

Dr. Martin Karp, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-136 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PEDIATRIC MOBILE CLINIC**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic was established in 1992 to provide healthcare to families in response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Andrew. The work of the Pediatric Mobile Clinic has continued uninterrupted, through support from the Children's Health Fund, local and state grants, and private donations. The mission of the Pediatric Mobile Clinic is to provide comprehensive medical care to underserved children and families, regardless of ability to pay; to promote health education and healthy living, and to train future healthcare providers.

Miami-Dade County has the highest percentage of uninsured and underinsured residents in Florida. Thirty percent of Miami-Dade's children live below poverty level. The Pediatric Mobile Clinic provides services to chronically ill pediatric patients, foster children, uninsured working families, migrant families and recent immigrants. Ninety-seven percent of the children receiving services are uninsured.

Last year, the Pediatric Mobile Clinic provided 2,000 medical visits; 3,000 immunizations; social services to 1,000 children and families; 800 nutritional counseling sessions; 5,600 hours of training for medical students, residents, interns, and fellows, and assistance with Florida KidCare applications and instructions for enrollment. In addition, the Pediatric Mobile Clinic offers screenings for vision impairments, hearing impairments, dental problems, tuberculosis, developmental problems, and nutritional problems.

The Pediatric Mobile Clinic visits neighborhoods throughout Miami-Dade County. The organization has built strong community-based relationships with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Miami-Dade County Health Department, Florida Department of Health, Department of Children and Families, Human Services Coalition, and many local churches and social services agencies. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the staff and supporters of the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic for their tireless work to promote the health and welfare of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 11-136 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-136  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PEDIATRIC MOBILE CLINIC**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic was established in 1992 to provide healthcare to families in response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Andrew; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Pediatric Mobile Clinic is to provide comprehensive medical care to underserved children and families, regardless of ability to pay; to promote health education and healthy living, and to train future healthcare providers; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has the highest percentage of uninsured and underinsured residents in Florida. The Pediatric Mobile Clinic provides services to chronically ill pediatric patients, foster children, uninsured working families, migrant families and recent immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, the Pediatric Mobile Clinic provided 2,000 medical visits; 3,000 immunizations; social services to 1,000 children and families; 800 nutritional counseling sessions; 5,600 hours of training for medical students, residents, interns, and fellows, and assistance with Florida KidCare applications and instructions for enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pediatric Mobile Clinic offers screenings for vision impairments, hearing impairments, dental problems, tuberculosis, developmental problems, and nutritional problems; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the staff and supporters of the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic for their tireless work to promote the health and welfare of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-136 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic.

**Presented this fourteenth day of December, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary