across our country would benefit from the provision of such mental health services on a local level by their towns, cities, and municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby encourage other municipalities to support behavioral health/mental health services in public schools throughout the country and to provide on-site school services including, but not limited to, social emotional screenings, behavioral health assessments, crisis interventions, and mental health counseling to facilitate the early identification and treatment of behavioral issues.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18 day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:

RA 10/30/17  
Rafael E. Grahado, City Clerk



[Signature]  
Philip Levine, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

[Signature]  
City Attorney

10-16-17  
Date



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## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 18, 2017

### **Miami Beach Behavioral Health Program Expands Student Reach**

— *Following \$50,000 Grant Awarded to the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation* —

**Miami Beach, FL** –Since 2016, the City of Miami Beach has worked collaboratively with The Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation and Borinquen Health Care Center to provide comprehensive on-site services such as social-emotional screenings, behavioral assessments, crisis interventions and counseling to Miami Beach Senior High School, Nautilus Middle School, Feinberg Fisher K-8 Center, South Pointe Elementary, North Beach Elementary, Biscayne Elementary, Treasure Island Elementary and Ruth K. Broad K-8 Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

"I'm proud of the substantial level of health care services that we have been able to provide to the students of Miami Beach through the collective efforts of the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation and all our partners," shared Jerry Libbin, President and CEO of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, appreciatively.

By virtue of the program's inspiring impact, the State Attorney's Safer and Healthier Community Fund, through The Miami Foundation, has awarded the school-based initiative \$50,000 to expand its services.

In an effort to create more opportunities for middle and high school students to receive the help they need to succeed, funds will be used to hire a full-time licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) – continuing to make the city the only municipality providing full-time mental health support in public schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

"This grant will allow us to further improve the quality of our services and build a healthy, positive environment in our schools for years to come," expressed Commissioner Micky Steinberg. "By continuing to address mental health issues early on, specifically in relation to substance abuse, these long-term goals will become fast-approaching solutions."

*We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.*



Too often, the biggest obstacle relating to substance abuse involves unattended mental health issues. With grant assistance, the school-based initiative will target behavioral health from this necessary perspective and introduce additional expert help. Nurses, social workers and city staff will work collaboratively to identify high-risk behaviors that lead to substance abuse and impaired driving by providing early assessments and promoting awareness among students, parents and teachers.

"Since the beginning, Miami Beach has aggressively pursued additional funding to enhance the school-based health clinics we fund," shared President & CEO of The Children's Trust James R. Haj. "This grant is a game changer not only for the success of the program, but for the betterment of all children in the South Florida community – as it reinforces the city's mental health program as a shining example of what can be duplicated elsewhere."

Boosting resources and extending student reach, the mental health service program expansion is focused on continually investing in the youth – securing the future of Miami Beach by ensuring a child's right to learn without obstacles.

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# PEACE OF MIND

By Dr. Leslie D. Rosenfeld

Today, one in three children suffers developmental or behavioral disabilities that limit their health and school performance. "Anxiety, depression, inattention and other behavioral issues have replaced infectious diseases and physical disabilities as the chief culprits that interfere with children's health, well-being and learning," explained Dr. Peter A. Gorski, chief community health, child development and innovation officer, The Children's Trust.

In response, the City of Miami Beach education compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in partnership with the Town of Surfside, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour Village, North Bay Village, The Children's Trust and the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, is piloting a school-based program for the 2015-16 school year that offers enhanced behavioral health screening, support and community referral services to children in three public schools in the Miami Beach feeder pattern.

Miami Beach established an innovative nurse initiative in 2013 to fund full-time nurses at public schools in the Miami Beach feeder pattern with no on-site health care access. Beginning in 2015, the municipal partnership, referred to as the Nurse Enhancement Initiative, was expanded to include behavioral health services.

"Schools are a perfect location for early identification and interventions of behavioral health issues to reduce the prevalence of performance problems, truancy, school dropout rates, and difficulties in learning," noted Karen Rivo, former chair, Committee for Quality Education.

The nurse enhancement initiative engages students as active partners in mental health education and advocacy, which is paramount to reducing the stigma connected to mental health and improving the likelihood that those in distress seek help and receive the support that is needed.

Accessing services at each school site is done through the school counselor, teacher or administrative team. Behavioral health services include the following:

- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy
- Family (Group) Therapy
- Systemic Therapy
- Play Therapy
- Participate Parent/Teacher Conference
- Home Visit

If you are interested in learning more about these services, please contact your school counselor or school nurse.

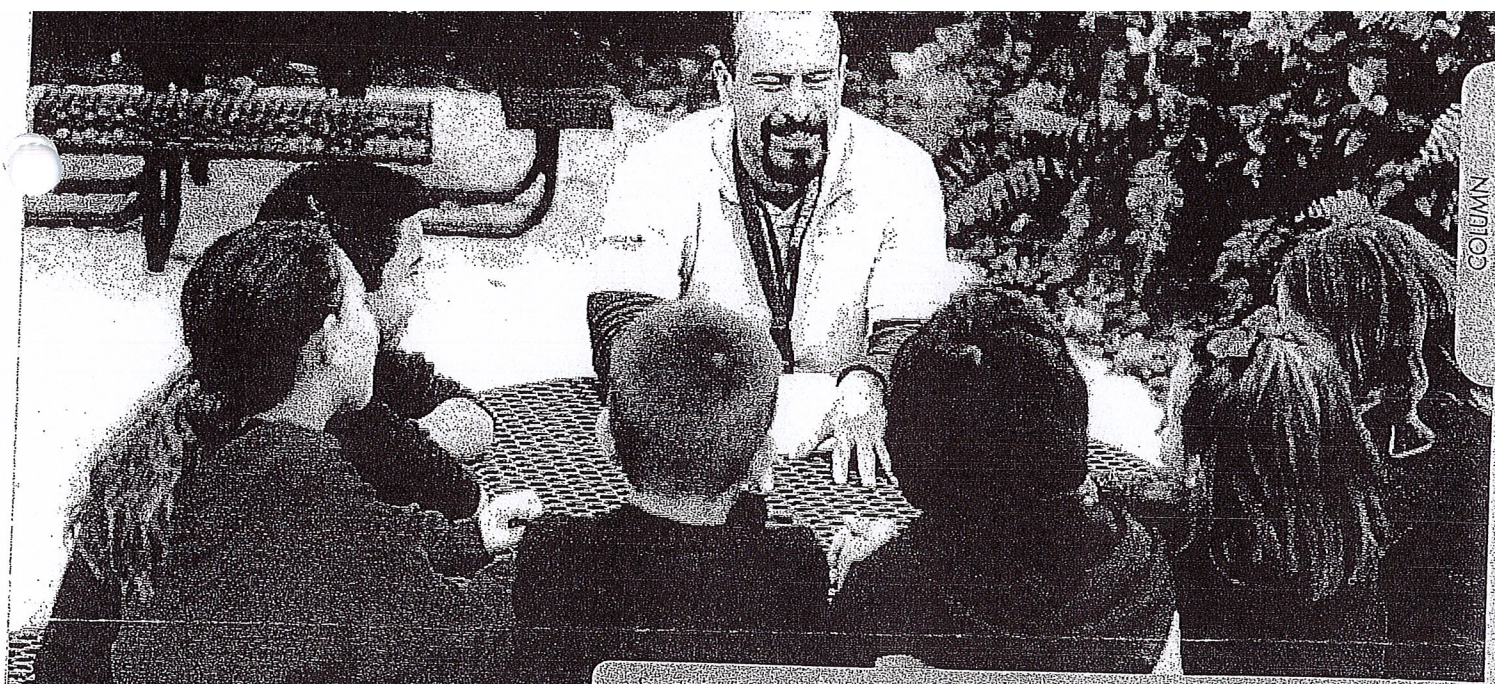
"A Miami Beach student was going through a family conflict at home which exacerbated his anxiety, loss of impulse control and difficulty paying attention in class," said the Licensed Clinical Social Worker Rodrigo Lozano. "After a few sessions, a meeting with the parent and a behavioral plan, the student improved his daily progress reports and reduced his acting out in class."

Parents can also access services via a request to the school. Additionally, these behavioral health team members provide class presentations on topics such as bullying, relationships and anger management.

"Over time, we hope to combine resources with an increasing pool of funders to expand this model to all schools and all children in our school district," added Gorski.

Visit the city's education page on [miamibeachfl.gov](http://miamibeachfl.gov) for additional information and to learn more about other programs.





Si está interesado en saber más sobre estos servicios, póngase en contacto con su consejero escolar o con el profesional sanitario de la escuela.

Visite la página sobre educación de la ciudad en [miamibeachfl.gov](http://miamibeachfl.gov) para obtener información adicional acerca de este y otros programas.

**Tranquilidad mental** En la actualidad, uno de cada tres menores padece discapacidades en el desarrollo o en el comportamiento que limitan su salud y rendimiento escolares. "La ansiedad, la depresión, la falta de atención, además de otros problemas del comportamiento han sustituido a las enfermedades infecciosas y las discapacidades físicas como males principales que interfieren en la salud, el bienestar y la capacidad de aprendizaje de nuestros menores", comenta el doctor Peter A. Gorski, oficial jefe de salud comunitaria, desarrollo infantil e innovación en The Children's Trust.

En respuesta a esta situación, el City of Miami Beach Education Compact y las Miami-Dade County Public Schools, junto con Town of Surfside, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour Village, North Bay Village, The Children's Trust y Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, han creado un programa piloto de carácter escolar para el curso 2015-16 que ofrece un control de la atención sanitaria del comportamiento mejorado, además de servicios de apoyo y de referencia comunitaria a los menores en tres escuelas públicas del Miami Beach Feeder Pattern.

Miami Beach estableció una iniciativa innovadora de atención sanitaria en 2013 con el fin de conseguir fondos que dotaran de profesionales sanitarios a tiempo completo a las escuelas públicas del Miami Beach Feeder Pattern que no tuvieran acceso a atención sanitaria en sus premisas. A partir de 2015, la agrupación municipal conocida como la Nurse Enhancement Initiative, se amplió para que incluyera atención sanitaria para los problemas de comportamiento.

"La escuela es el lugar perfecto para la identificación e intervención temprana de los problemas derivados del comportamiento con el objeto de atenuar la prevalencia de problemas de rendimiento, absentismo escolar, tasas de abandono escolar y problemas de aprendizaje", afirma Karen Rivo, antigua presidenta del Committee for Quality Education.

Esta iniciativa anima a los estudiantes a participar como elementos activos en la educación y el amparo de la salud mental, un papel que es de suma importancia para reducir el estigma asociado a los problemas de salud mental y que aumenta las probabilidades de que las personas con problemas busquen ayuda y puedan recibir la atención necesaria.

El acceso a los servicios de atención en cada una de estas escuelas se realiza a través del consejero escolar, profesor o equipo administrativo. Entre los servicios de atención sanitaria al comportamiento se incluyen los siguientes:

- Terapia cognitiva del comportamiento
- Terapia de familia y de grupo
- Terapia individual
- Terapia del juego
- Reuniones participativas de padres y profesores
- Grupos de familias

"Un estudiante de Miami Beach tenía un problema familiar en casa que exacerbaba su ansiedad, falta de control ante estímulos y dificultad de prestar atención en clase" dice Rodrigo Lozano, trabajador social clínico. "Después de unas pocas sesiones, una reunión con uno de los padres y un plan de comportamiento, el estudiante mejoró sus informes de progreso diario y redujo su mal comportamiento en clase".

Los padres también pueden obtener acceso a estos servicios por medio de una solicitud a la escuela. Además, el equipo de atención sanitaria del comportamiento realiza presentaciones en las aulas sobre temas como el acoso escolar, las relaciones y el control de la agresividad.

"Con el tiempo esperamos poder combinar recursos con una mayor cantidad de donaciones para ampliar este modelo a todas las escuelas y a todos los menores de nuestro distrito escolar" añade Gorski.



**RESOLUTION 221-17-15022**

**A Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami, Florida, urging Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales, S.A., the owner and operator of Miami Seaquarium, to relocate the orca named Lolita to a sea pen in the Pacific Northwest.**

**Whereas**, orcas, also known as killer whales, are traditionally important to the Lummi Nation, a Native American tribe in western Washington state; and

**Whereas**, the orca, "Lolita," was captured from Penn Cove, Puget Sound, Washington on August 8, 1970 and sold to Miami Seaquarium for \$20,000 in 2014. Miami Seaquarium was sold to Palace Entertainment, a subsidiary of Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales S.A.; and

**Whereas**, Lolita is now 20 feet in length, weighs 8,000 pounds, and has lived for over four decades in a concrete tank measuring only 80 feet across at its widest point – just four times her body length – and only 20 feet in depth at its deepest point; and

**Whereas**, during Hurricane Irma, Lolita was exposed to potential hurricane-force winds. If Hurricane Irma had traveled its forecasted path along the eastern Florida coast, it could have led to Lolita's injury; and

**Whereas**, Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales, S.A. should work with a group of experienced experts to transport, rehabilitate, and retire Lolita safely to Eastsound, Orcas Island in Washington state for rehabilitation in a sea pen in her natural environment;

**Whereas**, on August 1, 2017, the Lummi Nation passed the following motion regarding Lolita, also known as *Tokitae*: "The Lummi Nation honors our connection to the Killer Whale (*qw'e lh'ol mé chen*) as a culturally significant species and supports the work of the Lummi Nation's Sovereignty and Treaty Protection Office in its efforts to bring the Killer Whale *Tokitae* home to her family as soon as possible"; and

**Whereas**, the future health, safety, and welfare of the endangered orca Lolita is a matter of great concern to the City of South Miami and to all who care about species whose populations are threatened and endangered in some areas and their humane treatment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami hereby urge Parques Reunidos Servicios Centrales, S.A. to retire Lolita, from her small tank at Miami Seaquarium, and move her to a sea pen in the Pacific Northwest as soon as possible; and direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all county mayors in the State of Florida and to the Florida League of Cities.

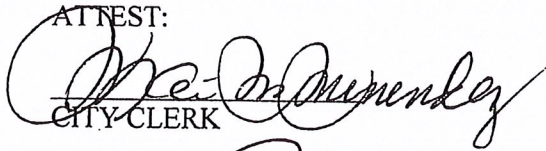
**Section 2. Severability.** If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.



PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

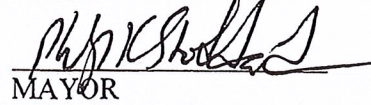
ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,  
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND  
EXECUTION THEREOF

  
CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

COMMISSION VOTE:	5-0
Mayor Stoddard:	Yea
Vice Mayor Welsh:	Yea
Commissioner Harris:	Yea
Commissioner Edmond:	Yea
Commissioner Liebman:	Yea









# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

In the true spirit of the holiday season  
we extend to you our sincerest appreciation  
for the many contributions  
you have made toward the success  
of our organization.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season  
and a new year.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES