

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY STUDY ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS (CPH)

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Since 1995, Community Partnership for Homeless (CPH) has been assisting homeless men, women and children in transitioning off the streets of Miami-Dade County and on their way to attaining greater stability and self-sufficiency in their lives. As the private sector partner of the Miami Dade County Homeless Trust, CPH has continually been recognized as a national model for its comprehensive approach to helping the homeless. The CPH program's main catalyst for success is the Homeless Assistance Centers, which operate as one-stop temporary care entry points that provide not just food and shelter, but comprehensive case management, healthcare, daycare, job training and other assistance from a variety of social service agencies all under one roof.

CPH operates the 402-bed Chapman Center at 1550 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida in part on land that it leases, under long term leases, from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. CPH is undertaking a review of its facilities at the Chapman Center as part of an effort to create transitional housing for the homeless population. CPH has requested that the District cooperate with it in a feasibility study as part of CPH's master planning process. CPH is not seeking to develop such transitional housing with M-DCPS, the feasibility study will utilize M-DCPS staff and M-DCPS will not incur or be responsible for any other costs.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorizes the Superintendent as follows:

1. To cooperate with the Community Partnership for Homeless (CPH) in its feasibility study as to the cooperative use of the land leased to CPH by M-DCPS for transitional housing and other services to the homeless.