

May 2, 2000

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent
Education

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, INC., AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000, TO DEFRAY THE COST OF COUNSELING AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, FOR CHILDREN IN TWO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SITES, RETROACTIVE FROM AUGUST 30, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 14, 2000

Authorization is sought to enter into a contractual agreement with the Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., (CPC) at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, to defray the costs of counseling and therapeutic services, for children at-risk at Laura Saunders and South Hialeah elementary schools, retroactive from August 30, 1999, and to continue through June 14, 2000. At the 1999 Florida Legislative Session, by the Appropriation Act, Specific Application 109, CPC was authorized to serve students at ten elementary schools in Miami-Dade County, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000. However, only the two above-cited schools were served. Accordingly, the requested \$60,000 defrayal will be for the 1999-2000 school year only.

CPC is an agency that provides mental health services to children in the Miami-Dade County area. For the past decade, this community-based organization has provided services to children at-risk in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Its structured, therapeutic programming has helped to enhance the emotional, social, and cognitive needs of children requiring them. These include, but are not limited to, outpatient therapy, tutoring services, and case management.

The funds necessary for implementing this program will be provided by basic FTE, generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Program 6844, Object 5310, Function 5217, Work Location 9731, Fund 0100.

The Director of Operations of CPC is Mr. Steven Marin.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, to defray the cost of counseling and therapeutic services, for children in two Miami-Dade County Public Schools sites, retroactive from August 30, 1999 through June 14, 2000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.

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