

LOCAL WEEKLY REPORT

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Jackson Health System's (JHS)

On Wednesday, January 19, 2011, Jackson Health System's (JHS) executive search committee met and decided that the next chief executive (CEO) would not need to have healthcare experience. The decision was based on the idea that business leaders who have experience turning around troubled enterprises, like Jackson, would be very valuable. After much discussion about the values of healthcare versus non-healthcare leaders, it was suggested that the hiring pool include both. Roger Quick, president of the search firm, Quick Leonard Kieffer, told the committee that after surveying 40 people, which included Public Health Trust (PHT) members, county commissioners, physician leaders and union heads, results indicated that 54 percent preferred healthcare experience and 46 percent preferred a strong business background.

The search committee accepted Mr. Quick's proposed timetable for the selection process. Under the proposal, five finalists will be interviewed by the committee the week of March 28, and three finalists will be interviewed in early April, so that a new executive could be in place by April 25. The hospital's current CEO, Eneida Roldan is expected to leave upon the contract's expiration on June 1, 2011.

Miami Beach

On Wednesday, January 19, 2011, the City of Miami Beach Commission adopted its legislative agenda for the 2011 session of the Florida legislature. During the meeting, the commission reviewed the package and identified its critical priorities, including: supporting funding for the Miami Beach Convention Center expansion (opposing a government subsidy for Dolphin Stadium); maintaining Beach re-nourishment at current funding levels; opposing (TABOR) local revenue restrictions / caps on all local revenue; opposing casino style gambling (supporting local home rule should casino gambling pass); supporting 395 highway expansion to alleviate traffic to and from South Beach and Port of Miami.

For a copy of the City of Miami Beach's legislative agenda, please contact OIA.

Miami

The City of Miami's planning board held a meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 and discussed the proposed Mercy Hospital project application, which it denied. Mercy Hospital's project plans are based on the expansion of the hospital and parking garages on its grounds. The plans call for an additional 647,160 square feet of floor space, bringing the hospital to a total of 1,168,509 square feet. The plans also call for an additional 275 parking spaces to an existing parking garage, as well as the construction of a new parking garage of 318,5000 square feet, which would provide 920 parking spaces in five levels and an additional three story building for an energy plant to serve the new hospital towers.

Tennessee-based HCA announced its plans to buy Mercy Hospital in June 2010. HCA currently owns several South Florida Hospitals, including Kendall Regional and Aventura. The 473- bed Mercy reported a 43 percent occupancy rate and a loss of \$3.4 million on operating revenues of \$205 million in 2009.

The City's Planning Department recommended some modifications, which are mostly cosmetic, including greater bay views and broader walkways. They also recommended that FPL bury the powerlines as part of the project. However, the area's residents were mostly concerned with the potential impact on traffic. In response, the project's representative indicated that traffic should not be impacted since there will be no increase in medical offices or hospital beds. The project's purpose is to provide upgrades and turn the campus into a state-of-the-art facility. The plans include: all rooms to be single occupancy; improved nursing stations; modernized surgical rooms, with a new CCU; and an energy plant.

However, since many questions remained unanswered and traffic concerns loomed, the Planning Board, ultimately, denied the application 6 to 2.

North Miami Beach

The City of North Miami Beach is faced with hiring a city clerk and city manager. At a pre-council conference on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, the council decided to postpone the search for a city clerk until after the May elections. The decision was made after the finalist for the job rescinded his application, citing that there was insufficient backing from the council. However, the city remains active in its search for a new city manager.

Sweetwater

City of Sweetwater Mayor Manuel Marono, a member of Rick Scott's transition team, and former North Bay Village Manager Jorge Forte have launched a lobbying firm (7 Strategies), dedicated to public affairs and business development.

For further information, click the link or visit:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/print-edition/2011/01/21/scott-connected-sweetwater-mayor.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Save the Date:

What: Miami-Dade League of Cities 57th Annual Installation Gala

Where: Doral Golf & Spa

When: Saturday evening, February 19, 2011