

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (UHEALTH) FOR EXPANSION OF SCHOOL BOARD BASED CLINIC SERVICES AT NORTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND EXPLORE FUTURE SITES FOR EXPANSION IN THE SOUTH AND WESTERN AREAS OF THE COUNTY

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 to the University of Miami (UHealth). 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.

At the School Board Meeting of February 11, 2015, authority was received to 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.

Since the opening of the Medical Center at Miami-Jackson Senior High School on August 18, 2014, District employees, retirees and eligible dependents have been provided with access to medical care with very low out of pocket costs. In some instances, it has been reported that staff, which have not had a relationship with a primary care physician and as such would wait until medical issues became chronic or severe, have accessed the Medical Center at Miami Jackson Senior High School and received needed services. This type of intervention not only saves the District from having to incur high medical costs at hospital emergency rooms, but also provides the ability to work with staff on wellness initiatives to keep them healthy and out of emergency room settings. As a result of these successes, staff believes that expansion and replication of the services currently available at the Medical Center at Miami Jackson Senior High should be explored.

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Staff has met with Dr. Jocelyn Lawrence, Medical Director for the clinics providing medical services to M-DCPS students in the North Miami and North Miami Beach feeder pattern. These clinics are staffed and run by UHealth, with additional funding provided by the John T. McDonald Foundation, to provide primary healthcare services and screenings, including Telemedicine. Dr. Lawrence believes there is an opportunity to utilize the existing location at North Miami Senior High School and expand the hours of operation to provide medical services to District staff, retirees and eligible dependents, in the same manner that the UHealth Medical Facility at Miami Jackson Senior High currently provides. The intent is to identify hours after the regularly scheduled school day and on weekends that would be solely for District staff, retirees, and eligible dependents currently enrolled in the District's self-insured healthcare program. Being that the facility currently exists, there would be no required investment by the District, other than amending its current contract with UHealth to provide for the additional location.

Staff is also recommending that additional district sites in the south and west be pursued to offer similar services. To that end, staff from the Office of Risk and Benefits Management will be working with staff from the Office of Facilities Management to identify specific schools in the south and west which are scheduled to have renovations through the General Obligation Bond Program where appropriate build outs for medical facilities could be explored.

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

1. authorize an amendment to the existing contract for School Board Clinic Services with University of Miami (UHealth) for services to be provided at North Miami Senior High School; and
2. authorize the Superintendent of Schools to explore the potential for expansion of District-provided medical services at specific school sites located in the south and western areas of the county.

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