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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH CHILDREN'S REHAB NETWORK, JACKSON INFANT TODDLER CENTER, AND PEDI PEC TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with Children's Rehab Network, Jackson Infant Toddler Center, and PEDI PEC to provide services to children with disabilities, ages 3-21, in Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facilities, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Students in these facilities are medically dependent and require full-time nursing supervision. The cooperative agreements with Children's Rehab Network and Jackson Infant Toddler Center have been in effect since 1995. PEDI PEC is a new cooperative agreement.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide itinerant teachers certified in exceptional student education to serve students with disabilities who have complex medical needs. M-DCPS will provide the educational materials, equipment, and supplies needed to implement the goals and benchmarks on each child's Individual Educational Plan (IEP). The PPEC sites will provide the facility, nursing services, medical case management, and therapeutic services. Supervision of the program will be provided by the Division of Exceptional Student Education.

The Executive Director of Children's Rehab Network is Ms. Barbara Capp. The President of the Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital is Dr. Marvin O'Quin. The Executive Director of PEDI PEC is Ms. Grizzly Miller.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into cooperative agreements with the Children's Rehab Network, Jackson Infant Toddler Center, and PEDI PEC to provide services to children with disabilities in Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care facilities, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. extend the cooperative agreements for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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