

Financial Services
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE
CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR
SCHOOL BOARD BASED CLINIC SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

At the School Board meeting of February 15, 2012, authority was provided to award the District's contract for clinic services, subject to successful negotiations and execution of a finalized contract, pursuant to the terms of Request For Proposal (RFP)# 039-LL10, School Board Based Clinic Services. The term of this award was for an initial three-year period, with the ability to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods. The contract effective date was February 16, 2012.

Upon obtaining this authorization, staff began negotiations with the University of Miami to execute a finalized contract. However, as a result of changes at the University of Miami at that time, as well as changes which were made to the District's healthplan benefit, effective April 1, 2012, negotiations became stalled and a contract was not entered into until July 25, 2014, which allowed for the opening of the Medical Facility at Miami-Jackson Senior High School on August 18, 2014.

Staff is now recommending that the School Board authorize the extension provision of the contract, effective February 16, 2015 for two one-year periods which would provide for the Medical Facility to be operated by the University of Miami (UHealth) through February 15, 2017.

As a result of the significant resources that the University of Miami has put forth in making the Medical Facility at Miami-Jackson Senior High School a success, it is important that the facility be given time to succeed and have an influence on District staff, retirees, and eligible dependents. As an important step in the District's Wellness initiatives, this facility has already served to provide employees who do not have a primary care physician, access to quality medical care with very low out of pocket costs.

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It is for this reason that the Office of Risk and Benefits Management is working with the School Board Attorney's Office to determine what potential opportunities exist under current Board policies to extend this contract to get to the full initial five-year term prior to release of a new competitive solicitation. The rationale is that if we can negotiate the contract's extension so that the contract would be in place for the original five-year terms which was envisioned by the RFP, staff would be in a much better position to determine the effectiveness and value of the Medical Facility, as well as determining the opportunities for opening other District operated Medical Facilities across the county.

If it is determined that this contract could be extended through direct negotiations, a subsequent agenda item will be brought to the District with that recommendation. If not, staff will be preparing a follow-up Request For Proposal (RFP) which will be brought back to the School Board in time for issuance well before the current contract expiration of February 15, 2017.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida renew its contract for clinic services with the University of Miami, pursuant to the terms of Request For Proposal (RFP)# 039-LL10, School Board Based Clinic Services, for two one-year periods, effective February 16, 2015 through February 15, 2017.

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