Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: October 5, 2010

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

Agenda Item No. 18(A)(1)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) Mental Health Transformation Grants Program

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee in applying for United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) "Mental Health Transformation Grants Program" funds in the amount of $3,750,000. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney's Office, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the 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.

Scope

The scope of this project is countywide. The Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) will implement the Transformation in Action Project to help prevent mental illness through outreach, screening, and early intervention for adults experiencing signs of mental illness or for those who are at-risk; and to promote wellness through holistic treatment approaches that are consumer-focused and consumer-driven. MDCR will be assisted by the Miami-Dade Department of Human Services (DHS); Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF); and the South Florida Behavioral Health Network, a consortium of 29 provider service organizations.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Funding from this project will provide $3,750,000 (up to $750,000 per year over a five-year period) to be used to support a system-wide transformation of mental health services in Miami-Dade County. The project design, combined with best practice and evidence-based models will result in better access for consumers; improved service delivery and cost savings; and a consumer-focused service delivery system. The grant does not require matching funds.

Track Record/Monitor

MDCR, with its extensive history of managing Department of Justice (DOJ) grants, will implement and manage the project. Specifically, MDCR will handle the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and manage programmatic and fiscal reporting in accordance with project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by the DOJ.

Background

MDCR will implement the Transformation in Action grant project to serve culturally-diverse populations that are at-risk, or exhibit signs of mental health disorders, and are not accessing the behavioral health system of care. Grant funds will address and improve service delivery in three critical areas: 1) a comprehensive, integrated, and non-duplicative screening/assessment "front door" that will create access to clinical intervention and supportive social services through integrating primary care and behavioral healthcare. This will include: infrastructure development in the areas of interagency coordination and partnership; training and workforce development; and promoting organizational changes; 2) improvements in the existing service delivery system's approach and treatment processes to include the development of standardized processes and data collection; and 3) efforts to empower consumers and ensure a service delivery system that is consumer-focused and driven through advocacy efforts and training of consumers, and enhancing the role of Peer Specialists within the provider community.

Services funded by the grant will include: 1) Network Building; 2) Training on Motivational Interviewing, Global Assessment of Individualized Needs (GAIN), Trauma-Informed Care (TIC), "Wraparound" Process, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR), Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP), Peer Specialists, and Leadership Training for Consumers; 3) Promotion of the E-Therapy Model; 4) Development of Electronic Medical Records; and 5) Peer Specialist positions.

Anticipated project outcomes include: 1) early and accurate identification of mental health issues in at-risk adults; 2) improved access to services for the underserved, especially Hispanics, African Americans, and Caribbean-born Blacks, 3) increased numbers of these subgroups in treatment; 4) improved inter-agency service delivery cooperation/coordination; 5) improved service delivery through the use of technological advances in the areas of client information gathering and sharing; 6) standardized use of evidence-based tools; 7) a comprehensive model of service delivery; 8) expedited securing of entitlement benefits for clients; 9) improved consumer advocacy; 10) additional trained and certified Peer Specialists; and 11) greater consumer representation on decision-making boards and within agencies.

The short turnaround time imposed by the application deadline did not allow sufficient time for the processing of the resolution and its submittal to the Board prior to submission of the application.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: October 5, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 18(A)(1)

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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,750,000 FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION GRANTS PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, MODIFY OR AMEND THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR TO EXTEND THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board has adopted Resolution No. R-784-10, authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to administer County business during the Board of County Commissioners' 2010 summer recess as provided therein, and has directed that all actions taken pursuant to such authority be submitted to this Board for ratification at its October 5, 2010 meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board ratifies the action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee in applying for United States Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Mental Health Transformation Grants Program funds in the amount of $3,750,000. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements,

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney's Office, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the 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:

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 5th day of October, 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.

Robert A. Duvall