

Personnel Management and Services
Nelson E. Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF HEALTH PLAN OMBUDSMAN AND MEDICAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACTS

At the Board meeting of May 13, 1998, the Board awarded its contract for health plan ombudsman services to Robert W. Fleigelman, M.D., President of Robert Warren Enterprises, Hollywood, Florida, pursuant to the provisions of RFP 202-VV-10. At the same meeting the Board also awarded its contract for medical consulting services to Physician Consulting Services, Weston, Florida, pursuant to the provisions of RFP 229-VV-10. Both awards became effective June 1, 1988, for a three-year term, with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

Dr. Fleigelman has provided health plan ombudsman services which constitute balanced medical advice to the Board and staff regarding its employees' health care plan issues. While he has only been involved in a handful of cases, in each instance the issues were resolved successfully between the healthcare company and the covered employee/dependent. As President of Robert Warren Enterprises, which owns Occupational Medicine Centers of America, he is willing to extend his contract for the stipulated two additional years, at the existing fee structure of \$180 an hour, not to exceed five hours on any one case.

Physician Consulting Services has provided medical consulting services, which constitute medical advice to the Board and its staff on human resource and personnel issues, including, but not limited to workers' compensation, fitness for duty, American with Disabilities (ADA), and matters involving general and professional liability exposures to the Board. Dr. Marie Weston has proven to be a resource to staff, providing integral medical advice to assist staff in providing access to and interpreting medical resources and data. She has agreed to extend her contract for the stipulated two additional years at the existing fee structure of \$275 per hour, with a maximum fee of \$5,000 per case.

Staff is recommending that the Board exercise its option to extend both contracts for an additional two year period, effective June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2003 at expiring fees.

The appropriation for the Health Plan Ombudsman contract is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget, under Fund 0100, Object 5310, Location 9112, Program 9469, Function 7790; and for the Medical Consulting Services contract under Fund 0100, Object 5324, Location 9112, Program 8150, Function 7730.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize:

1. renewal of its contract with Robert W. Fleigelman, Robert Warren Enterprises, Occupational Medicine Centers of America, Miramar, Florida, to provide health plan ombudsman services, pursuant to the provisions of RFP 202-VV-10, with fees of \$180/hour, not to exceed five hours on any one case, effective June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002, with a second year renewal effective June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003, with Board approval; and
2. renewal of its contract with Physican Consulting Services, Inc., Weston, Florida, to provide medical consulting services, pursuant to the provisions of RFP 229-VV-10, with fees of \$275/hour, not to exceed \$5,000 any one case, effective June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002, with a second year renewal effective June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003, with Board approval.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget; and will be included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Tentative Adopted Budget to be approved by the Board in July, 2001.

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