

## Child and Family Health

### Formerly the Children's Psychiatric Center

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) rescind a grant award in the amount of \$2.5 million previously approved to the Institute for Child and Family Health (ICFH) - formerly the Children's Psychiatric Center for the construction of a facility at 6100 N.W. 153 Street in County Commission District 13 (D13).

Additionally, it is recommended that the Board approve a grant award to ICFH in the amount of \$2.5 million for the purchase of a property to be located in Miami-Dade County. The funding is provided by the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program's (BBC GOB) Not-For-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund (Fund).

#### Background

On November 2, 2004 voters overwhelmingly approved the referendum to fund more than 300 capital improvement projects throughout Miami-Dade County over the next 20 years. The \$30 million Fund is one of those projects.

On July 24, 2007, via Resolution No. R-884-07, the Board approved an allocation to 37 not-for-profit entities totaling the full \$30 million from this Fund through a competitive Request For Proposals process. ICFH was awarded \$2.5 million to construct a children's comprehensive health facility on County owned land in D13 that was previously leased to them in 2006. In light of the economic downturn ICFH's decided that a better and more efficient use of the BBC GOB funding would be to locate and purchase an existing facility. The drop in prices in the local real estate market makes purchasing more cost-effective than constructing a new facility. Accordingly, their board of directors passed a resolution requesting the Board to consider this change in scope to their project. Representative from ICFH have met with Commissioner Seijas and she is amenable to the requested change. The Board will be notified of the property address chosen through the BBC GOB Quarterly Report.

#### History of ICFH

ICFH is a private, not-for-profit organization, that has been providing health, behavioral health, educational, and prevention services to the children, adolescents, and families in the County for over 60 years. It is one of the oldest and largest community health centers exclusively dedicated to the well being of children and families in the state of Florida. ICFH serves over 25,000 children, adolescents, and families per year. ICFH is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation, accredited by the American Psychological Association, and participates as a fully accredited pre-doctoral internship training facility recognized by the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers. ICFH is an equal opportunity employer with over 400 employees working throughout the County.