

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO OPERATE JOINTLY NON-SCHOOL-BASED, DAY-TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services (DHS), to operate jointly non-school-based, day-treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students. This agreement has been in effect since 1982. Through this agreement, programs and related services have been provided to serve SED students of elementary and secondary school age. The rate for all clinical services will be \$65 an hour for a maximum of 7,692 hours per year for delivery of clinical services for students in these programs, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, at the following five facilities:

- Early Intervention Development Center (EIDC) located at 1400 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida 33142, serves a maximum of 30 students ages 5 through 12;
- Family and Adolescent Development Center (FADC) located at 2965 NW 17 Street, Miami, Florida 33125, serves a maximum of 35 students ages 13 through 22;
- Family and Children's Development Center (FCDC) located at 11025 SW 84 Street, Miami, Florida 33173, serves a maximum of 40 students ages 5 through 12;
- Specialized Development Center-North (SDC-N) located at 1400 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida 33142, serves a maximum of 37 students ages 5 through 22; and
- Specialized Development Center-South (SDC-S) located at 11025 SW 84 Street, Miami, Florida 33173, serves a maximum of 45 students ages 5 through 22.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) provides instructional/administrative personnel, related services personnel, educational materials, equipment, supplies, field trip funding, and bus transportation. Services provided to SED students by DHS include individual and group therapy, parent education and family therapy, behavior management programming, crisis intervention services, and psychiatric consultation services. DHS also provides the facilities in which to operate the programs.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Extended School Year services, if required will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Total Payments to EIDC, FADC, FCDC, SDC-N, and SDC-S based on students' current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, will not exceed \$500,000, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Individual clinical services can only be billed if no Medicaid is filed.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this Board item on April 27, 2004, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as DHS has specific expertise in providing these clinical services. The programs are the only ones in the county that provide unique clinical interventions to children that are SED as well as dually diagnosed as mentally handicapped/SED.

The Department Director of the Department of Human Services is Mr. Dean Taylor, Sr.

The appropriations for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs Fund) of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004 under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3341, Object 5310, Location 9615.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services, to operate jointly non-school-based, day-treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed students, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriations for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs Fund) of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.

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