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Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL (CDC-SMH), TO PROVIDE PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM-SOUTH (FDLRS-SOUTH) EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008.

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

The Child Development Center, South Miami Hospital (CDC-SMH) has received a grant from the Henry L. and Kathryn Mills Charity Foundation to provide psychoeducational evaluations for preschool-age children. Treating over 1,000 children each year, the CDC-SMH provides a full spectrum of evaluation and treatment services in one facility including occupational and physical therapy, audiology, speech/language pathology, psychology, and social work. The CDC-SMH has been providing services to children and families since 1993, and has established an outstanding reputation within the community. FDLRS-South had a cooperative agreement with CDC-SMH during the 2001-2002, the 2004-2005, the 2005-2006, and the 2006-2007 school years funded through a grant.

In accordance with this cooperative agreement, CDC-SMH will provide psychoeducational evaluations to approximately 22 preschool-age children referred by FDLRS-South. These evaluations will be completed as per Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) procedures and will include, at a minimum, intellectual and developmental assessments, speech and language evaluations, and adaptive assessments, with pertinent background information. If appropriate, behavior-rating scales will be administered. These evaluations will be provided at no cost to FDLRS-South or the families.

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Funding for said evaluations has been provided by the Henry L. and Kathryn Mills Charity Foundation in the form of a one-year grant to the CDC-SMH. Evaluations will take place over the coming year, in accordance with the CDC-SMH scheduling procedures. FDLRS-South will refer families to the CDC-SMH, coordinate the provision of services and facilitate placement in M-DCPS, as appropriate.

The Medical Director of the Child Development Center is Dr. Carmen de Lerma.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Child Development Center, South Miami Hospital (CDC-SMH) to provide approximately 22 psychological evaluations for preschool-age children in collaboration with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System-South (FDLRS-South), effective December 20, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

No local funds are required.

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