

Item # 114

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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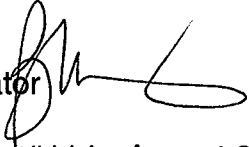
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Broward Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Bertha W. Henry,
County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Board Agenda Item #114 - August 31, 2010
Supplemental Item – Health Insurance

DATE: August 31, 2010

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On the Commission Agenda for Tuesday, August 31, 2010, there is an Agenda Item #114 consisting of various motions related to health insurance benefits for County employees for 2011. One of the motions seeks the Board to break a tie vote for the ranking of the shortlisted vendors for the Fully Insured Health Insurance Plan for Plan Year 2011.

Realizing the amount of information to be considered and the short time for the Board to review, should the Board decide to proceed with a fully insured option for employee health insurance, I am recommending that the Board direct staff to seek last and best final offers from the two vendors that tied for first ranking for fully insured health insurance (Aetna and Coventry) on the two plan designs recommended by the Insurance Selection Committee (Rx9 – the current plan design and Rx10 - a hybrid plan design) as listed in Exhibit 7.

Staff confirmed with the County Attorney's Office that the best and final offer process was not available to the Insurance Selection Committee because this option was not provided for in either the RLI or the Procurement Code. However, the Board may request best and final offers as part of its decision making in breaking a tie because the Procurement Code does not specify how the Board shall proceed. Since price is a factor in the selection process, best and final offers can be utilized at this stage and considered in the Board's overall decision. Accordingly, I recommend the Board direct staff to seek last and best final offers from Aetna and Coventry on the 2 plan designs with offers due back by 12pm on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, so that they can be provided to the Board for consideration at the Board's September 14, 2010 Board Meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cc: Jeff Newton, County Attorney
Evan Lukic, County Auditor