

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN SERVICES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES PLANNING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004, WITH AN OPTION TO CONTINUE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Approval is requested to enter into a contractual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the Alliance for Human Services to provide funding from November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, with an option for continuation through June 30, 2005. The initial contract period will provide \$50,000 for the implementation of the Miami-Dade County 2003-2004 Comprehensive Health and Social Services Master Plan(SSMP); the 2004-2005 contract period, based upon funding availability, will provide \$50,000 for implementation of the 2004-2005 plan. At the Board meeting of May 3, 2001, Agenda Item C-23, was approved for an identical amount.

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Resolution R-235-99, the Alliance for Human Services was charged by the County Commission as the single entity to develop the SSMP, a comprehensive health and social services plan for Miami-Dade County. The Alliance for Human Services updates the plan annually through a community needs-assessment process, leverages local social service funding with other resources, and allocates funds for three-year periods to community-based organizations (CBOs) in accordance with the SSMP. The M-DCPS contract will help to support the administrative costs of planning and implementing funding through social service programs and targeted initiatives, many of which benefit schools, students, and their families.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 met on October 2, 2003 to review this request and recommends that an exception to the rule be granted to the Alliance for Human Services as sole-source contractor. The contract would be for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 for services in 2003-2004 and, if funding is available, \$50,000 for services in 2004-2005.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6120, Program 9496, Object 5310, Location 8001.

Ms. Alexandria Douglas-Bartolone is the Executive Director of the Alliance for Human Services. The Alliance for Human Services is located at 3250 SW Third Avenue, Miami, Florida 33129.

RECOMMENDED:

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Alliance for Human Services for Social Services Master Plan (SSMP) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, effective November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. extend this contractual agreement up to one additional year, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, contingent upon availability of funds, for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and
3. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget.

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