

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 8, 2007

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 3(R)(1)(B)

**Subject:** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND APPROXIMATELY \$48,662 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FOR THE PLANNING OF THE SECOND ANNUAL REGIONAL CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE FOR CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution which authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to receive and expend funds from The Children's Trust in the approximate amount of \$48,662 for the Office of the Child Advocate for the planning and hosting of the Second Annual Regional Child Welfare Conference for Child Welfare Professionals; and to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this program for this purpose. This grant does not require County matching funds.

## **Scope**

The Office of the Child Advocate coordinates with community partners such as Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Miami-Dade Community Based Care Alliance, and The Guardian ad Litem Program on the provision of services to children throughout the county. This grant will provide professional level training on a county wide basis that will enable social services case managers, attorneys and mental health professionals to better serve children in the child welfare system focusing on insuring permanency for children in out-of-home care, specifically in foster and relative care.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to the County as this grant funding from the Children's Trust in the amount of \$48,662 does not require a cash or an in-kind match.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

The County has contracted with The Children's Trust over the past three years for various programs in support of services to children and their families. In 2006 the Office of the Child Advocate applied for and received funding from The Children's Trust for the planning and hosting of the First Annual Children's Regional Conference for Case Managers which was held on August 25, 2006. Imran Ali, Office of the Child Advocate, will be responsible for the administrative oversight and monitoring of this initiative and funding.

## **Background**

This Second Annual Conference is designed to build and expand profession level training opportunities which were identified during the *First Annual Children's Regional Conference for Case Managers*, convened by Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade Community-Based Care Alliance, in the summer of 2006. The Second Annual Regional Child Welfare

Conference for Child Welfare System Professionals, planned by Miami-Dade County's Child Advocate and the Miami-Dade Community-based Care Alliance, will bring together more than 350 participants, including experts in their fields who will conduct multiple workshops and trainings. The conference will target administrators, supervisors, attorneys, case managers, volunteers, and child advocates. The Regional Conference is scheduled for September 28, 2007. Representatives from the following organizations are expected to attend and participate in the workshops: Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Neighbor to Family; Kids Hope United; CHARLEE of Miami-Dade County; Children's Home Society; Center for Family and Child Enrichment; Family Resource Center; Linda Ray Early Intervention Center; Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Florida Department of Children and Families; Agency for Health Care Administration; Our Kids Inc; Legal Services; and Legal Aide.

The goals of the Conference are to: (1) Support best-practices and evidence-based approaches in addressing the multi-layered needs of abused and neglected children; (2) Provide updated information on the latest innovations and changes in the child welfare system; and (3) Enhance the knowledge base and skill set of child welfare professionals.

Thirty-two (32) intermediate to advanced level workshops will provide participants with updates on state and federal child welfare law and policy; strategies to deliver evidence-based prevention and intervention services for at-risk children and families; and proven approaches for engaging families in services and utilizing family-centered practice. The training will also include best-practice models for working with special populations such as youth in independent living programs; immigrant children; teen parents; and families with substance abuse and mental health issues.

A copy of resolution (R-745-06) authorizing the County Manager to receive and expend funds for the first Regional Conference is attached.

Attachment

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Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 3(R)(1)(B)

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  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 3(R)(1)(B)  
5-8-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$48,662 FOR THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE; TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO SUCH AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED; AND TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that that this Board authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to receive and expend funds from the Children's Trust in the approximate amount of \$48,662 for the planning of the Second Annual Regional Child Welfare Conference for Child Welfare Professionals convened by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Child Advocate and the Miami-Dade Community Based Care Alliance; authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute such contracts, agreements, and amendments to the agreement as are required, following approval by the County Attorney's Office, to execute such other contracts as will serve the purposes described in the funding request following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes described in the funding request; to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this program for this purpose, to file and execute any necessary

amendments to the agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007. 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.



Maria Arista Volsky

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 6, 2006

**To:** Honorable Chairperson Joe A. Martinez  
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Receive and Expend Funds from The Children's Trust for the Miami-Dade County Office of the Child Advocate

Agenda Item No. 12(A)(4)

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution, authorizing the County Manager to receive and expend funds from The Children's Trust in the approximate amount of \$24,368 for the Office of the Child Advocate for the planning of a regional conference. No local match is required.

## BACKGROUND

Miami-Dade County's Office of the Child Advocate and the Miami-Dade Community-Based Care Alliance will convene the First Annual Children's Regional Conference for Case Managers to provide professional-level training to individuals and agency representatives in Miami-Dade County, who plan and provide for the well-being of children. The goal of the Conference is to build community capacity for high quality services, systems of care, and community involvement on behalf of children.

The two-day conference, planned for June 2-3, 2006, will provide intensive, evidenced-based, professional-level training to the child welfare workforce, foster parents, child advocates, attorneys, case managers, volunteers, and parents of dependent children.

The conference will bring together over 300 participants. Representatives from the following organizations are expected to attend and participate in training sessions and workshops: Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Neighbor to Family; Kids Hope United; CHARLEE of Dade County; Children's Home Society; Center for Family and Child Enrichment; Family Resource Center; Linda Ray Early Intervention Center; Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Florida Department of Children and Families; Agency for Health Care Administration; Legal Services; and Legal Aide.

The County submitted an application in April, 2006 to The Children's Trust for funding to assist with the conference and was recently advised by The Children's Trust that the grant had been awarded.

  
Assistant County Manager

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** June 6, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 12(A)(4)

Please note any items checked.

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- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
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- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Agenda Item No. 12(A)(4)

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

6-6-06

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. 745-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FOR THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO SUCH AGREEMENT AS REQUIRED

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board authorizes the County Manager to receive and expend funds from The Children's Trust in the approximate amount of \$24,368 to assist with the First Annual Children's Regional Conference convened by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Child Advocate and the Miami-Dade Community-Based Care Alliance; authorizes the County Manager to execute such contracts and agreements as are required by this agency following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to execute such other contracts as will serve to further the purposes described in the funding request, following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes described in the funding request; to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this program for this purpose; to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida and to exercise amendment, modification, cancellation and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements on behalf of Miami-Dade County.

*[Handwritten marks]*

The foregoing resolution was 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
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
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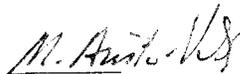
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006. This Resolution and contract, if not vetoed, shall become effective in accordance with Resolution No. R-377-04.

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.



Maria Arista-Volsky