

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)  
(Public Hearing: 6-26-25)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance relating to the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board (“ASB”); amending article XLIV of the Code; adding sunset provision and closing Addiction Services Trust Fund

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The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney


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# Memorandum



**Date:** June 26, 2025

**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava   
Mayor

**Subject:** Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to MDC Addiction Services Board

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The implementation of this Ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the consolidation is expected to yield a cost savings by avoiding duplication of staff time and services. This ordinance directs the necessary steps to close the Addiction Services Trust Fund be taken. Currently, there are no funds in the trust fund.

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Cathy Burgos, LCSW  
Chief Community Services Officer

**Date:** June 26, 2025

# Memorandum



**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*  
Mayor

**Subject:** Social Equity Statement for the Ordinance relating to the Miami Dade County Addiction Services Board; amending article XLIV of the Code; adding sunset provision and closing the Addiction Services Trust Fund– File No. 250964

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The proposed ordinance seeks to amend Article XLIV of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (“Code”) to dissolve the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board (“ASB”) by adding a sunset provision and closing the Addiction Services Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”).

Established through the approval of Ordinance No. 90-144 in 1990, the ASB has been codified in Article XLIV, Sections 2-421 and subsequent sections of the Code. Over the past two decades, the ASB has served as a vital resource to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) on matters related to prevention, substance use, intervention, and co-occurring concerns.

On February 6, 2024, the Board approved Ordinance No. 24-8, codified in Article XLV of the Code, authorizing the creation of the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (“BHAB”).

Given the overlapping missions and functions of the ASB and BHAB, the ASB transmitted a letter to the BHAB on April 18, 2025, highlighting the duplicative nature of both boards and recommending a consolidation of efforts to implement a comprehensive approach to addressing public health matters. At the subsequent BHAB quarterly meeting, the board shared the sentiment to sunset the ASB.

The proposed changes aim to enhance efficiency and optimize the work of the ASB and BHAB by ensuring the Board remains engaged and well-informed on behavioral health issues. This restructuring will allow for a more streamlined and effective approach, ultimately benefiting both residents and visitors by eliminating redundancy and fostering a cohesive strategy in addressing the County’s behavioral health needs.

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Cathy Burgos, LCSW  
Chief Community Services Officer



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
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
- 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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) \_\_\_\_ ) 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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6-26-25

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD (“ASB”); AMENDING ARTICLE XLIV OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADDING SUNSET PROVISION AND CLOSING ADDICTION SERVICES TRUST FUND; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, this Board enacted Ordinance No. 90-144, which is codified at article XLIV, sections 2-421 *et seq.* of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), establishing the Miami-Dade County Addiction Services Board (“ASB”); and

**WHEREAS**, over the past two decades, the ASB has served as a resource to the Board on matters related to substance abuse prevention and treatment and related behavioral health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2024, through Ordinance No. 24-8, which is codified at article XLV of the Code, the Board authorized the creation of the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (“BHAB”); and

**WHEREAS**, the BHAB was established to serve as a resource to the Board on behavioral health issues impacting individuals in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health encompasses emotional, psychological, and social well-being and impacts how people handle stress and relate to others and decision-making skills; and

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health disorders are health conditions that affect a person’s brain and may alter their cognitive functioning, perception, emotional reactions, or behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, people who have substance use disorders often have other co-existing mental health disorders, which are collectively referred to as co-occurring disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, when an individual has a co-occurring disorder or health condition, it is generally better to treat all their health issues at the same time, rather than separately, as it makes the treatment more effective and improves health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, in a letter prepared by the ASB and sent to the BHAB, dated April 18, 2025, the ASB has proposed that “these interwoven public health challenges require integrated solutions rather than isolated approaches;” and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the intersecting public health goals of the ASB and the BHAB, the ASB has recommended, and the BHAB supports, the dissolution of the ASB and the coordinated approach to these subject matters by the BHAB; and

**WHEREAS**, there is already significant overlap in the composition of these two boards, as both include representatives from the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney, the Miami-Dade Office of the Public Defender, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Miami-Dade Sheriff’s Office, the judicial system in Florida, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, the Public Health Trust, South Florida Behavioral Health Network d/b/a Thriving Mind, this Board, and several County departments, including Community Action and Human Services Department, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, and Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, a merger of the boards would therefore be an efficient use of the board members’ time, as well as County resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, at this time, as there are no funds in the Addiction Services Trust Fund, established in section 2-425.1 of the Code, there would be no fiscal impact to close the trust fund; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2-11.40 of the Code, this Board shall determine whether to abolish, continue, consolidate, or modify a County board; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the foregoing, this Board wishes to sunset the ASB and continue its work of addressing the public health challenge of substance abuse prevention and treatment through the work of the BHAB,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** Article XLIV of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

ARTICLE XLIV. - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD

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Sec. 2-425.1. – Financial support for the board.

Subject to the County's budgetary process and the availability of funds, the County Mayor shall include in the County's annual budget, administrative costs and additional funds for the implementation of the ASB's duties and powers. There is hereby created the Addiction Services Trust Fund, in which donations, contributions, and other funds received by or allocated to the ASB shall be placed. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is hereby authorized and directed to establish the Addiction Services Trust Fund and disburse monies following approval by the ASB and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance as well as for matters related to substance use, misuse, treatment, and prevention

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<sup>1</sup> Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

services. >>With the sunseting of the ASB, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will take all necessary steps to close the Addiction Services Trust Fund.

Sec. 2-425.2. - Sunset.

The provisions of this Article shall sunset, and the ASB shall stand dismissed, on September 30, 2025 unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners prior to such date.<<

**Section 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

**Section 3.** It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency:

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Prime Sponsor: Senator René García