

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

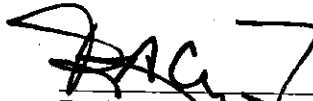
**DATE:** June 2, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the  
County Mayor to study the  
feasibility of the  
implementation of the "Cure  
Violence Health Model"  
in Miami-Dade County and  
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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

  
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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 Mayor'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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

6-2-15

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "CURE VIOLENCE HEALTH MODEL" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, "Cure Violence" is a community organization dedicated to the goal of reducing violence and was founded in 2000 by Gary Slutkin, M.D., Professor of Epidemiology and International Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health; and

**WHEREAS**, "Cure Violence" has developed the "Cure Violence Health Model," which is an interdisciplinary public health strategy that combines the science of violent behavior, elements of infectious disease control and community organizing to combat street violence on the frontlines; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Cure Violence Health Model" has four core activities that work in conjunction to disrupt the transmission of violence: detection and interruption of potentially lethal events, intervention with highest-risk persons—or those thought most likely to be involved in potential events in the near future—changing group and community behavior and norms, as well as, data and monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, "Cure Violence" deploys culturally sensitive individuals who live in the community and can serve as credible messengers to high-risk individuals and groups, commonly referred to as "Violence Interrupters" and "Outreach Workers," into targeted neighborhoods to defuse conflicts before they turn deadly and to stem retaliatory shootings; and

**WHEREAS**, “Cure Violence” also utilizes grassroots community mobilization and public awareness campaigns to empower communities to speak up when violence takes place in their own neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to street intervention, “Cure Violence” partners with elected officials, local activists, faith-based leaders and law enforcement in a cooperative effort to effect long-term change and create safer communities; and

**WHEREAS**, other essential elements of the “Cure Violence Health Model” include adaptations of health strategies utilized to reduce transmission of deadly diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, cholera and tuberculosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Cure Violence Health Model” has been successfully adopted in various domestic jurisdictions, including over 30 sites across nine cities in New York State, Chicago, New Orleans, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Oakland, San Antonio, and internationally in eight countries across five continents, including most recently in Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Board to consider the implementation of the “Cure Violence Health Model” to improve public safety in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the foregoing, this Board desires to have the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee study the feasibility of implementing the “Cure Violence Health Model” in Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to issues relating to: (1) determination of the most appropriate geographical areas of concentration, (2) engagement of community leaders, (3) identification of community partners, including law enforcement and hospital response partners, (4) technical assistance, and (5) potential fiscal impact of implementation,

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

**Section 1.** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to study the feasibility of the implementation of the "Cure Violence Health Model" in Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to issues relating to: (1) determination of the most appropriate geographical areas of concentration, (2) engagement of community leaders, (3) identification of community partners, including law enforcement and hospital response partners, (4) technical assistance, and (5) potential fiscal impact of implementation.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to prepare and submit a report detailing the findings, results and recommendations of the feasibility study to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

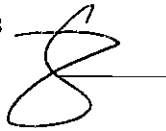
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



Christopher C. Kokoruda

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