MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

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 directing the CEO of PHT to update the feasibility study performed pursuant to Resolution No. R-458-06 to evaluate cost savings alternatives for the provision of health care services for inmates

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 REQUESTING CEO OF PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST TO UPDATE THE FEASIBILITY STUDY PERFORMED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. R-458-06 TO EVALUATE COST SAVINGS ALTERNATIVES FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR INMATES IN THE CUSTODY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-458-06 directed the County Manager to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate potential sources for health care services for inmates in the custody of Miami-Dade County's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation ("MDCR"); and

WHEREAS, the County Manager reported his findings to the Board by memo dated May 17, 2007, in which he recommended the continued provision of inmate medical services by the Jackson Health System's Corrections Health Services ("CHS"), as well as the employment of an independent inmate health care professional to conduct a comparative analysis of current services to industry best practices and to evaluate areas of service for cost efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, an updated comparative analysis of CHS and the inmate health care services provided by other Florida counties, including Broward and Hillsborough, indicates that CHS health care costs are higher per inmate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a contract between MDCR and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care ("NCCHC") a team of correctional health care experts performed a comprehensive on-site evaluation of inmate health services from February 4-8, 2008, and provided a 23-page report, dated March 10, 2008, which found that in comparison with NCCHC

standards MDCR facilities achieved full compliance with 18 (27%) standards, partial compliance with 36 standards (56%) and noncompliance with 13 standards (19%); and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 2, 2008, the County was notified by the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") that it was initiating an investigation of MDCR facilities, and subsequent exit interviews with DOJ after on-site inspections made clear that a primary focus of DOJ's investigation concerned the adequacy of medical and mental health care provided to inmates; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2008 CHS hired a new, highly regarded medical director with a broad background in the field of correctional health services, including having served as an expert health care auditor for the NCCHC, who has actively pursued implementation of the NCCHC recommended improvements in MDCR facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Auditor's July 10, 2009 memorandum reports that CHS developed a 54-point action plan to achieve compliance with NCCHC standards and as of May 2009 has implemented 43 (80%) of the actions; and

WHEREAS, MDCR and CHS have worked cooperatively with DOJ in its ongoing investigation and have kept DOJ fully apprised of its progress in implementing the NCCHC recommended improvements; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County values the many dedicated individuals working in affiliation and/or supported by a labor union within the CHS health care support staff and fully intends to continue the longstanding relationship between MDCR and CHS, while insuring these services are provided in the most cost efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board is presently confronting one of the most difficult budgets in the County's history and must carefully assess the cost effectiveness of services as well as the demands for improvements in the quality of inmate medical and mental health services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the CEO of the Public Health Trust is hereby requested to update the feasibility study and evaluation performed by the County Manager pursuant to Resolution No. R-458-06 and evaluate cost savings alternatives for the provision of inmate health care services in terms of both the cost efficiencies and quality of such services, including an evaluation of cost savings, if any, to be achieved by outsourcing inmate health care services to a private provider.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairwoman

Barbara J. Jordan	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Bruno A. Barreiro
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman 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.

Robert A. Duvall