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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	May 5, 2015
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution supporting the "Stepping Up" Initiative and directing the County Mayor to consult agency leaders regarding mental illness in jails, collect and review data regarding mental illness in jails, assess treatment capacity, and develop a plan to reduce the number of adults with mental illness in the County's jails Resolution No. R-437-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

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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 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 _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-437-15

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "STEPPING UP" INITIATIVE AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONSULT AGENCY LEADERS REGARDING MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS, COLLECT AND REVIEW DATA REGARDING MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS, ASSESS TREATMENT CAPACITY, AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE COUNTY'S JAILS

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated two million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year, and the prevalence rate of serious mental illness among inmates in jails is three to six times higher than for the general population; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders, and our county jails generally spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals, their families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, approximately ten years ago, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County established the Criminal Justice Mental Health Project to divert people with mental illnesses away from jail and into treatment further assuring their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its people in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, a special Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) has been developed to provide training to law enforcement agencies throughout Miami-Dade County to assist officers who interact with persons with mental illness, resulting in numerous persons with mental illness avoiding incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the "Stepping Up" Initiative is an unprecedented national initiative being led by the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation to help advance counties' efforts to reduce the number of adults with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders in jails; and

WHEREAS, through the "Stepping Up" Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board encourages all county officials, employees and residents to support the "Stepping Up" Initiative.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to:

a. Consult with a diverse team of local leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails prior to the issuance of the Mayor's plan;

b. Collect and review mental illness prevalence numbers in the County's jails and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their

recidivism risk, and study to how to best use that baseline information to guide decision making;

c. Assess treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in Miami-Dade County for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and support in the community;

d. Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the needs and prevalence assessment data and examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers;

e. Recommend research-based approaches that advance the plan to reduce the number of adults with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders in the County's jails; and

f. Explore a process to track progress in the County's jails using data and information systems.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 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: *Christopher Agrippa*
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Christopher C. Kokoruda
Laura M. Llorente