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)(2)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Mental Health Collaboration 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 Justice (DOJ) Mental Health Collaboration Program funds in the amount of $250,000. 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 a United States Department of Justice Planning and Implementation Project to assist misdemeanor and nonviolent arrestees that are found to be mentally-disordered based upon the results of a medical evaluation, and are placed in the County's Mental Health Diversion Facility (MHDF) for psychiatric stabilization. Project services will be provided through a contract with the South Florida Behavioral Health Network (SFBHN), a consortium of 29 provider service organizations.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Approximately 1,200, or 20% of MDCR's detainees are considered to be diagnosed with severe mental illness (SMI) and are currently only provided psychiatric stabilization services in the form of medications. This project will enable MDCR to coordinate psychological treatment services to be provided during the incarceration period. It is expected that these services will help reduce recidivism of the mentally-disordered population. A local required cash and in-kind match in the amount of $129,500 will be provided by MDCR and the SFBHN.

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 has applied for this grant in its efforts to address the service needs of the mentally-disordered population that becomes involved in the criminal justice system. With this grant opportunity, the County will establish an agreement with SFBHN, the State of Florida contracted service provider coalition, to deliver psychological therapeutic services during the detention period. These services will include individual and group therapies, and psychological crisis management services, using a "best practices" approach. Partnering with an experienced community-based provider to provide the "in-jail" psychological services is also expected to increase the likelihood that detainees will continue treatment after release from jail and reduce recidivism.

The target population for the project will be misdemeanor or nonviolent arrestees that are found to be mentally-disordered based upon the results of a medical evaluation. It has been determined that approximately 30% of the acute and sub-acute psychiatric population daily census, or approximately 100 individuals, will meet the target population criteria on a daily basis.

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)(2)

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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10-5-10

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 $250,000 FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; 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 Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program funds in the amount of $250,000. 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