

Memorandum



DATE: June 20, 2006

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

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment of Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department Interim Director

As you are aware, Director Charles McRay of Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department retired on July 1, 2006, after 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to MDCR. I greatly appreciate Director McRay's dedication and many years of service to the department and this community. It has certainly been a pleasure to work with Charles over the last three years. Please join me in wishing Director McRay the best of luck in his future endeavors.

A national recruitment for the new MDCR Director is currently underway through the search firm, CPS Human Resource Services. The Selection Committee comprised of both County employees and community members will interview the top candidates in the coming weeks. I anticipate filling this important position by August 2006. At this time, however, I am appointing MDCR Deputy Director Marydell Guevara as Interim Director effective July 1, 2006. Ms. Guevara has dedicated her career to serving Miami-Dade County in the Corrections & Rehabilitation Department, gaining experience in almost every area of the department. Beginning as a Correctional Officer, Ms. Guevara was promoted through the ranks serving as Facility Supervisor for the Boot Camp Program, Correctional Captain, and most recently Deputy Director.

As the Deputy Director, Ms. Guevara was responsible for the management of all jail operations as well as administrative and support functions, including supervising the daily operations of six detention facilities and JMH/Ward D, Planning and Program Services, Public Affairs, Special Services, Accreditation and Support Services, and Administration and Finance.

Ms. Guevara holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. Her leadership, dedication, enthusiasm, and ability to motivate and inspire staff, makes Ms. Guevara an excellent choice for this position. Join me in congratulating Ms. Guevara and wishing her success in leading the Department.

C: Honorable Bennett Brummer, Public Defender
Honorable Joseph P. Farina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Honorable Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney
Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
Murray Greenberg, County Attorney
Marvin O'Quinn, President, Public Health Trust
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