

MEMORANDUM



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

DATE: March 16, 2004

SUBJECT: County Manager's Report: Domestic Violence Report: A County-wide Assessment of Gaps in Services

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept the following report entitled "Domestic Violence Report: A County-wide Assessment of Gaps in Services" prepared by Sharon Denaro, Esquire of the Advocate Center for Training and Treatment (ACTT) as funded through Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board. The report is being provided in order to respond to the Board of County Commissioners' request for information on the current domestic violence services and gaps. The recommendations outlined in the Report are in the process of being reviewed by the Miami-Dade Domestic Violence Oversight Board (MDDVOB). The MDDVOB will receive input from domestic violence partner agencies in order to have an approved final report.

BACKGROUND

The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners' requested that a comprehensive assessment of domestic violence service gaps be prepared and presented to the Board. The County through the Alliance for Human Services Notice of Funding Availability Process and the Miami-Dade Domestic Violence Oversight Board funded a Community Based Organization, the Advocate Center for Training and Treatment (ACTT) to research and prepare a comprehensive assessment to identify gaps in services to domestic violence victims. ACTT engaged in research, interviewed system partners, disseminated and analyzed surveys and conducted focus workshops and numerous meetings to obtain the data. The opinions and recommendations outlined in the attached report represent the recommendations obtained by the community and system partners that participated in the process. The Report is divided into five sections: Advocacy, Police, Prosecution, Courts and Monitoring and Treatment. The Executive Summary provides a synopsis of the recommendations from the Advocacy Community, the Police, the Prosecution, the Court and the Monitoring and Treatment Community.

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