

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

**DATE:** January 20, 2015

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to work with delegate agencies, the Head Start Policy Council and the Community Action Agency Board to develop a curriculum for teaching early childhood students enrolled in the County's Head Start Program about domestic violence, including how to identify domestic violence triggers, control violent impulses, and recognize and report signs of abuse, and to provide a status report within 90 days

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



Abigail Price-Williams *for*  
County Attorney

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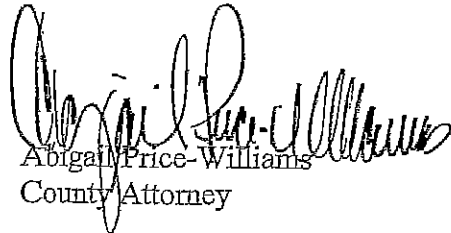


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Please note any items checked.

- "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 \_\_\_\_\_

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1-20-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH DELEGATE AGENCIES, THE HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BOARD TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM FOR TEACHING EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE COUNTY'S HEAD START PROGRAM ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCLUDING HOW TO IDENTIFY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRIGGERS, CONTROL VIOLENT IMPULSES, AND RECOGNIZE AND REPORT SIGNS OF ABUSE, AND TO PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT WITHIN 90 DAYS

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors – violence or threats of violence – that one person uses to establish power over a current or former spouse, intimate partner or family or household member in order to control that person's actions and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence may include threats, physical violence, sexual assault, stalking, kidnapping and many other types of unwanted behavior or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of age, religion, or social, economic, ethnic or educational background; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a vicious and pervasive social problem, destabilizing families and threatening every sector of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a woman is assaulted or beaten every nine seconds in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, one-third of women and one-fourth of men will encounter some form of physical violence from an intimate partner within their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, only 34 percent of victims hurt by their intimate partners receive medical care for their wounds; and

**WHEREAS**, one in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and

**WHEREAS**, many children who witness domestic violence at home suffer silently because the abuse remains a family secret; and

**WHEREAS**, fears of reprisal, escalated violence, financial ruin, deportation, and other factors make it difficult for many victims of domestic violence to report crimes committed against them; and

**WHEREAS**, El Nuevo Herald recently ran a local series on domestic violence, in which it was reported that Miami-Dade County leads the state with 9,811 cases of domestic violence reported in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, children exposed to domestic violence at home are at risk of post-traumatic stress, depression, and anxiety, as well as low self-esteem, and poor school performance; and

**WHEREAS**, children who see domestic violence at home may grow up to become domestic violence aggressors themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, education is crucial to encouraging children to report domestic violence and to break deep-rooted patterns and cycles of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 94-12, the County contracts with third-party delegate agencies to provide the federally funded Head Start program ("Program"), which offers daycare and early childhood education to low-income families; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board is the governing body of the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9837(c)(2), the Program has a policy council (“Policy Council”) composed of parents of children currently enrolled in the Program and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 1304.50, Appendix A, the Policy Council approves Program goals and procedures for Program planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Action Agency Board, created pursuant to County Ordinance 09-31, is an advisory board to this Board whose duties include establishing procedures and guidelines for accessing and collecting information for review by this Board regarding Program planning and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to educate children from an early age about domestic violence, including how to identify domestic violence triggers, control violent impulses, and recognize and report signs of abuse,

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

**Section 1:** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to work with delegate agencies, the Head Start Policy Council and the Community Action Agency Board to develop a curriculum (“Curriculum”) for teaching early childhood students enrolled in the County’s Head Start program about domestic violence, including how to identify domestic violence triggers, control violent impulses, and recognize and report signs of abuse.

**Section 2:** Directs the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to provide a report on development of the Curriculum, and place the report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. 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:


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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. 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. 

Estephanie Resnik