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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: July 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Public Health Trust to explore the possibility of entering into an affiliation agreement with LifeCord, a public cord blood bank

Resolution No. R-568-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

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County Attorney

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-568-11

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH LIFECORD, A PUBLIC CORD BLOOD BANK, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM PATIENTS TO DONATE CORD BLOOD

WHEREAS, cord blood is rich with blood-forming cells that can help patients who are in need of a bone marrow transplant; and

WHEREAS, patients who have received cord blood transplants have had their leukemia, lymphoma, other diseases of the bone marrow as well as sickle cell successfully treated; and

WHEREAS, cord blood transplantation has certain advantages over bone marrow transplantation including being already stored and ready for use and not needing to be matched as closely to the patient's tissue type; and

WHEREAS, because cord blood does not need to be matched as closely to the patient's tissue type, cord blood is particularly beneficial to patients from racially or ethnically diverse communities who often have uncommon tissue types, making it easier for these patients to receive life-saving treatment; and

WHEREAS, LifeCord, a program of LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, University of Florida College of Medicine and Shands at UF, was the first public cord blood bank in the southeast United States and is affiliated with the International Blood Cord Registry; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust has an affiliation with Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, the local organ donation agency, to facilitate organ donation by Jackson Health System patients for the good of the Miami-Dade County community; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County community would benefit from having a similar affiliation with LifeCord for the purposes of facilitating cord blood donations by Jackson Health System patients; and

WHEREAS, such as an affiliation would not create an additional cost to the Public Health Trust but would merely increase opportunities for Jackson Health System patients to donate cord blood to a public cord blood bank; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25A-4(j) of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Trust shall comply with directives of the Board as set forth in resolutions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Public Health Trust is directed to explore the possibility of entering into an affiliation agreement with LifeCord, a program of LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, University of Florida College of Medicine and Shands at UF, for the purpose of providing Jackson Health System patients the opportunity to donate cord blood to a public cord blood bank; and the Public Health Trust shall submit a report to the Public Safety and Healthcare Administration Committee at its second meeting after the effective date of this Resolution regarding its efforts to enter into such affiliation agreement.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of July, 2011. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Karon M. Coleman