

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

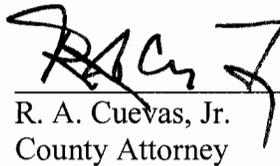
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 1, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections to enter into agreement setting forth discharge planning policies among agencies that discharge individuals who are homeless or at risk of being homeless

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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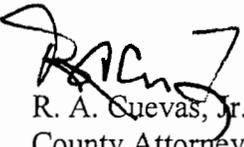


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Please note any items checked.

- "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 Mayor'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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9-1-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH DISCHARGE PLANNING POLICIES AMONG AGENCIES THAT DISCHARGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BEING HOMELESS AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THROUGH ITS HOMELESS TRUST; URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT AND ENCOURAGE THE CORRECTIONS SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO IT

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2007, this Board passed Resolution No. 432-07 directing the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust to, as recommended by the Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance Taskforce, develop a memorandum of agreement establishing discharge policies for agencies in Miami-Dade County in an effort to aid homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, meetings ensued among stakeholders and a memorandum of agreement was developed; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2008, this Board passed Resolution No. 117-08 authorizing the Mayor or Designee to enter into the memorandum of agreement among the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, the Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Florida Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Children & Families, the 11th Judicial Circuit, Jackson Memorial Hospital/Public Health Trust, Our Kids, Inc., and Community Mental Health Centers and Facilities; and

WHEREAS, all stakeholders signed the memorandum of agreement except the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC); and

WHEREAS, under the memorandum of agreement, the FDOC would ensure that classification officers develop appropriate discharge plans for inmates at least 180 days prior to release and forward such plans to Homeless Trust Housing Specialists within 150 days of release; and

WHEREAS, Homeless Trust Housing Specialists would in turn review the plans and respond to FDOC within thirty (30) days, including any placement criteria, such as the 2,500 foot rule for sexual predators; and

WHEREAS, having FDOC enter the memorandum of agreement and abide by its terms could help to reduce the homeless population in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections to enter into the memorandum of agreement that establishes discharge policies between the Florida Department of Corrections and Miami-Dade County through its Homeless Trust related to state inmates who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Section 2. Urges the Governor to support the memorandum of agreement and to encourage the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections to enter into it.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections.

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Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and directs that the 2009 and 2010 State Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2009. 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.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty