

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (21)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 8, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor
to review the March 2008 Miami
Dade Blue Ribbon Advisory
Committee Report and Findings
on Rehabilitation and Job
Training in County Jails

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



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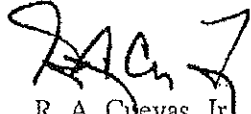


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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11-8-12

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO REVIEW THE MARCH 2008 MIAMI DADE BLUE RIBBON ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT AND FINDINGS ON REHABILITATION AND JOB TRAINING IN COUNTY JAILS, ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON WHAT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THEN TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A REPORT CONTAINING ADDITIONAL UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS OR METHODS, WHICH MAY FURTHER ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION OF THOSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, in the last three calendar years, an annual average of almost 100,000 inmates have come through Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities; and

WHEREAS, national research indicates that “prison educational and vocational programs can improve behavior, reduce recidivism, and increase employment prospects upon release,” according to studies analyzed by the Reentry Policy Council, a bipartisan initiative established by the Council of State Governments to improve the likelihood that adults released from prison or jail will avoid crime and become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, a variety of effective diversion and reentry programs are already in place in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No.1270-05 created a Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee to provide the Board with recommendations for additional inmate programs to facilitate the reentry of inmates into the community and to thereby reduce recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee submitted to the Board its Final Report, dated March 28, 2008, entitled "Breaking the Cycle: Rehabilitation & Job Training in County Jails", which made the following recommendations:

General Recommendations:

- 1) Establish a local Reentry Council for planning/coordination of reentry services.
- 2) Staged implementation of rehabilitative programming through pilot programs.
- 3) Establish a research group under the Reentry Council to analyze reentry issues.
- 4) Reinvestment of cost-of-incarceration savings to expand reentry services.
- 5) County actions re: hiring of ex-offenders, private employer hiring incentives, etc.
- 6) State legislation re: employment/housing barriers, mental illness services, funding, etc.

Criminal Justice Recommendations:

- 7) Prioritize inmates regarding initial reentry services with eventual expansion to all.
- 8) Reentry process to include provision of standardized, informed consent waivers.
- 9) Provision of incentives for inmate participation in reentry program.
- 10) Reentry sentencing options based upon discharge plans providing continuity of in-Jail services to community based services.
- 11) Create linkages between local reentry services and Florida Department of Corrections for state prisoners within 120 days of release.

Corrections Operations Recommendations:

- 12) Expand participation in rehab/work programs thru screening, classification, etc.
- 13) Improve inter-agency coordination through joint training, MOUs, protocols, etc.

Service Provider Recommendations:

- 14) Miami-Dade Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (MDCR) to institute automated

assessment process re: med/psych, substance abuse, educational/vocational, etc.

15) Consolidate MDCR training/support services into accessible "one-stop" centers.

16) Create continuum-of-treatment protocols and linkages with community based service providers

Bricks and Mortar Recommendations:

17) New/renovated detention facilities to include accessible reentry program space.

18) Correctional Master Plan to provide for training and work facility.

19) MDCR to partner with education/vocational providers for occupational training.

20) Contract for emergency MDCR needs re crowding, construction/repairs, etc.

State and Federal Prisoner Re-entry Recommendations:

21) Local Reentry Council to include state and federal representation to coordinate with local reentry services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 675-08 directed the Mayor to apply for, receive and expend any and all grant monies made available under the Second Chance Act of 2007 for local reentry programs of the type recommended in the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee's Final Report, and Resolution No. 1064-08 directed the County's federal lobbying team to assist the Mayor in identifying and applying for such grants; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 321-09 created the Miami-Dade Re-entry Council in order to allow the Mayor to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds from the federal government pursuant to the Second Chance Act of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the successful reentry of inmates into the community continues to be a matter of great public importance for the citizens of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor is hereby directed to review the March 2008 Miami Dade Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Report on 'Breaking the Cycle: Rehabilitation and Job Training in County Jails'; to advise the Board of County Commissioners on what has been implemented or changed pursuant to these recommendations; and to provide the Board with a report recommending additional actions which may further accomplish the mission of those advisory committee recommendations.

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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of November, 2012. 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.



Ben Simon