

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11 (A) (40)

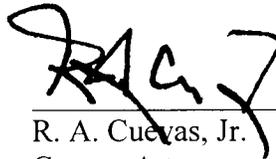
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 6, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to provide oversight and
advisory support to the Board of
County Commissioners, through the
Agency for Health Care
Administration, in order to assist the
County in addressing the Public
Health Trust's current financial crisis

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-6-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, HIS DESIGNEE, AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY SUPPORT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST'S CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust ("PHT") is an agency and instrumentality of Miami-Dade County that operates Jackson Health System ("JHS"), including Jackson Memorial Hospital and multiple other County designated facilities providing health care services to all segments of the Miami-Dade County community; and

WHEREAS, PHT serves thousands of Miami-Dade County residents, including Medicaid beneficiaries and the indigent, and other Floridians each day by providing primary care, hospital care and specialty care services, including but not limited to organ transplants, trauma resuscitation, and burn management treatment; and

WHEREAS, the PHT is currently facing one of the most serious financial crisis in its history and has projected a deficit exceeding \$200 million this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the PHT has advised the County and the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA") of an immediate cash flow shortfall which could drastically impede the JHS delivery of health care services; and

WHEREAS, a financial collapse of JHS would have significant statewide repercussions affecting Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as non-Medicaid beneficiaries, receiving a range of services from PHT; and

WHEREAS, it is important to all Floridians to stabilize JHS and promote its immediate financial viability; and

WHEREAS, AHCA was statutorily created to be the chief health policy and planning entity for the State of Florida and is primarily responsible for the state's \$16 billion Medicaid program, the licensure of the state's 36,000 health care facilities, and the sharing of health care data through the Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis; and

WHEREAS, AHCA has expertise in health care management, hospital administration and health care financing and is knowledgeable about opportunities to mitigate fraud, maximize health care revenues, and reduce or eliminate unnecessary administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, AHCA has historically worked with the Governor, his administration, and the Florida Legislature to address health care service access for Florida's uninsured, to identify and minimize fraudulent health care billing, and to reduce health care administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, AHCA's expertise and knowledge uniquely situate the agency to assist the PHT and Miami-Dade County in resolving the current PHT financial crisis,

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

Section 1. Urges the Governor, his designee and the Florida Legislature to provide oversight and advisory support to the Board of County Commissioners through the Agency for Health Care Administration to assist the County in addressing the Public Health Trust's current financial crisis.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issue identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 and 2011 state legislative packages.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of April, 2010. 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.

DATE *ES*

Eugene Shy, Jr.
Valda Clark Christian