

County Contract Language with Hospital Districts on Homeless Discharge
Planning

HUD CoC Ex 1 Language - 2004 Application:

Immediate action was taken by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on February 1, 2000, requiring Broward's two (2) publicly-supported hospital districts (1) to begin the discharge planning process for each patient upon admission, (2) to complete an initial discharge assessment and preliminary discharge plan by the end of the next business day, (3) to document progress on discharge planning at least once after admission and weekly thereafter; and (4) to document at least three (3) legitimate attempts to suitable find housing before referring to a homeless shelter.

Action Agenda:

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

COUNTY COMMISSION

48. MOTION TO DISCUSS: Direction to the Broward County Human Services Department regarding the renewal of the contracts between Broward County and The North Broward Hospital District, and between Broward County and the South Broward Hospital District. These contracts should include language that ensures against future discharge of any patients, especially those with children or new born infants, to the streets and instead requires that they be placed in shelter, housing, or other appropriate residential settings. (Commissioner Rodstrom)

ACTION: (A-3071) Approved. See Page 79.

Minutes:

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 48

THE CHAIR: Now, we are going to the Supplemental Agenda. Item Number 48. Commissioner Rodstrom?

COMMISSIONER PARRISH: Great idea. John, great idea.

COMMISSIONER RODSTROM: Just want to coordinate.

COMMISSIONER LIEBERMAN: Absolutely. It's terrific.

THE CHAIR: Great idea. All right. I don't think there's any action needed to be taken.

COMMISSIONER PARRISH: I was going to second his motion to send our staff to the North and South Broward Hospital Districts, and in four weeks give us a written report to tell us exactly how they're going to work this out. Then it's not optional. This, I didn't think John was presenting as an option; right?

COMMISSIONER RODSTROM: No.

THE CHAIR: All right. You're seconding it, and I assume Mr. Whitman is going to be coordinating it.

COMMISSIONER PARRISH: As part of our -- amend our contracts with the homeless providers.

THE CHAIR: Right. All right. It's been moved by Commissioner Rodstrom, seconded by Commissioner Parrish.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

All those opposed, like sign.

It passes unanimously.

VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.