

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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Meeting Date: June 2, 2009     Consent             Regular  
    Workshop             Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Administration

Submitted For: Administration

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**I.    EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt:** Resolution supporting Certificate of Need (CON) Applications from St. Mary's Medical Center for a Pediatric Open Heart Service and a Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Service.

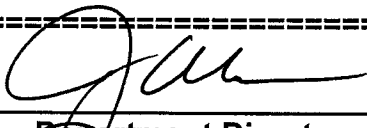
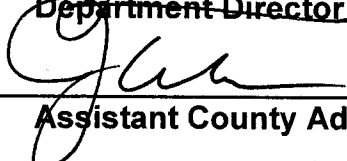
**Summary:** This Resolution has been requested by St. Mary's Medical Center for inclusion with two (2) CON Applications filed with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). The applications are requesting State approval for the addition of Pediatric Open Heart Services and Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Services at St. Mary's Medical Center on 45<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach. The Resolution indicates that there is a need for these services and that the Board of County Commissioners supports the applications of St. Mary's Medical Center. It is staff's understanding that no other Palm Beach County hospitals are filing competing applications. The West Palm Beach City Commission will consider a similar resolution on June 1, 2009. Countywide (TKF).

**Background and Justification:** The CON Program is a regulatory process that requires certain health care providers to obtain State approval before offering new or expanded services. The CON process is intended to help insure that new services proposed by health care providers are needed for quality patient care within a particular region or community. The program also prevents unnecessary duplication of services by selecting the best proposal among competing applicants.

The services being requested are not currently available in Palm Beach County necessitating patient and family travel to South Broward or Miami-Dade County to access these services. At 463 beds, St. Mary's Medical Center is the largest hospital in Palm Beach County and with 81 pediatric beds and an additional 45 neonatal beds, is the largest pediatric facility and the largest neonatal intensive care unit between Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando. St. Mary's Medical Center appears qualified and capable of providing the needed services.

**Attachments:**  
Resolution

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Recommended by:		6/1/09
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:		6/1/09
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Years</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Capital Expenditures	0	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	0	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	0	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	0	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	0	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	0	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b># ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	0	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_ Object \_\_\_  
Program Code \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:**

*X No fiscal impact.*

  
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Contract Dev. and Control  
6/1/09

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

  
Assistant County Attorney  
6/1/09

**C. Other Department Review:**

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Department Director

**This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.**

RESOLUTION NO. R-2009-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS FROM ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER FOR A PEDIATRIC OPEN HEART SERVICE AND A PEDIATRIC CATHETERIZATION SERVICE.

**Whereas**, St. Mary's Medical Center has submitted letters of intent and has made initial application under the State Certificate of Need (CON) process for the addition of Pediatric Open Heart Services and Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Services at their medical campus on 45<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach, Florida; and

**Whereas**, the Board of County of County Commissioners has an interest and responsibility in assuring the integrity of the public health system; and

**Whereas**, the addition of pediatric open heart and pediatric cardiac catheterization services in Palm Beach County is expected to save lives and alleviate hardships and financial burdens associated with travel to South Broward County, Miami-Dade County or Orange County for similar services; and

**Whereas**, St. Mary's Medical Center is the largest and most experienced provider of pediatric hospital services from Ft. Lauderdale to Orlando and is qualified to provide the applied for services; and

**Whereas**, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to express its support for the St. Mary's Medical Center CON applications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:**

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida hereby expresses its support for the Certificate of Need (CON) Applications of St. Mary's Medical Center for the addition of Pediatric Open Heart Services and Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Services at the St. Mary's Medical Center campus on 45<sup>th</sup> Street in West Palm Beach, Florida, and authorizes transmittal of this Resolution to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

The foregoing Resolution 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:

- Commissioner John F. Koons, Chairman,
- Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Vice Chairman
- Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
- Commissioner Shelley Vana
- Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
- Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria
- Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, District 7

The Chairman thereupon delcared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

APPPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

ATTEST:  
SHARON R. BOCK,  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy K. Fields  
Assistant County Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk