

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop a plan for the implementation of a two-year Mobile Stroke Unit Pilot Program (the "Pilot Program"); directing the County Mayor to identify and negotiate terms with a hospital, or hospital group such as the Public Health Trust, that is designated as a primary or comprehensive stroke center to partner with the County to provide services under the Pilot Program; directing the County Mayor to negotiate any contracts necessary for the development and implementation of the Pilot Program and either enter into any such contracts that are within the County Mayor's delegated authority or bring back any such contracts requiring Board approval; directing the County Mayor to identify legally available funds from within the Fiscal Year 2023-24 County Budget to fund the Pilot Program, and to include funding for same in the County Mayor's Proposed Budget for subsequent fiscal years; and requiring reports

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-17-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TWO-YEAR MOBILE STROKE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM (THE "PILOT PROGRAM"); DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY AND NEGOTIATE TERMS WITH A HOSPITAL, OR HOSPITAL GROUP SUCH AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST, THAT IS DESIGNATED AS A PRIMARY OR COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTER TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND EITHER ENTER INTO ANY SUCH CONTRACTS THAT ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR BRING BACK ANY SUCH CONTRACTS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COUNTY BUDGET TO FUND THE PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR SAME IN THE COUNTY MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS; AND REQUIRING REPORTS

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), stroke was the fifth leading cause of death in the United States in 2021, and a leading cause of serious long-term disability; and

WHEREAS, a stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot (ischemic stroke) or bursts (hemorrhagic stroke); and

WHEREAS, studies show that similar to cardiac arrest, critical medical care delivered within the first sixty minutes of the onset of a stroke can mean the difference between life and

death and can minimize the long-term negative effects of having a stroke such as changes in cognitive behavior, mental health, and weakness or paralysis; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions such as Cleveland, Ohio, Houston, Texas, and Los Angeles County, California, have sought to reduce death and long-term disability rates resulting from strokes through the addition of mobile stroke units to their first responder services; and

WHEREAS, a mobile stroke unit is a specialized ambulance that is equipped with trained staff, specialized equipment, including Computed Tomography (CT) machines, and medications that are geared to diagnosing strokes, and saving time between contact with initial emergency medical services and potentially lifesaving medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, a mobile stroke team may use the information acquired from an onboard CT scan to quickly determine the type of stroke a patient is having; and

WHEREAS, if the patient is having an ischemic stroke (where the brain is deprived of oxygen-rich blood due to a clot or blockage), the team can administer a clot-busting medication to the patient if the patient is an eligible candidate; and

WHEREAS, if the patient is having a hemorrhagic stroke (where blood is escaping into areas of the brain), the team can administer medications that slow and reverse the hemorrhage while transporting the patient to the nearest approved stroke center for further care; and

WHEREAS, presently there are eleven hospitals designated as Primary Stroke Centers and ten designated as Comprehensive Stroke Centers in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, developing a stroke response program in partnership with a primary or comprehensive stroke center could reduce existing stroke response times and benefit the residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop a plan for the implementation of a two-year Mobile Stroke Unit Pilot Program (the "Pilot Program") within the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department ("MDFR"). The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall gather data regarding number of stroke calls, the patients' method(s) of transportation to a designated stroke center, and information regarding the response and treatment time for stroke patients. The data gathered must then be used to recommend the geographic location from which the Pilot Program will be based. Additionally, the Pilot Program should include a plan for funding, acquiring, and operating one fully equipped mobile stroke unit.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to identify and negotiate terms with a hospital, or hospital group such as the Public Health Trust, that is designated as a primary or comprehensive stroke center to partner with the County to provide services under the Pilot Program. Such hospital will also liaise with other primary and comprehensive stroke centers across the County to support the Pilot Program, including but not limited to negotiating any necessary agreements to effectuate the needs of the Pilot Program.

Section 3. Subject to the identification and allocation of budget and appropriation of funds as set forth in section 4 of this resolution, directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate any contracts necessary for the development and implementation of the Pilot Program and either enter into any such contracts that are within the County Mayor's delegated authority or bring back any contracts that would require Board approval.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to identify legally available funds from within the Fiscal Year 2023-24 County Budget to fund the activities associated with the Pilot Program including but not limited to staffing, equipment, training, outreach, and any extraordinary costs borne by the hospital or hospital group selected as part of section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to include funding for same in the County Mayor's Proposed Budget for subsequent fiscal years.

Section 5. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to the Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution regarding the directives set forth in sections 1 to 4 of this resolution, and every 180 days thereafter until such time that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee has completed said directives. Alternatively, if the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is unable to identify legally available funds for the purposes set forth in this resolution, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a written report to the Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution setting forth any reasons why funds have not been identified or cannot be used or allocated for such purposes. The report(s) required by this resolution shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien

Juan Carlos Bermudez

Kevin Marino Cabrera

Sen. René García

Roberto J. Gonzalez

Keon Hardemon

Danielle Cohen Higgins

Eileen Higgins

Kionne L. McGhee

Raquel A. Regalado

Micky Steinberg

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Michael B. Valdes
Dale P. Clarke