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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO OPERATE NON-SCHOOL-BASED, DAY-TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services (DHS), to operate non-school-based, day-treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2004; previously, a cooperative agreement had been in effect since 1982. Through this agreement, programs and related services are 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 programs at the following sites:

- Early Intervention Development Center (EIDC) located at 1400 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida, serves a maximum of 30 students, ages 5 through 12;
- Family and Adolescent Development Center (FADC) located at 2965 NW 17 Street, Miami, Florida, 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, serves a maximum of 40 students, ages 5 through 12;
- Specialized Development Center-North (SDC-N) located at 1400 NW 36 Street, Miami, Florida, 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, 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.

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Total payments to EIDC, FADC, FCDC, SDC-N, and SDC-S based on students' current Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, will not exceed \$500,000, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. Individual clinical services can only be billed if Medicaid is not filed. Extended School Year (ESY) services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on April 28, 2005, 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 County Manager of Miami-Dade County is Mr. George M. Burgess.

Copies of the contractual agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3635, Object 5310, Locations 9615.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services, to operate non-school-based, day-treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006; and
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund).

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ATTACHMENT A

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS 2005-2006 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES: SPEECH, LANGUAGE, HEARING SCREENINGS EVALUATIONS, AND THERAPY SERVICES

1. All speech, language, and hearing screenings, evaluations, and therapy services will be scheduled by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Region Center Speech Chairperson or the Pre-K Speech-Language Pathologist Case Review Specialist or their designee.
2. The Clinic Coordinator of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD), Florida International University (FIU), or her designee, will confirm the schedules for all services and notify the Region Center Speech Chairperson or the Pre-K Speech-Language Pathologist Case Review Specialist of any changes, if necessary.
3. All speech, language, and hearing screenings, evaluations, and therapy services will be provided at M-DCPS school sites and/or designated facilities.
4. All contract staff will comply with the M-DCPS protocol for screenings, evaluations, and therapy services. This includes documenting student attendance, developing any documentation plans, collective data, as well as formulating goals and objectives for the IEP. All assessment data will be documented on the M-DCPS Speech and Language Evaluation Report (FM 544).
5. Screening and evaluation reports written by FIU's Department of CSD staff will be forwarded to M-DCPS within 15 working days from the date the screening or evaluation was conducted.