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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,000, WITH THE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER (CPC), INC., A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 22, 2006, THROUGH MAY 25, 2007, AND GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO SCHOOL BOARD RULE 6GX13-3F.1.021

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement in an amount not to exceed \$47,000, with The Children's Psychiatric Center (CPC), Inc., for the contract period of November 22, 2006, through May 25, 2007, to provide tutorial services through the All-Aboard Tutoring Program. This is a contractual agreement for CPC, which has been providing services for 18 years with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

The Children's Psychiatric Center (CPC), Inc., under the leadership of Dr. Robert D. Nolan, Executive Director and CEO, sponsors the All-Aboard Tutoring Program with M-DCPS which recruits, trains, and places volunteer tutors in elementary schools throughout Miami-Dade County. The purpose of this program is to provide additional assistance in the area of reading for students who have been identified through FCAT and DIBELS scores, as well as teacher referrals, as at-risk students. All schools are notified of the opportunity to participate. Funds for contracted services pay for personnel, educational materials for the tutors to utilize with their students, and the evaluation of the program.

In 2005-2006, 34 schools across the district as whole received services, 66 volunteers served, and 110 students participated in the program. Students participating in the program are selected by certified staff members based on low SAT and DIBELS scores, and poor classroom and literacy performance. The program volunteers work with students during the school day, as well as after school hours depending on the volunteer's availability. Volunteer hours totaled over 2,040, during the 2005-2006 school year.

This program will be managed by the Office of Community Services. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Location 9619, Program 9969, Object 5310, and Function 9100.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on November 2, 2006, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Requests for Proposals be granted by the Committee because of the contractor's specific expertise in the field of school readiness and volunteer recruitment/training.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement in an amount not to exceed \$47,000, with The Children's Psychiatric Center (CPC), Inc., for the contract period of November 22, 2006, through May 25, 2007; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, based on specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget.

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