

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(I)(2)(A)

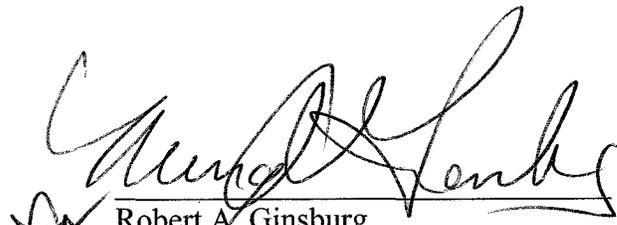
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 20, 2005

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County
Manager to perform a study
and prepare report to
incorporate findings into a
program to be known as
"The Miami-Dade County
Police Department Mental
Illness Intervention Program"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Natacha Seijas.


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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

1-20-05

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PERFORM A STUDY AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS, ON MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INTERACTION WITH PERSONS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND TO INCORPORATE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INTO A PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS "THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT MENTAL ILLNESS INTERVENTION PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 200,000 individuals in Miami-Dade County suffering from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department has been called upon to interact many times with these individuals suffering from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, in the past weeks the Miami-Dade Police Department had a confrontation with an individual suffering from mental illness which resulted in Randy T. Baker's unfortunate death; and

WHEREAS, this incident has sparked a need to reevaluate the policies, procedures and training of the way the Miami-Dade Police Department interacts with individuals suffering from mental illness,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The County Manager is directed to create a program that will be known as "The Miami-Dade County Police Department Mental Illness Intervention Program" which will incorporate:

- (a) The recommendations from the review of the present policies procedures and training of the Miami-Dade Police Department employees relating to confrontations involving Miami-Dade Police Department police officers and individuals suffering from mental illness;
- (b) The establishment of Crisis Intervention teams which will have as their primary focus dealing with incidents involving the Miami-Dade Police Department and individuals suffering from mental illness;
- (c) The training and policies in the use of tasers as an alternative to the use of lethal force in incidents involving confrontations with individuals suffering from mental illness.

Section 2. The County Manager shall consult with all appropriate persons in carrying out the directions of this resolution, including but not limited to, the Miami-Dade Police Department, the Community Relations Board, mental health professionals, other police agencies or departments that have addressed similar incidents, and institutions of higher learning.

Section 3. The County Manger shall present his written findings and report, including recommendations as to any appropriate corrective actions, to the Board of County Commissioners no more than (30) days from the date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Natacha Seijas and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman
Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrian D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January 20, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Kenneth B. Drucker