

June 8, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM OF SOUTH FLORIDA, SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAM, A NONPROFIT AGENCY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR ADDICTED ADOLESCENT SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS FOR THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

In compliance with Section 230.23 (4)(c), (j), and (n), Florida Statutes, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs, and the South Miami Hospital Addiction Treatment Program, in Miami-Dade County, Florida, have developed a contractual agreement to provide educational and related services for addicted, adolescent school-age students. These students will be eligible for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). The summer program will be provided through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Program. There will be no exchange of funds. Supervision of this program will be provided by the principal of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program.

South Miami Hospital's Addiction Treatment Program was founded in 1976, and is regularly cited by independent services as one of the best hospital-based programs in the country. The program for adolescents began six years ago, and since that time approximately 600 adolescents have been treated.

Because many addicted adolescents are not able to function in the traditional school program, South Miami Hospital's program will provide a multifaceted approach which includes recreational therapy, group therapy, family therapy, and educational services. South Miami Hospital will provide additional certified professionals, including consulting psychologists and psychiatrists as necessary; M-DCPS will provide certified teachers.

There will be no exchange of funds for this cooperative agreement.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000 under Fund 0100, Function 5104, Program 6040, Object 5310, Location 8017.

Mr. Brian Keeley is the President/CEO of Baptist Hospital; Mr. Wayne Brackin is the CEO of South Miami Hospital; and Mr. Marino Carbonell is the Adolescent Program Director.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Baptist Health System of South Florida, South Miami Hospital Addiction Treatment Program, in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational services for addicted, adolescent students for the 2000-2001 school year.

There will be no exchange of funds for this cooperative agreement.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000.

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