

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE SUPPORT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN SERVICES, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS 2000-2001 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES MASTER PLAN

Support is requested, in the amount of \$50,000, for the Alliance for Human Services (Alliance), for the implementation of its 2000-2001 Comprehensive Health and Social Services Plan. This represents a fraction of the Alliance's operating costs, but it reinforces the commitment of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to assisting the Alliance with its range of services to at-risk, indigent, and disenfranchised members of the Miami-Dade Community, thousands of whom are students in M-DCPS.

The Alliance has prepared a comprehensive health and social services plan, its first coordinated effort, to provide holistic programming to children and adults in need of care. This social services master plan (SSMP) was developed in accordance with Resolution R-235-99, passed by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in March 1999. Its aim is to provide a Human Service Alliance (incorporated in June 2000 as the Alliance for Human Services), which will be responsible for: planning in Miami-Dade County; the establishment of funding priorities in accordance with the master plan; and for the allocation of resources to community-based organizations (CBOs) in accordance with the master plan.

Among the Alliance's commitments to the community are: a shared vision of residents' needs; targeted funding which meets identified needs from the master plan; improved systems coordination; partnerships; and improved outcomes for consumers and caregivers. Its overall aim is to improve the quality of life for local residents in need of services. The Alliance focuses on prevention and early intervention.

The Executive Director of the Alliance for Human Services is Ms. Alexandria Douglas.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6120, Program 9380, Object 5310, Location 8001.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize support, in the amount of \$50,000, for the Alliance for Human Services, for the implementation of its 2000-2001 Comprehensive Health and Social Services Plan.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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