

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, INC., TO PROVIDE ON-SITE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES TO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND COPE CENTER NORTH, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc. The contractual agreement will provide approximately 300 teen parents and their babies/toddlers at COPE Center North with on-site comprehensive health services. Since the program's inception in 1987, Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc., has been contracting with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Procurement Management Services has issued Request For Proposals (RFP), pursuant to purchasing policies through the competitive solicitations process, for these services since 1997. The solicitation processes, mailed to 58 vendors, has generated interest each time from only one vendor, Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc. The services require co-locating medical staff on-site at the school, consisting of an advanced registered nurse practitioner, an obstetrician, and a pediatrician. The agency will provide health services including: physical examination and therapeutic management; parent care and management; parenting education and counseling; health maintenance and disease-prevention education; high-risk assessment and referrals; primary health care for infants and toddlers; and preconception education for prevention of pregnancy and disease.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 met on November 17, 2003, to review this request and recommended that an exception to the rule be granted to the Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc., as otherwise determined by the committee. This decision is based on the fact the no other vendor has responded to the RFP since 1997; moreover, evaluation records indicate that services have been performed satisfactorily. The contract would be in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for services effective January 15, 2004 through January 16, 2005.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5120, Program 6049, Object 5310, Location 8121. Funds for these services are generated through FTE for teenage parents and their children.

Anthony Monroe is the president of Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Economic Opportunity Family Health Center, Inc., to provide on-site comprehensive health-care services to teen parents and their babies/toddlers, at COPE Center North, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, effective January 15, 2004 through January 16, 2005;
2. extend this contractual agreement up to one additional year, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, contingent upon satisfactory performance, and availability of funds, for the period of January 17, 2005 through January 16, 2006; and
3. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Adopted Budget.