

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND
INSTITUTE FOR CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH, INC.,
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 048-PP10 –
PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR PROGRAMS
WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WITH
EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Request For Proposals No. 048-PP10 – PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR PROGRAMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WITH EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES, is to provide on-site psychiatric consultation, to assist in the diagnosis and programming of students assigned to self-contained classes for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities, for the Division of Special Education (SPED). This is a term proposal. Three (3) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

The term of the proposal shall be for one (1) year from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardee, be extended for two (2) additional one-year periods, and if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current extension period.

The Division of Special Education contracts with outside psychiatrists, to provide on-site services for identified programs, for full-time students assigned to self-contained classes for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities. Each site will receive approximately three to four hours of on-site services every five weeks during each school year, depending on students' needs. On-site services will include direct interview/evaluation of students, consultation with parents and/or staff, case management, and professional development activities for clinical staff, including the provision of continuing education units.

The Evaluation Committee met to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals, on May 7, 2014. Three proposals were presented for consideration: Institute for Child and Family Health, Inc., Marcos E. Cintron, M.D., and Soliant Health, Inc. After considerable deliberation, the committee recommended Institute for Child and Family Health, Inc., and Marcos E. Cintron, M.D., for award. Subsequent to the Committee meeting, Dr. Marcos E. Cintron, M.D., the current provider of psychiatric consultation services at Robert Renick Educational Center, notified Procurement to withdraw the proposal submitted for services at Renick from further evaluation consideration, citing personal reasons. Dr. Cintron indicated, regrettably, that psychiatric consultation services for students at Renick will no longer be provided, effective at the expiration of the current contract period, June 30, 2014. The critical psychiatric consultation services for Robert Renick will be procured, pursuant to Board Policy 6320 – Request For Proposals (B).

Upon further negotiations, Institute For Child and Family Health, Inc. has agreed to reduce its fee from \$175 per hour to \$165 per hour.

Fund Source

0100 – General

RECOMMENDED That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual services agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Institute for Child and Family Health, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 048-PP10 – PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR PROGRAMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WITH EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES, to provide on-site psychiatric consultation, to assist in the diagnosis and programming of students assigned to self-contained classes for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities, for the Division of Special Education (SPED), effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. INSTITUTE FOR CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH, INC.
15490 N.W. 7 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33169
DR. JUAN GONZALEZ, C.E.O.

Total Hours: 878
Psychiatric Consultation @ \$165 per hour.

2. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated amount of \$144,870, for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$144,870 for each additional one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this amount does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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