

MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 3

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

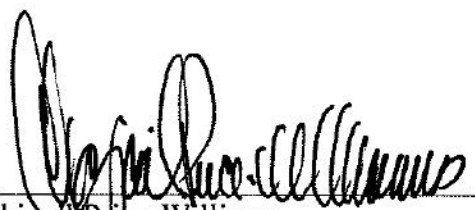
DATE: August 24, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop and implement a plan in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic to expand the provision of mental health services to County residents, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00; authorizing the County Mayor to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution; directing the County Mayor to apply for, receive, and expend any legally available funds for this purpose; and requiring reports

Resolution No. R-784-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



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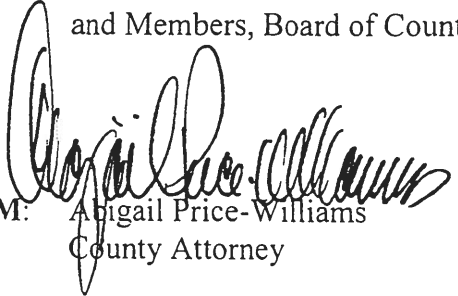


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, 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) ____, or 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 _____

Special Item No. 3
8-24-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-784-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC TO EXPAND THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO COUNTY RESIDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND REQUIRING REPORTS

WHEREAS, in early 2020, the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County began experiencing an outbreak of the infectious disease named coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency in the state of Florida and directing the State Health Officer take any action necessary to protect the public health and to follow guidelines established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, likewise, County Mayor Carlos Gimenez declared a state of emergency in Miami-Dade County on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, public health officials and the CDC encouraged "social distancing" to reduce the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, to enforce social distancing, Governor DeSantis and Mayor Gimenez issued executive and emergency orders restricting businesses' and residents' activities in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, while these precautions were established to keep people safe, they have had devastating economic ripple effects that have led to many residents being laid off, furloughed, or with severely reduced work hours; and

WHEREAS, many residents and families are struggling to make ends meet and are unable to pay for basic necessities such as food and rent; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the financial stress caused by COVID-19, "safer at home" orders and other social distancing measures have negatively affected many people's mental health and created new challenges for people already suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent poll, nearly half of adults in the United States reported that their mental health has been negatively impacted due to worry and stress over the virus; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that negative mental health effects due to social isolation may be more pronounced among older adults and households with adolescents as these groups are already at risk for depression and suicide ideation; and

WHEREAS, further, research has also shown that children and adolescents are experiencing mental distress due to disruptions of the closure of schools and activities, and social and physical distancing; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has also been reported to have had a negative impact on the mental health of healthcare workers who are struggling with exhaustion, stress, and concern about their exposure to the virus and the possibility of infecting their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Miami-Dade County has provided social service grants to community-based organizations that provide much-needed services, including mental-health related services, to County residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, some County departments and entities, such as the Community Action and Human Services Department, the Juvenile Services Department, and the Homeless Trust, offer mental health services to County residents or contract with entities to provide same; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to provide for the safety and wellbeing of County residents during this strenuous time by expanding the provision of mental health services,

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 County Mayor's designee to immediately develop and implement a plan in response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to expand the provision of mental health services for County residents, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, inclusive of any administrative costs.

Section 2. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution, and to exercise amendments, extensions, renewals, termination, waiver, and other provisions set forth therein, subject to approval for legal form and sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office.

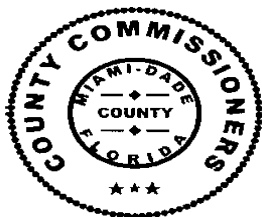
Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend any funds that may be legally available or become available for mental health services relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide a written report to this Board within 15 days of the effective date of this resolution detailing the status of the expanded provision of mental health services, or explaining why this has not been accomplished. Upon allocation of funds, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall provide a written report to this Board every 30 days detailing the status of the expanded provision of mental health services until the end of the declared state of emergency. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall place the completed reports on agendas of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye
	Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	aye	Sally A. Heyman
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	aye	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of August, 2020. 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: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Leigh C. Kobrinski
Shanika A. Graves