

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

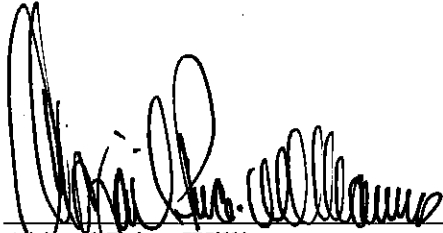
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 7, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the 2017
Federal Legislative Package,
including “urging” resolutions
adopted by the Board to date,
guiding principles, departmental
legislative requests and priorities
of the Public Health Trust

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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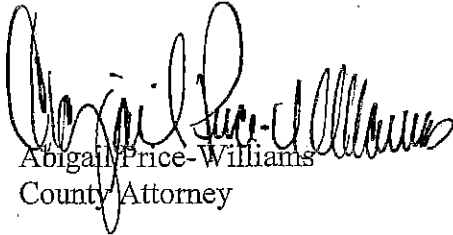


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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Statement of social equity 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
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)
3-7-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2017 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, INCLUDING "URGING" RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO DATE, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

WHEREAS, the 115th United States Congress is currently ongoing; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative package respectively to the Board, to include all "urging" resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board "urging" resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective, incorporating any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2017 federal legislative package, including “urging” resolutions enacted by the Board to date, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust, are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Approves the 2017 federal legislative package, including “urging” resolutions adopted by the Board through the February 22, 2017 meeting, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2017 federal legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
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 7th day of March, 2017. 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.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2017 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.
- **Federal Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates:** *SUPPORT* preservation of existing federal funding for County programs; and *OPPOSE* any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County, and any reductions in County revenue or formula funding from the federal government. *OPPOSE* any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.
- **Protect Previous Federal Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts to secure the same level of federal funding for County programs as last year.
- **Promote Partnerships:** *SUPPORT* partnerships with other counties, municipalities, national associations, and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2017 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS**

Through and including the February 22, 2017 BCC Meeting

R-190-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL VETERAN CRISIS LINE CALL CENTERS

R-152-17: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ALLOW FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROCESS STATE LEGALIZED MEDICAL MARIJUANA FUNDS

R-66-17: RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED REGULATION BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHICH MAY NEGATIVELY IMPACT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS IN FLORIDA SCHOOLS

R-1221-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO APPLY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR "STATE TARGETED RESPONSE TO OPIOID CRISIS GRANTS"; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS OPIOID ABUSE, ADDICTION AND OVERDOSE

R-1218-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FINES, PASS SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT PENALTIES AND IMPOSE MANDATORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES

R-1100-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE TERROR INTELLIGENCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2016 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREVENT TERRORISTS FROM PURCHASING FIREARMS WHILE ALSO PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF LAW ABIDING CITIZENS

R-1098-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FERTILITY SERVICES FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

R-1069-16: RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE HUMAN HEALTH-BASED WATER QUALITY CRITERIA; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO DISAPPROVE FLORIDA'S PROPOSED HUMAN HEALTH-BASED WATER QUALITY CRITERIA

R-940-16: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY NOT TO RESUME THE DEPORTATION OF HAITIANS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 162326]

R-919-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT BOATING ACCIDENTS AT THE NORTH JETTY AT GOVERNMENT CUT AND OTHER SIMILAR FEDERALLY-MAINTAINED AREAS ALONG WATERWAYS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

R-915-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS RELATED TO SEA LEVEL RISE

R-852-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO FULLY IMPLEMENT ITS PLAN FOR FLORIDA BAY AND URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS TO EXPEDITE AND COMPLETE THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE REHABILITATION PROJECT

R-821-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO FUND EVERGLADES RESTORATION AND PASS LEGISLATION IN SUPPORT OF EVERGLADES RESTORATION

R-819-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS S. 3219, TITLED THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2016, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION; URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THAT ACT

R-818-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION TO REASSESS MOTOR VEHICLE HEADLAMP LENS SAFETY, EVALUATE AND IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE MANUFACTURING MATERIALS, AND PROMULGATE RULES REQUIRING SAFER, MORE DURABLE LENSES

R-817-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGES TO HELP THE WYNWOOD BUSINESS SECTOR RECOVER FROM THE EFFECTS OF ZIKA, AS WELL AS TO REIMBURSE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE FUNDS EXPENDED AND EXPECTED TO BE EXPENDED ON MOSQUITO CONTROL AND OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS; PRELIMINARILY

IDENTIFYING THIS ITEM AS A CRITICAL PRIORITY FOR THE 2017 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

R-723-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ZIKA VIRUS TESTING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AS STANDARD PROTOCOL DURING PRENATAL CARE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TESTING

R-721-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REINSTATE THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IMPOSE A STATE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; ALTERNATIVELY, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO LIFT THE PREEMPTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' REGULATION OF ASSAULT WEAPONS IN FLORIDA AND ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

R-719-16: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT IN THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016, S. 2848 OR H.R. 5303, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION

R-559-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION CREATING CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

R-417-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT A NEW VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CLINIC IN HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, TO SERVE ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE AND RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

R-336-16: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA WILSON IN THE #BRINGBACKOURGIRLS MOVEMENT TO RESCUE THE OVER 200 NIGERIAN SCHOOLGIRLS KIDNAPPED AND HELD CAPTIVE BY THE TERRORIST GROUP, BOKO HARAM

R-325-16: RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO EXPEDITE PHASE II OF THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT SO THAT PLANNING FOR PHASE II MAY COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO COMPLETE PHASE I OF THE BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT

R-323-16: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD MODIFICATION OF THE OPERATING SCHEDULE OF THE 63RD STREET BRIDGE ACROSS MIAMI INDIAN CREEK, MILE 4.0 AT MIAMI BEACH, PURSUANT TO DOCKET NUMBER USCG-2015-0940; URGING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO MODIFY THE OPERATING SCHEDULE OF THE BROAD CAUSEWAY

BRIDGE; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO FILE A REQUEST WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR A PERMANENT CHANGE TO THE BROAD CAUSEWAY BRIDGE OPERATING SCHEDULE CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2017 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

AVIATION

- ***ADVOCATE for Adequate U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and CBP Agriculture (CBP-Ag) Staffing at MIA*** – CBP staffing for arriving international passengers and cargo are a critical component of operations at MIA. As the federal government continues to increase security measures and inspections of arriving international passengers and cargo within a Sequestration environment, maintaining sufficient CBP and CBP-Ag staffing at MIA in the face of rising volumes in travel and trade is critical. Without the necessary CBP staffing resources to efficiently process arriving international passengers and time-sensitive cargo, particularly perishables, excessive wait times and costly inspection delays are incurred. These delays severely impact tourism, impede international business and commerce and cost South Florida jobs. The negative economic impacts ripple through the region's economy and reduce our economic competitiveness. Moreover, if the staffing problem is not corrected immediately, it has the potential to damage Florida's international competitiveness. More than 1 million jobs in Florida depend on international trade and investment. This issue continues to be MIA's main priority despite MIA's strong partnership with CBP and significant improvements in the last year. MIA continues to participate in the reimbursement program which allows local governments to voluntarily reimburse CBP overtime thereby increasing officers for processing arriving international passenger and cargo areas. While this program is a great opportunity to leverage valuable local and federal resources to decrease the delays is not intended to be a long term solution. Although, Congress appropriated new resources to hire 2,600 additional officers in the recently passed Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill, MIA has a strong argument for DHS to augment the amount of officers MIA will receive since the traffic volumes support a higher share. MIA supports a combination of solutions including best practice, alternative and traditional mechanisms to fund staffing and technology for the processing of international passengers and cargo.
- ***MIA Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) Mitigation Project*** – Runway protection zones are a trapezoidal area "off the end of the runway that serves to enhance the protection of people and property on the ground" in the event an aircraft lands or crashes beyond the runway end. Runway Protection Zones underlie a portion of the approach closest to the airport, therefore making it critical to MDAD. FAA design criteria calls for the airport to have sufficient interest in the Runway Protection Zones to mitigate from both obstructions and incompatible land use. MDAD is seeking \$37 million for the acquisition of approximately 21.45 acres of land in the converging

Runway Protection Zone of three runways at MIA Runways 8R-26L, 8L-26R and 12-30.

- **MIA Airport Operations Center (AOC)** – A new state-of-the-art AOC would provide more efficient crisis and incident management with integrated audio and video surveillance and communications capabilities for directing field operations in the airside, terminal or landside areas of the airport and has been identified as a critical security need for Miami-Dade County's top economic engine, MIA. An Emergency Operations Center would be included in the AOC to allow responding agencies to effectively manage emergencies at the airport. The estimated project cost is \$1.2 million for design and \$9 million for construction.
- **MIA K-9 Housing Facility** – MIA needs a K-9 facility capable of boarding all K-9 units and staff offices for the Miami-Dade Police Department's (MDPD) MIA K-9 Division. The facility is estimated to cost \$5 million for design and construction. The K-9 unit provides a necessary security function, and is an essential element in increased passenger and cargo security screening measures. The MDPD K-9 unit currently shares space at the police station but the additional (EDIC) K-9 units will not fit in the current location. The use of explosive detection K-9 teams has increased security screening efficiency and accuracy in the screening of cargo and passenger baggage, greatly assisting the federal agencies and air carriers operating at MIA.
- **MIA Biometric Access Control System Upgrades** - The Federal Government has indicated that biometric screening to access secure areas will become standard procedure for airports in the future. MDAD is seeking funds to increase the level of security at all sterile access portals and gateways by incorporating biometric screening. MDAD is requesting \$2 million for design and hardware associated with installing a biometric access control system at MIA. The airport's employee screening is already serving as a model for the federal government in its efforts to increase employee screening at airports nationwide. MIA is therefore an ideal candidate for working with the federal government in enhancing biometric access control.

COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Older Americans Act (OAA)** - **SUPPORT** an increase in the Older Americans Act (OAA) funding allocation from Congress. Increased funding would support the provision of more services such as in home support; adult day care; respite for caregivers and meals. The 2014 sequestration resulted in partial loss of Federal funds to provide services to individuals 60 years of age and older; however some of the funding was not re-instated. Increasing the allocation of OAA funding would allow the programs to serve additional elders from the waiting list thereby assisting them with remaining in the community and living in the least restrictive environment (i.e. home setting).

- **Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG) – ADVOCATE** for legislative action that will support the reauthorization and amendment of the CSBG Act to adopt performance requirements and performance benchmarks to be included as part of the performance measurement system under this Act.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Consistent with the Americans for the Arts Action Fund Agenda

- **The National Endowment for the Arts - SUPPORT** the House Interior-Environment spending bill's recommendation of funding the National Endowment for the Arts at approximately \$150 million (an almost \$2 million increase for FY 2017, as requested by the President). **SUPPORT** STEAM and the value of integrating arts education into science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education to foster creativity, innovation, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

The Healing Arts Partnership work at the NEA with the Walter Reed National Military Center is particularly important including **SUPPORT** for NEA's participation in the National Initiative on Arts and the Military led by Americans for the Arts in cooperation with multiple national arts, health and veterans' service organizations, the private sector, the military, and other government agencies.

SUPPORT the House bill as it includes the longstanding, collaborative relationship between the NEA and State Arts Agencies in support of the arts in local communities and includes support for the display of art in government buildings, including postal facilities.

FIRE RESCUE

- **FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Teams – ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** the Federal government to properly fund the 28 FEMA US&R Task Force teams located throughout the United States. Funding of FEMA US&R Task Force Teams at the required level would ensure that teams are properly equipped and ready to respond when activated. Currently, FL-TFI has a total funding shortfall of approximately \$1 Million. It is a very labor intensive undertaking for each US&R Task Force Team to remain in a constant state of readiness while simultaneously maintaining individual team member training requirements, fulfilling rigorous daily tool and apparatus maintenance, as well as consistently inventorying hundreds of tons of specialized equipment needed to fulfill the mission of every US&R team throughout the country.

GRANTS COORDINATION

- **Ryan White Program - SUPPORT and ADVOCATE** for an increase in funding for The HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. The act is the nation's largest HIV-specific federal grant program and a critical source of health care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. The program has been in existence since 1990 and has been re-authorized six times.

HOMELESS TRUST

- **Homeless Assistance Grants – *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** renewing and expanding investments for permanent supportive housing to allow Miami-Dade to meet the national goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2017. The House included \$2.487 billion in funding in its T-HUD bill for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program, which includes increased funding for Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) funds to provide rapid-rehousing and technical assistance for CoC communities. This funding level will allow important progress toward ending homelessness for youth, people with disabilities, veterans and families. As Homelessness is a complex problem which requires coordination across systems, USICH will sunset in 2017 without Congressional Authorization, but an extension through 2020 while maintaining USICH's \$3.6 million funding level will help Miami-Dade improve system performance and reach the goals outlined in Opening Doors, the federal strategic plan to end homelessness.
- **National Housing Trust Fund – *ADVOCATE*** for increase funding for the National Housing Trust Fund to complement existing Federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including homeless families. The first round of funding (2016) resulted in \$4.6 million for the State of Florida. Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) is finalizing an allocation plan (for U.S. HUD approval) and competitive solicitation which will focus on rental housing for special needs and homeless households at 22-percent Area Median Income. HTF-assisted units must have a minimum affordability period of 30 years. It is important that this pool of money grow. A recent Rental Market Study prepared by Florida Housing said, "...the gaps in the South Florida metropolitan areas remain large. Again, Miami-Dade/Monroe is the most extreme case; with the number of households in both the 0-30 and 30-60 percent AMI ranges far exceeding the number of affordable and available units, the deficit at the 0-60 percent AMI level in Miami-Dade/Monroe rises to 86,905 households. Even at 0-80 percent AMI, the Miami area has a shortage of 44,679 affordable and available units.
- **Mental Health Reform Act Support - *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE*** for the passage of the Mental Health Reform Act and make sure mental health legislation is passed. Miami-Dade County is home to the largest percentage of people with serious mental illnesses of any urban community in the United States. Persons with mental illness stay in jail 8 times longer than those individuals without mental illness at a cost of 7 times more. The estimated county taxpayer cost to house people with mental illness in jail is \$250,000 per day, or \$90 million annually. Legislation would reduce homelessness among individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder. The bill improves the coordination across federal agencies and among community based organization, prioritizes services for people experiencing homelessness,

makes it easier for Congress to increase funding for several programs that provide treatment and housing support services to people experiencing homelessness, and promotes evaluation and best practices.

INTERNAL SERVICES

- **Access to United States General Services Administration (GSA) contracts - *SUPPORT*** legislation that allows local jurisdictions access to the GSA schedules for goods and services established by federal contracts. Non-federal agencies are precluded from accessing federal contracts with a few exceptions. The County could benefit from favorable pricing on such contracts.
- **P3 Centers of Excellence – *FUNDING*** for local Public Private Partnership Centers of Excellence which are collaborative efforts by local and regional governments and can be formed as a government corporation established for the purpose of assisting public sector entities in meeting public infrastructure needs through public private partnerships. The centers would require staff and budgeting. The County could benefit from the alliance and obtain strategic assistance with moving P3 projects forward.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACES

- **SAFER PEOPLE, SAFER STREETS – *URGING*** Congress to Advance Miami-Dade's Participation in the USDOT's Mayors Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets by growing funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. While the FAST Act increased the Surface Transportation Block Grant Set Asides, funding is not being targeted in high crash areas. Legislation like the Safe Streets Act of 2015 (which was co-sponsored by Rep. Carlos Curbelo) would require FDOT and the MPO to implement guidelines and evaluation to ensure a comprehensive transportation planning. As the fourth most dangerous metropolitan area in the country for bicyclists and pedestrians, Miami Dade needs more financial support to implement Complete Streets and enhance enforcement of bike and pedestrian safety laws.
- **CAMP MATECUMBE – *URGING*** Congress to Authorize and Provide Funding for the Restoration of the Chapel at Camp Matecumbe. Camp Matecumbe is a place that celebrates the Pedro Pan Program's rich cultural and historical significance that commemorates the exodus of Cuban children, a place that restores the Pine Rockland environment and serves the local and regional communities as well as tourist.
- **HATTIE BAUER – *URGING*** Congress to authorize and provide Funding for the Restoration work on one of the historic and most significant structures at Hattie Bauer Hammock Park, the oolitic rock cottage. This property was designated historic by the County's Historic Preservation Board in 1999, due to its former life as The Orchid Jungle. The buildings have been subjected to the harsh elements of the

South Florida climate, as well as vandalism, including arson. There is an imminent need to begin repair and restoration of the buildings.

- **BISCAYNE-EVERGLADES GREENWAY – *URGING* Congress to Authorize and Provide Funding in the Amount of \$500,000 for Design and Construction.** The 43-mile world class Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will traverse and serve both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Miami-Dade County connecting Biscayne National Park to Everglades National Park providing a safe and scenic route to the parks without concern for vehicular traffic. The greenway will connect to a variety of other trails in the South Dade Greenways Network and will incorporate South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and County owned rights-of-ways. The project will provide for both recreation and alternative transportation. The funding will be used to complete portions of the northern segment from SW 137 Av. to US 1 along the Mowry (C-103) Canal and Mowry Dr. (SW 320 St.)
- **ZOO MIAMI – *URGING* Congress to Authorize and Provide Funding in the amount of \$2,400,000 Towards the Expansion/Renovation of the Animal Hospital and Rehab Facilities** to also serve the need for treatment, recovery, and rehabilitation of numerous endangered species in South Florida. This would dramatically enhance the ability in the South Florida region to be able to treat, rehabilitate, recover, and release endangered species in collaboration with our partners at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and regional NGOs. Zoo Miami's geographic location, extensive staff with expertise in multiple scientific fields, and ongoing collaborative in situ and ex situ species recovery programs with imperiled Florida species make it the most desirable and effective location for such enhanced facilities within the state.

POLICE

- **Justice Assistance Grants funding - *ADVOCATE*** for full funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("Byrne JAG") program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. There are proposed cuts to this vital federal law enforcement program that would be detrimental to the county.
- **Forensic Science Grant Programs at U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) - *ADVOCATE*** for full funding of vital federal initiatives facing serious reductions in the proposed Congressional budget. The grant programs, in priority order, include:
 - Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program (Formula and Competitive grants);
 - DNA Backlog Reduction Program;
 - Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program;
 - NIJ Research Grants.

- **Justice Program funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programming - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** the evaluation of gunshot detection and location systems for those areas of the country, such as urban areas, and their communities which continue to experience high levels of violent crime, especially from gun fire.
- **Victims of Crime funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime - *ADVOCATE*** to support victim services programs, especially, those victim programs which provide services to victims of crime.

PORTMIAMI

- **U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Reimbursement Costs – *ADVOCATE*** for an equitable process for port operators to provide “turn-key” federal inspection service facilities at seaports and airports at no cost to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).
- **PortMiami Truck Gate Expansion and Automation – *ADVOCATE*** for federal funds that alleviate congestion at the port through increases in economic contributions from port related activities. Cargo volumes generating state-wide economic benefits have experienced double digit growth over the last two fiscal years with little sign of slowing. Federal funds will allow the Seaport to expand and automate its truck gates allowing cargo growth to continue.
- **PortMiami Inland Port Development – *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** Federal funding for the development of a rail served inland port. It is further requested this project be prioritized as a critical project of state, regional and national significance. Port congestion has increased as a result of high growth with truck drivers experiencing wait times that can exceed two hours. This is partly the result of growth but also the duplicative movement of empty containers and unionized port operations which preclude night (off rush-hour) operations. Federal funds will allow the Seaport to develop an inland rail served facility to address these inhibitors to economic growth.
- **Donor and Energy Transfer Ports Funding - *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** Discretionary appropriations to be used to provide payments to qualifying donor and energy transfer ports. Congress authorized the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act in December 2016 containing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016. It authorized appropriations of \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2018. If the targets for appropriations set forth in Section 2101 of this Act are met, there is authorized to be appropriated an additional \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2022.

The 18 qualifying ports, which include Port Miami, comprise some of the largest ports in the nation and are essential contributors to the economy and the national

security of the United States. Funds can be used for Expanded Uses or rebates for payments to shippers and importers.

- **Freight and Intermodal Transportation - *SUPPORT*** US DOT in the development of a comprehensive national freight policy to ensure that the flow of goods and commerce through our international portals of commerce and via our interstate rail and highway effectively flows both intra and interstate.
- **Additional CBP and USDA Resources** - Without the addition of resources, container shipments may be delayed; causing the region to lose millions in revenue and cruise debarkations similarly may be delayed, causing issues for incoming passengers. PortMiami ***SUPPORTS*** additional resources for CBP and USDA in order to accommodate the increased cargo and cruise passengers.
- **Transshipment Inspection Protocol - *ADVOCATE*** for regulatory changes relating to developing a “transshipment inspection protocol” for the Port of Miami which will allow our port to safely and efficiently process new transshipment cargo.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - *SUPPORT*** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program.
 - The CDBG entitlement program provides grants on a formula basis to general units of local governments and states to address a variety of community development needs in very-low to-moderate income areas.
 - The CDBG program’s primary objective is to assist in the development of viable urban communities by supporting projects that:
 - benefit very-low to moderate-income persons
 - are integrated in a long range community strategy
 - leverage further private and public partnerships
 - enhance deteriorated residential and business districts

The projects are classified in four categories: Public Facilities and Capital Improvement; Economic Development; Public Services; and Affordable Housing. CDBG program funds can be used to build community facilities, roads, and parks; to repair or rehabilitate housing, to provide new or increased public services to local residents or to fund initiatives that generate or retain new jobs.

Over the last five years Miami-Dade County has adopted a strategic focus on development within the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas in an effort to have the greatest impact among the most needy communities and households. The reduction of funding for the CDBG program has a significant impact on the

County's ability to continue to implement programs designed to address the needs of its very-low to moderate-income communities which this program serve. The CDBG program funding has declined each year over the last ten years and given the current economic conditions this financial support is critically needed to continue serving and addressing the needs of very-low and moderate-income residents.

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - SUPPORT** the preservation or increase of ESG funding for Miami-Dade County and **SUPPORT** the \$3.3 billion national funding recommendations for the CDBG program as advocated by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).The ESG Program supports homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and related services. ESG is authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program - SUPPORT** continued funding for the HUD HOME program.
 - The HOME program is authorized under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended. It is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments, and it is designed to create affordable housing for low-income households. This program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), includes but is not limited to providing rental housing, rental housing assistance, home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers.
 - HUD has classified Miami-Dade County as a "high-cost area." By implication, the high housing cost also results in high rental costs. It is important that the County support housing programs which benefit the low- to moderate-income residents in the community who typically will require rental housing. The HOME program is one of the many funding sources that the County relies upon to address housing needs of its low-to moderate-income residents. Therefore, any further reduction or elimination of HOME program funding will have a devastating impact on the County's ability to continue to house its most needy residents.
- **Public Housing & Section 8 Housing - ADVOCATE** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs.Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families.
- **Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD) – SUPPORT** HUD using the Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD) to be utilized by Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that have Capital Fund Financial program debt. (CFFP)

- **Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) – SUPPORT** allowing HUD to permit Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) rated “standard” to qualify for Moving to Work (MTW) status with justification to HUD. **SUPPORT** Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to appeal their operating subsidy per unit month (PUM) if there is a wide variance between the existing per unit month (PUM) and Contract Rents under (RAD).
- **Prevent Refederalizing of Central Office Cost Center (COCC) Fees and Funds – ADVOCATE** against HUD from refederalizing of the Central Office Cost Center (COCC). HUD regulations permit COCC funds to be defederalized, permitting flexibility in use of these funds for affordable housing. Lacking County funds, PHCD is dependent on COCC funds to address shortfalls in many operational areas, and limits PHCD’s ability to leverage funds with the private sector.

REGULATORY AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Agriculture

- **Mitigation and eradication of the Laurel Wilt Disease. - ADVOCATE** for funding to provide continued funding for research into effective methods of mitigating and eradicating laurel wilt disease into avocados, and treating those avocados crops already affected.
- **Agriculture Relief - ADVOCATE** for funding, programs legislation and assistance to increase viability of our local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to our said industry.

Environmental Protection

- **Beach Erosion Control Sand Sources – SUPPORT** efforts to exempt Southeast Florida, specifically Miami-Dade County, from federal prohibition of using non-domestic sources of beach sand for beach erosion control/sea level rise mitigation. Current legislation requires existing domestic sand sources be exhausted prior to non-federal sources being used. Domestic sand sources have been identified elsewhere in Florida but use of these sands will require greater transportation costs for delivery to Miami-Dade County, and these sources of sand are planned for use by other counties in which they are found. This exemption would allow federal cost-sharing to assist in procuring non-domestic sand, such as Bahamian sand, when determined to be cost-effective.
- **16 County Ecosystem Summit Legislative Priorities - SUPPORT and ADVOCATE** for the federal legislative priorities associated with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries, and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and Lake Worth Lagoon, and all of the bodies of water connected thereto including the Everglades as determined by the 16 member counties.

Resilience

- **SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) Systems - SUPPORT** the expansion of existing net metering policies to allow for off-site or “virtual” net metering. Support legislation and/or constitutional amendments aiming to exempt solar photovoltaic systems from commercial property assessments and the tangible personal property tax, as well as legislation allowing Solar PV Power Purchase Agreements, and promote green economy/green jobs in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green infrastructure.
- **Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact - SUPPORT** the Compact's federal legislative program as it relates to issues concerning infrastructure investments, national coordination on adaptation and resilience, adaptation action areas, program funding and implementation restrictions, climate science, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), oil exploration and drilling, Everglades restoration as well as **SUPPORTING** standing positions on federal policy and appropriations funding issues.
- **Establishment of a Federal Resiliency Partnership Fund - SUPPORT** the establishment of a Federal Resiliency Partnership Fund, which would provide financial assistance with an appropriate matching formula from State and local funding sources, that would provide assistance to local governments to:
 - Accelerate the development of success models, which could be employed “off the shelf” to similar localities elsewhere;
 - Spur a much needed redesign of deteriorating Urban and Rural Infrastructures, already in need of updated re-engineering, notwithstanding sea level rise;
 - Provide an “infusive” Jobs Program that would enhance our economy; and
 - Provide a far-reaching damage prevention initiative helping to reduce the ultimate financial pressure on FEMA and after the fact, damage compensation fund.
- **Whole Building Data - SUPPORT** federal requirement for all utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from local government jurisdiction's largest buildings (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and 50,000 square feet and above for private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives for benchmarking and to help identify opportunities to reduce water and energy usage.

Additional Energy and Electricity Legislative Requests

- **SUPPORT** federal legislation or administrative action that removes federal restrictions on Property Assessed Clean Energy programs and expands the list of eligible improvements to include weatherization measures.

- **SUPPORT** reauthorization of and renewed funding for the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.
- **SUPPORT** continued funding for the US Department of Energy to support the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition and funding for implementation of projects developed under Drive Electric Florida plan and the US 1 Corridor Pilot Project.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- **Municipal Waste Combustor (MWC) MACT Standards** - **OPPOSE** any Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued MWC MACT rule that imposes standards using the "pollutant-by-pollutant" methodology. The EPA should set standards by selecting facilities that have the best overall pollutant levels, in addition to considering waste content and emissions variability. Setting standards by the best individual pollutant levels would result in unrealistic and unachievable emission standards, some of which may not be met by the PWWM's Waste-to-Energy facility. Imposing a MWC MACT standard measurement using a "pollutant-by-pollutant" approach could result in increased operational and capital costs as well as costly fines and the potential closing of the facility.
- **Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources** - **SUPPORT** market incentives to encourage development and operation of alternative, renewable energy production. Support legislation designating biomass as a qualified energy resource, eligible for any and all market incentives.
- **Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport** - **OPPOSE** any efforts seeking to amend legislation in response to the April, 2007 Supreme Court decision "United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (No. 05-1345)" which held that flow control to publicly owned facilities is a legislative use of flow control authority. Flow control improves the DSWM's financial position and creates a more stable environment.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

- **SMART Plan Funding** - **SUPPORT** funding for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.
- **State of Good Repair (SGR) grants** - **SUPPORT** funding for Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) for several critical, but not fully-funded improvements projects, which could qualify for State of Good Repair (SGR) grants. MDT is requesting continuing support for SGR grants that can fund projects for improvement or modernization of Metrorail and Metromover guideways, replacement of escalators and overhaul of elevators at Metromover stations, the acquisition of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses and retrofitting of garages to service GNG buses.

- **Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit** - **SUPPORT** the extension or making permanent the federal \$0.50/gallon alternative fuel excise tax credit, which covers compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), propane autogas and other alternative transportation fuels. Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, extended dozens of federal tax credits that expired at the end of 2014 and make some subsidies permanent. The legislation includes a two-year extension through Dec. 31, 2016, for various alternative fuel incentives.
- **Transportation and Infrastructure Projects Funding:** **SUPPORT** legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation and infrastructure projects.
- **Program of Interrelated Projects** – **ADVOCATE** for all corridors in the SMART plan, including but not limited to the Beach Corridor Transit Connection project, to qualify within the program, and use non-federal projects within the program as a local match contribution toward federal funds. This would also assist in helping the project advance while different portions of the project are being worked on simultaneously.
- **Discretionary Transit Grants** - Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) is requesting the **SUPPORT** of Department of Transportation grant funds that would allow MDT to establish and operate Bus Rapid Transit corridors along some of Miami-Dade County's busy corridors.
- **Autonomous vehicles** – **SUPPORT** funding for the acquisition of autonomous vehicles, and the participation in demonstration programs. Also, support the removal of potential roadblocks to the integration of this innovative, transformational automotive technology that can significantly improve safety, mobility, and sustainability.
- **Flexible Route Applications** – **ADVOCATE** for legislation that assists in solving the first-mile/last-mile challenge that many transit agencies face today. This includes legislation that allows for the development and implementation of flexible route applications.

WATER & SEWER

- **Infrastructure Finance and Programs** – **SUPPORT** the implementation of Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Authority (WIFIA), adequate funding of State Revolving Loan Funds, and federal policy on affordability, climate change, Clean Water Act mandates, and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates are all significant factors for WASD capital and operating requirements. A reliable utility system meeting all state and federal requirements is essential for the operation of other departments as well as the continued economic well-being of the County. Miami-Dade County has a \$13.5 Billion water and sewer capital needs program resulting

from aging infrastructure, federal and state regulatory mandates, and changing conditions associated with documented sea level rise. This represents the largest capital burden of any comparably sized utility in the nation.

- **Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing - *OPPOSE* Altering Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing on Public Drinking Water & Wastewater Systems**, reviews options being discussed at the federal level to cap or eliminate the 100-year old tax exempt status of municipal bonds, a move that would cost the sector billions of dollars in infrastructure projects at a time when federal investment in water and wastewater infrastructure is waning. For more than a century, tax-exempt municipal bonds have been the most important source of funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the United States. Congress should retain the current federal tax exemption for municipal bonds.

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 11/16 - 064

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2017 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2017 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

(Nathan Ray, Associate Vice President, Governmental Relations, Jackson Health System)

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2017 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the President and Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2017 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the President, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2017 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2017 Federal and State Legislative Package.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by William J. Heffernan and the motion was seconded by Irene Lipof as follows:

Joe Arriola	Aye
William J. Heffernan	Aye
Mojdeh L. Khaghan	Absent
Irene Lipof	Aye
Robert Zarco	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of November 2016.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Irene Lipof
Irene Lipof, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency _____

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2017 Legislative Priorities

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Advocate for changes to hospital payment reimbursement including but not limited to changes in outpatient hospital department payments to permit programs "under construction" to continue to receive reimbursements under the previous hospital outpatient reimbursement levels;

Monitor changes to Medicaid payments in conjunction with any proposed changes to the Affordable Care Act;

Block any changes to the Federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility;

Advocate for modification of the Affordable Care Act requirements to adjust flexibility for states to expand or modify services;

Advocate for changes to the State/Federal Exchange programs to ensure competition and financial stability.

Advocate for a supplemental payment system that keeps Jackson Health System whole;

STATE PRIORITIES

Advocate for appropriations to mitigate losses created by a dwindling supplemental payment system that continues to erode financial support for treating uninsured and underinsured patients;

Protect against further cuts in state-appropriated funding;

Monitor any changes to the certificate of need system and ensure that safeguards are included to protect teaching hospitals and public hospitals; and

Protect trauma centers from further dilution of the trauma system, which can lower the overall community standard of care and incentivize specialist physicians to leave Florida.

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TO: Joe Arriola, Chairman
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

FROM: Carlos A. Migoya
President and Chief Executive Officer
Jackson Health System

DATE: November 22, 2016

RE: 2017 Federal and State Legislative Priorities

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2017 Federal & State Legislative Priorities.

Scope

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2017 session of the Florida Legislature and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's Proposed 2017 Federal & State Legislative Package.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

Track Record/Monitor

Associate Vice President of Government Affairs Nathan Ray will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

Background

The 2017 Federal & State Legislative Priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for approval, followed by final Board approval and inclusion in the Miami Dade County Proposed 2017 Federal & State Legislative Package.

The specific priorities recommended for 2017 are attached.

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