

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(A)

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

DATE: September 1, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board; establishing section 2-430.6 of the Code; creating the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Trust Fund

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


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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**
- _____ **Statement of social equity required**
- _____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- _____ **No committee review**
- _____ **Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) 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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9-1-26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD;
ESTABLISHING SECTION 2-430.6 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; CREATING THE MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
TRUST FUND; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY,
INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

WHEREAS, the BHAB was established, in part, as a mechanism to expand, facilitate, and streamline the provision of behavioral health services throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the BHAB has actively worked to identify and address opportunities to expand access to behavioral health services throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, for instance, the BHAB has partnered with Jewish Community Services of South Florida to create a directory of mental health services, which is available on the County’s website, and initiated a public awareness campaign to increase community awareness of the BHAB and available behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, the community’s response to the BHAB and its initiatives has been overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating strong community interest and support for the BHAB; and

WHEREAS, in light of the swell of public support for the BHAB, this Board wants to create a mechanism for the BHAB to receive and use funds for activities that advance its mission; and

WHEREAS, establishing a dedicated trust fund for the BHAB will provide a mechanism for the board to receive, administer, and expend funds for activities, programs, conferences, projects, and special events that further the BHAB's purposes and support its efforts to expand access to behavioral health services throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the BHAB and desires to establish the BHAB Trust Fund,

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

Section 1. Section 2-430.6 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:¹

ARTICLE XLV. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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>>Sec. 2-430.6 Financial Support for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

There is hereby created the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Trust Fund in which will be placed all donations, contributions, and funds received by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board for the public purposes set forth in this article. The Clerk of the Court and Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to establish and administer the Trust Fund and disburse monies in accordance with the provisions of this article. All monies in the Trust Fund shall be disbursed following approval by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Funds deposited into the Trust

¹ 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.

Fund may be used to fund activities and programming sponsored or supported by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board as well as conferences, projects, and special events and projects, including the purchase of food, which further the purposes of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.<<

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:

Prepared by:

Shanika A. Graves

Prime Sponsor: Senator René García

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'J. E. For'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'SG'.