

School Police and District Security  
Gerald L. Darling, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EXTREME BEHAVIORAL RISK MANAGEMENT LLC TO CONDUCT VICTIM COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID, AND DEBRIEFING WORKSHOPS FOR LEADERS OF SCHOOL CRISIS TEAMS AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT (ERCM) GRANT PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE:       SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Extreme Behavioral Risk Management LLC to conduct Victim Counseling, Psychological First Aid, and Debriefing workshops for leaders of school crisis teams and mental health workers, for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

At the November 17, 2004, School Board meeting, the Board voted to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for funding to improve and strengthen school Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) plans. The grant application submitted by the District presented a comprehensive plan inclusive of initiatives geared to better preparing, responding, mitigating, preventing, and recovering from critical incidents. The application identified Extreme Behavioral Risk Management LLC, to conduct Victim Counseling, Psychological First Aid, and Debriefing workshops for leaders of school crisis teams and mental health workers.

The services to be provided by Extreme Behavioral Risk Management LLC include:

- conduct (5) two day sessions with 2 instructors for school crisis teams and District mental health personnel; and
- provide 3 ring binders with train the trainer materials for 400 participants.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this request at its January 12, 2005 meeting, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.

The contract with Extreme Behavioral Risk Management LLC will not exceed \$40,000 and will be fully funded by the grant award.

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**RECOMMENDED:**

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Extreme Behavioral Risk Management LLC to conduct Victim Counseling, Psychological First Aid, and Debriefing workshops for leaders of school crisis teams and mental health workers. The services will be funded by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Project at an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006;
2. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the USDOE, in order to complete the goals of the program at no cost to the District; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1021