

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CITRUS
HEALTH NETWORK, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND
RELATED SERVICES FOR 60 SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY
DISTURBED AND EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

In compliance with Section, 1006.07, Florida Statute, the Office of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Community Education requests authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Citrus Health Network, Inc., to provide educational and related services for Emotionally Handicapped (EH) and Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) school-age students who have recently been released from in-patient psychiatric facilities. The contractual agreement with Citrus Health Network, Inc., has been in existence for approximately five years.

These students will be eligible for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) dropout prevention weighting factor. The principal of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program (EAOP) will provide supervision for these programs effective August 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The contractual agreement with Citrus Health Network, Inc., will serve 60 EH and SED school-age students who have recently been released from in-patient psychiatric facilities, and attended grades 6-12, during the 2003-2004 school year. The agreement will be in an amount not to exceed \$247,358.40.

Funding figures are estimates and will be based upon actual revenue received by the district for the dropout prevention program in the FEFP. A proration of funds incurred by the district due to economic conditions may be passed on to Citrus Health Network, Inc., at the discretion of the district. All programs are funded yearly at 95 percent of the earned FTE. Additional support services are provided through the EAOP.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004 under Fund 0100, Function 5120, Program 6040, Object 5310, and Locations 8017 /8014.

The President and CEO of Citrus Health Network, Inc., is Mr. Mario E. Jardon, L.C.S.W.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Citrus Health Network, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$247,358.40, to provide educational and related services for 60 severely emotionally disturbed (SED) and emotionally handicapped (EH) students, effective August 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.

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