

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(28)

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

DATE: June 2, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature and Governor to
maintain supplemental funding
levels for Jackson Health
System
Resolution No. R-458-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.



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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. R-458-15

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO MAINTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING LEVELS FOR JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust is an agency and instrumentality of Miami-Dade County that operates the Jackson Health System, including Jackson Memorial Hospital, Jackson South Community Hospital, Jackson North Medical Center and multiple other designated facilities that provide health care services in Miami-Dade County (“Jackson Health System”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and federal government have developed and are continuing to develop innovative solutions to the unsustainable levels of healthcare spending in our state, but simultaneously provide access to healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System, as well as other safety-net hospitals and academic medical centers, strive to reduce healthcare costs by focusing on prevention, wellness, primary care and chronic-disease management; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System is uniquely positioned as Florida’s premier taxpayer-owned, safety-net hospital and academic medical center, providing the widest range of care with the deepest clinical expertise for all Miami-Dade residents, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Jackson Health System’s patients are uninsured or underinsured; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System is committed to becoming less dependent on supplemental funding from Medicaid (“Supplemental Funding”) and programs such as the Section 1115 Medicaid waiver program (“Low Income Pool”) by becoming more attractive to a broader range of patients, more competitive in its business practices, and more efficient in its operations; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System’s transition away from Supplemental Funding must be achieved gradually over multiple years rather than a drastic reduction in a single year; and

WHEREAS, this Board and the community it serves have repeatedly demonstrated and expressed vocal and financial support for Jackson Health System and its mission to provide healthcare to all of the residents of the County regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, access to care by the uninsured and underinsured residents of the County would be negatively impacted and compromised by hasty and drastic reductions of Supplemental Funding from programs such as the Low Income Pool; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect Jackson Health System’s ability to serve the uninsured and underinsured residents of Miami-Dade County, this Board urges the Legislature: (i) to appropriate in the 2015-16 State budget the Supplemental Funding amount appropriated to Jackson Health System in the 2014-15 State budget; and (ii) thereafter, to maintain Supplemental Funding levels in such a manner to allow Jackson Health System to gradually absorb reductions and replace Supplement Funding with sustainable operating revenues,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby incorporates the foregoing recitals in this resolution and approves the same.

Section 2. This Board urges the Florida Legislature and the Governor: (i) to appropriate in the 2015-16 State budget the Supplemental Funding amount appropriated to Jackson Health System in the 2014-15 State budget; and (ii) thereafter, to maintain Supplemental Funding to Jackson Health System from innovative programs such as the Low Income Pool such that funds are not reduced beyond Jackson Health System's ability to absorb the reduction and replace such revenues with sustainable operating revenues in a measured fashion.

Section 3. This Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. This Board directs the County's lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation described in Section 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 state legislative package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** 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	aye	Rebeca Sosa	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

RAC for ES

Eugene Shy, Jr.
Christopher C. Kokoruda