Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 4, 2008

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

Agenda Item No. 8(F)(1)(B)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the County Mayor to Receive and Expend Florida Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Funds and Approval of the Grant's County Planning Council

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to receive and expend funds in the amount of $333,000 per year, for a total of $999,000 for a three year period, from the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation's Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant. It is further recommended that the Board approve the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant County Planning Council, a grant requirement comprised of members of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Committee and the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force (Attachment 1).

Regarding the grant funding, it is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or his designee to: execute such contracts, agreements, and Memoranda of Understanding and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines; to apply for additional funding, file and execute any necessary amendments 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.

This grant requires a 100% in-kind, local match per year. Miami-Dade County has pledged in-kind services in the amount of $149,000 per year which includes administrative support (preparation/submission of program and fiscal reports and financial management), office space, and interim financial assistance for eligible program participants through an existing program. An in-kind match totaling $84,000 per year has been pledged for the program by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, and an in-kind match of $100,000 per year has been pledged by Jackson Memorial Hospital-Jackson Health System.

Scope

Funding through this grant will expand court services provided to individuals with severe mental illnesses in Miami-Dade County. The grant will implement a court-based, post-booking diversion program for 200 mentally-ill persons arrested on low-level, third degree felonies. The program is designed to reduce the criminalization of individuals with mental illnesses that become involved in the criminal justice system through a diversion program, and improve access to community-based, comprehensive treatment and services that promote community integration and recovery. Impact of this agenda item is countywide.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Grant funding will expand jail diversion services to individuals charged with low-level, third degree felonies. Availability of this service will immediately reduce the number of qualifying mentally ill individuals housed in the County's correctional facilities; thereby reducing operating expenses. Over time, the grant-funded social services are expected to reduce the recidivism of mentally ill offenders and, as such, the inmate population handled and processed by the Corrections and Rehabilitation

Department. This program will support other ongoing County initiatives to improve mental health diversion services within the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department and will complement the development of the Mental Health Diversion Facility currently in the planning stages.

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Track Record/Monitor

Miami-Dade County is partnering with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit's Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The County's Mental Health Services Coordinator in the General Services Administration Department will manage the grant requirement and fiscal components of the grant. The AOC will implement the project. The County, AOC and community partners comprising the membership of the grant's County Planning Council have an extensive history of shared success on projects, partnerships, and court-based initiatives.

Background

Miami-Dade County and the AOC have agreed to enter into a partnership for the purpose of implementing the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program in Miami-Dade County. The Board of County Commissioners in each applicant county must approve a planning council to support the application for the grant. To comply with grant requirements, upon approval by the Board, a standing committee will be formed with membership comprised of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Committee and the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force. The program will enhance and expand cooperative linkages established among the judiciary, defense and prosecuting attorneys, local law enforcement agencies, community service providers, and other community representatives.

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Delegated Authority

This resolution authorizes the Mayor or his designee to: execute such contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney; apply for additional funding, file and execute any necessary amendments 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

Director
General Services Administration

Attachment 1

Miami-Dade County
Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program
County Planning Council Membership Roster

Name	Title and Membership Representation as set forth in CS/CS/HB 1477	Affiliation
Carlos Alvarez	Mayor	Mayor - Miami-Dade County
Kathy Fernandez-Rundle	State Attorney	State Attorney's Office
Bennett Brummer	Public Defender	Office of the Public Defender
Natacha Seijas	County Commissioner	Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
Hon. Stan Blake	Circuit Court Judge	Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Hon. Steve Leifman	County Court Judge	Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Timothy Ryan	Chief Correctional Officer	Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department
Robert Parker	Director	Miami-Dade County Police Department
Maria DeBernardo	State Probation Circuit Administrator	State of Florida Department of Probation and Rehabilitation
Cindy Schwartz	Director of County Diversion Program	Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Ruben Carrerou	Local Court Administrator	Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Bruce Hayden	Director of local Substance Abuse Program	Spectrum Programs, Inc.
Sylvia Quintana	Supervisor, DCF SAMH Program Office	Florida Department of Children and Families
Sandra McQueen-Baker	Consumer - Mental Health Services	Private Citizen
John Kowal	Consumer - Substance Abuse Services	Private Citizen
Rachel Diaz	Family Member of Consumer	Private Citizen
David Raymond	Director, Homeless Trust	Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: March 4, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(F)(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 _____

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03-04-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FLORIDA CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RE-INVESTMENT GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF THE GRANT'S COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND AMENDMENTS, AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING, FILE AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS 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

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose 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:

Section 1. The County Mayor or his designee is authorized to receive and expend Florida Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant funds in the amount of $333,000 per year, for a total of $999,000 for a three year period.

Section 2. The Board approves the grant's County Planning Council with designated members of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Committee and the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force, in order to comply with the grant requirements.

Section 3. The County Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines; apply for additional funding, file and execute any necessary amendments 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.

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
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2008. 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. MD

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