

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 10, 2009

**To:** Honorable Sally Heyman, Chair  
and Members of Health, Public Safety &  
Intergovernmental Committee

**From:** Joe Rasco  
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

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Agenda Item No. 1E1

**Subject:** 2010 Federal Intergovernmental Items of jurisdiction to the Health, Public  
Safety & Intergovernmental Committee

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Pursuant to Resolution 1004-09, sponsored by Commissioner Sosa and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 21, 2009, attached please find a copy of the 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda for your review. The resolution calls for the Mayor and or his designee to present departmental requests at the different October committee meetings of jurisdiction.

The attached legislative agenda has been reviewed by the County Manager after meetings between the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Assistant County Managers, and Department Directors.

# HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

## CORRECTIONS

**Second Chance Act: ADVOCATE** for adequate funding for local grants to implement meaningful reentry programs as alternatives to incarceration, to rehabilitative offenders and reduce recidivism as set forth in the Second Chance Act of 2007. (Corrections)

**State Criminal Alien Assistant Program: ADVOCATE** for adequate funding for the SCAPP program to enable local jurisdictions to recoup costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, or maintain funding levels of FY 09-11 as authorized by the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act of 2005. (Corrections)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ HOMELAND SECURITY

**FEMA Rule Change: ADVOCATE** for legislative – multi-agency coordination issues in a recovery environment. **URGE** Congress to allow FEMA's rules and regulations be the lead and sole standard under FEMA's role in coordinating federal response and recovery resources. All other federal agencies responding to an event shall follow FEMA's rules and regulations. (Emergency Management/Homeland Security)

**Debris Management Pilot Program: ADVOCATE** for implementation of a Public Assistance (PA) Debris Management Pilot Program on a full time basis in the FEMA. (Emergency Management/Homeland Security)

## FIRE RESCUE

**USDA Property Acquisition: SUPPORT** efforts to purchase property from United States Department of Agriculture to build a new fire station to serve Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, and surrounding community. This future fire station is needed to provide coverage to the south eastern side of the Miami-Dade fire district. This area includes the municipalities of Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest and Cutler Bay. (Fire Rescue)

**Venom Response Bureau: SUPPORT** a \$500,000 funding request for the County's Venom Response Bureau to provide specialized emergency treatment for antivenins for exotic bites. (Fire Rescue)

## GRANTS COORDINATION

**Ryan White Funding and Extension: ADVOCATE** for increased appropriation for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, specifically Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Programs. FY 2010 Part A Request \$766,061,153. There is a need for increased funding for HIV/AIDS services nationwide due to higher rates of HIV infection among indigent populations and longer life spans among people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, **ADVOCATE** for the extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, (CFDA 93.914) which is due to sunset on September 30, 2009. (Grants Coordination)

## HEALTHCARE PLANNING

**Miami-Dade Blue Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program: ADVOCATE** for funding for the Premium Assistance Program through legislative and federal sources. Miami-Dade County is establishing a premium assistance program in conjunction with its three-year pilot health insurance program, named Miami-Dade Blue and created in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Funding would leverage seed money already received through Florida LIP. (Office of Healthcare Planning)

**Miami-Dade Blue as National Model: ADVOCATE** for Miami-Dade Blue's two-part approach as a national model for health care reform. Support for recognition and replication of Miami-Dade County's two-part approach in other communities throughout the U.S. (Office of Healthcare Planning)

**Chronic Disease Management Programs: ADVOCATE** to provide funding to bring national models of provider-assisted chronic disease management programs to the Miami-Dade County clinics. (Office of Healthcare Planning)

**NACo Health Care Reform Principles: SUPPORT** efforts of the National Association of Counties (NACo) urging Congress to enact comprehensive health reform legislation consistent with NACo's Health Care Reform Principles, including protecting the local health care safety net system, and providing access to affordable, quality health care to all. (Office of Healthcare Planning)

**Liberty City Health Campus: ADVOCATE** for funding to construct a new Health Campus in the area of Liberty City. This facility is needed to enhance the delivery of health care services to the customers of the area by replacing three outdated clinics in the Liberty City area. This is a collaborative between the State, the County and a non-profit health care facility (Federally Qualified Health Center).

## **JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

### **Health Reform**

#### **Disproportionate Share Hospital Program Cuts**

DSH bills have varying level of cuts, but the overall exposure is roughly \$80 million in Medicaid DSH and \$43 million in Medicare DSH. **OPPOSE** phasing out of DSH payments until the overall level of uninsured has decreased significantly and until the ratio of DSH payments to uninsured reaches an acceptable level.

#### **Medicaid Expansion**

**MONITOR** Medicaid expansion at State level. There has been ample discussion of expanding Medicaid to roughly 133% of federal poverty level, however, the overarching concern is how will the state of Florida address the already low reimbursement levels of Medicaid once the enhanced federal share phases out.

#### **Coordinated Care Networks**

**SUPPORT** provider service network. Jackson Health System would like to see its provider service network as a model for coordinated care and eligible for any grant funding opportunities that exist to advance the concept of fully integrated, coordinated care.

#### **Graduate Medical Education**

**SUPPORT** the redistribution of unused Graduate Medical Education slots to ensure that Florida is positioned to address the projected physician shortages, **ADVOCATE** for teaching hospitals to utilize some of the newly redistributed slots as a funding mechanism for those residents that are currently unreimbursed and over the caps established in 1996.

#### **Medicare & Medicaid**

**MONITOR** any proposed cuts to the medicare and Medicaid program and closely monitor how the federal government will address the phasing out of the enhanced FMAP for the State of Florida. In addition, monitor the expansion of “never” events, which Medicare will not reimburse.

## **RAC**

**MONITOR** the Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) Program was created by the Medicare Modernization Act 2003, to identify and correct improper Medicare payments paid to healthcare providers. This program is now rolling out nationwide and Jackson Health System wants to ensure that the requests for medical records is limited to provider number as opposed to NPI numbers which are numerous and would have tremendous administrative burden on the system.

## **340B PRICING**

**ADVOCATE** for the 340B drug-discount program which allows certain hospitals and clinics that serve vulnerable populations to purchase outpatient drugs at the Medicaid "best price" from pharmaceutical companies that participate in the Medicaid program. This would have a positive impact of roughly \$14 million on Jackson Health System and is currently incorporated into the varying health reform provisions.

## **JUVENILE SERVICES**

**National Demonstration Project: SUPPORT** a \$200,000 funding request for the continuation of funding for Juvenile Assessment Center National Demonstration Project. The project develops effective assessment tools, interventions and treatments to reduce the number of arrested youth in the system. (Juvenile Services)

## **POLICE**

**Mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System: SUPPORT** efforts to secure \$8.5 million for a mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). This system is a multi-county initiative that allows for wireless, mobilized automated fingerprint identification system to rapidly screen fingerprints and identify suspects across jurisdictional boundaries when most needed. (Police)

**Mortgage Fraud Task Force: SUPPORT** efforts to secure \$2 million to create a mortgage fraud task force national model to train those identified communities, which represent the 10 highest-concentrated areas affected by mortgage fraud, on implementing a Mortgage Fraud Task Force at the community level. The Miami-Dade County MFTF will serve as the model based on its proven performance. The national model will be coordinated by Miami-Dade County and administered by DOJ. (Police)

**UASI Designation: ADVOCATE** for a new Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) designation that more accurately reflects the regional collaboration of major metropolitan areas represented in the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force. The primary purpose of this new UASI designation will best serve the homeland security needs of this multi-county, major metropolitan area through enhanced regional preparedness and is consistent with the primary focus of the UASI Program. This designation change is needed so the entire geographical area of unincorporated Miami-Dade County and its associated risk will be calculated in DHS's risk assessment of the Miami UASI. The DHS risk assessment determines the funding potential of the Miami UASI. (Police)

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: ADVOCATE** for full funding of the JAG program at the authorized level of \$1.1 billion in the coming federal fiscal year nationally, approximately \$1 million for Miami-Dade County. Funding will be used to invest in mission-critical operational support to protect its officers, equipment for effective investigations, and other specialized equipment. (Police)

**The Federal Assault Weapons Act Reinstatement: ADVOCATE** for the reinstatement of the Federal Assault Weapons Act. The Act was to ban the sale of semiautomatic military-style assault weapons and was passed as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The Act of 1994 was enacted for a period of 10 years. The ban expired in 2004 and has not been renewed. (Police)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(36)

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

**DATE:** July 21, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor or  
Designee to present departmental  
state and federal legislative requests  
at October committees

**Resolution No. R-1004-09**

**This substitute differs from the original item in that it includes both state and federal legislative items, while the original item consisted only of state legislative items.**

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

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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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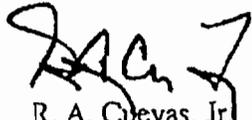


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(Revised)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(36)  
7-21-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-1004-09

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO  
PRESENT DEPARTMENTAL FEDERAL AND STATE  
LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS AT OCTOBER COMMITTEES

**WHEREAS**, committee meetings for the Florida Legislature's 2010 legislative session will begin in the fall of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, member of the Florida House are limited to only six bill slots per member, and these bill slots are in high demand; and

**WHEREAS**, bills filed during the fall and early in committee weeks have a far better chance of passage than bills filed later in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2009 session, Miami-Dade County saw successes with its legislative issues by including some of them in the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities legislative packages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities hold their legislative policy conferences beginning in the fall; and

**WHEREAS**, to best pursue our legislative agenda for the 2010 session, it is important that Miami-Dade County have its legislative agenda in place no later than the end of October, so as to give our issues the best chance of passage,

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

**Section 1.** This Board directs the Mayor or Designee to present all departmental legislative requests for the 2010 state legislative session >>and the 2010 federal legislative

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package<sup>1</sup> at the October, 2009 committee meetings, including both changes to statutes and appropriations requests. The Mayor or Designee shall present such requests to the applicable committee that has jurisdiction over the department from which the request originated.

**Section 2.** During October committee meetings, committees shall consider such items, prioritize them and recommend items for approval by the full Board in the County's >>2010 federal and~~<< state legislative package~~>>.

**Section 3.** The Board shall consider, prioritize and approve the >>federal and~~<< state legislative package~~>> at the October 20 Board meeting based on committee recommendations. The Board also shall identify no more than eight County departmental priorities >>for the 2010 federal legislative package and no more than eight County departmental priorities~~<< for the 2010 state legislative session, along with guiding principles.~~

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

<sup>1</sup> The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or »double arrowed« constitute the amendment proposed.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 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: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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