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HEALTHCARE

UM, Jackson still far apart

■ Jackson's board refused to accept the University of Miami's latest proposal for a joint medical agreement.

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The board of Jackson Health System refused Wednesday to approve a "memorandum of understanding" with leaders of the University of Miami medical school — setting off verbal fireworks and creating huge uncertainties about what will happen Friday, when UM's new fiscal year starts.

"I don't know what's going to happen," said Jackson Chief Executive Carlos Migoya at the end of a lengthy board meeting during which Chairman Marcos Lapciuc said UM had presented Jackson with an ultimatum he couldn't accept.

The memorandum, which Migoya had urged the board to accept, called for Jackson to pay UM roughly \$115 million, about the same value as the current contract.

The nine-page agreement called for a base annual payment by Jackson to UM of \$99.5 million, with monthly transition payments of \$3.6 million for at least six months.

Lapciuc said UM should give Jackson's board time to vet the details in the memorandum, adding: "If reason doesn't prevail, the blood that will be spilled of our patients will not be on our hands."

Migoya said he asked UM several times for an extension, and was told no.

UM Vice President William Donelan and medical school spokeswoman Christine Morris, both of whom attended the meeting, refused to comment afterward. The board meets again Thursday and will reconsider the matter.

Board member Michael Bileca calculated that under a worst case scenario involving transition payments extending for year, the memo could end up costing Jackson \$142 million over the next year. "That's significantly higher than where we're at now."

Migoya said his team hoped to iron out a new plan in the coming months so that there would be no worst case. He said the memorandum's main points would be binding on both sides, but details needed to be worked out by attorneys before an agreement could be made final.

Since January, Jackson has been trying to craft a dramatically new operating agreement to change its half-century relationship with UM by "leasing" some UM doctors — paying for them and then getting the revenues the doctors earn from seeing patients.

At present, Jackson pays UM doctors to work at Jackson Memorial, and the university also gets any fees the doctors earn from insurers.

That concept is vaguely embraced within the memorandum, but many details need to be resolved. The memo envisions as many as 400 UM doctors working at Jackson, but when board members asked for the doctors' names, they were told no list was available.

Under the memo, both parties agreed that the "centers of excellence" for organ transplants, women, children and trauma will remain at Jackson Memorial, staffed by UM doctors. UM has filed an application with the state to perform transplants at its own hospital, but said it would abandon that effort if a new operating agreement were reached, Migoya told the board.

Board member Joaquin del Cueto pointed out that several of these centers were money-lovers or close to it, and he wondered how they would help Jackson's finances.

Lapciuc said UM had threatened that if an agreement were not in place by June 1, it would have to adjust its budget and staffing accordingly, which he took as a threat that UM would start pulling doctors out of Jackson Memorial.

EDUCATION

Rudy Crew to take Oregon post

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Rudy Crew, who oversaw the opening of new Miami-Dade schools and the overhaul of curricula as head of one of the largest school systems in the country, is set to become Oregon's chief education officer.

A state panel is expected to give him the newly created job Thursday.

During Crew's time as Miami-Dade superintendent from 2004 to 2008, the school district built 29 new schools, overhauled some academic programs, reduced crowding and helped more than half of the county's schools achieve "A" status.



CREW

In Oregon, his responsibilities as chief education officer will include overseeing and managing elementary through college education in the state.

His tenure was also tumultuous. Crew had a strained relationship with much of the School Board, fought the teachers union over frozen wages and stirred controversy with Miami-Dade's Cuban exile community. When he was forced out, the district faced a budget crisis — \$4 million in reserves for a multibillion-dollar budget.

197 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

In Oregon, his responsibilities as chief education officer will include overseeing and managing elementary through college edu-

cation in the state, made up of 197 school districts, 17 community college districts and seven public universities.

"Throughout his career, he has had a focus on students as his primary lens," said Julia Brim-Edwards, chair of the screening panel. "He's had the courage to lead in very difficult arenas."

The Oregon job is centered on a 2025 goal to have 40 percent of students with college degrees, 40 percent with technical degrees and 20 percent with high school diplomas leading to a job.

"There isn't another position

like this in the country that spans all of the levels," Brim-Edwards said.

WORKED HIS WAY UP

Crew started his career as coordinator of magnet programs/staff development at Boston English High School in Boston. From there, he steadily worked his way up over about 40 years to higher positions with larger enrollments.

Crew served as chancellor of the New York City Department of Education from 1995 to 1999 and was ousted after he clashed with then-Mayor Rudy Giuliani. After his time in Miami-Dade, he joined University of Southern California Rossier, where he is a professor of clinical education. He did not return two calls to his university office on Wednesday.

LIGHTED TO HONOR HOMETOWN TEAM



DAVID SANTIAGO/EL NUEVO HERALD

Miami Dade College's Freedom Tower in downtown Miami is illuminated 'white hot' Wednesday night in honor of the Miami Heat basketball team, which is competing in the playoffs against the Boston Celtics.

MIAMI-DADE

Teen shot by cop remains hospitalized

A 16-year-old boy shot four times in the back early Monday by a Miami-Dade police officer remains in critical but stable condition at Kendall Regional Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit.

According to police, Sebastian Gregory of Southwest Miami-Dade reached for a baseball bat in his belt when an officer asked him to "show his hands." The incident happened at about 3:30 a.m. on Southwest 72nd Street and 160th Avenue.

The teen was originally stopped while walking 10 blocks from his house because he had a "shiny object in his waistband,"

Miami-Dade police spokeswoman Aida Finna-Milian said.

Three bullets have been removed from his back, but one remains in his spinal cord, his family said. Several of his organs were affected, including his liver, lungs and colon. He underwent another surgery Tuesday morning.

But the reason why the gunshots were fired remain a mystery pending the outcome of an investigation into the shooting. For now, police declined to release the officer's name or the incident report.

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MIAMI BEACH

Many want to be interim city manager

■ More than 80 applicants applied by Wednesday's deadline to be Miami Beach's interim city manager.

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Miami Beach commissioners will have two days to select a group of finalists for the city's interim manager position from among dozens of applicants.

More than 80 people applied for the position, which became open after City Manager Jorge Gonzalez resigned earlier this month, effective July 8. The deadline to apply was Wednesday.

Applicants included everyone

from a salon owner and a valet supervisor to current and former municipal and county administrators from around the state and country. Even former Miami Beach city managers applied for the position, which the city said could command a salary of up to \$20,000 a month.

Among the names Miami Beach residents might recognize:

- Barton Goldberg, former president of Jefferson National Bank, who served on the city's zoning board for two decades.
- Kathie Brooks, the city's current budget director.
- Jose Garcia-Pedrosa, Miami Beach city manager from 1995 to

1998.

- Frank Spence, Miami Beach city manager from 1973 to 1978.

The new manager will be tasked with overseeing the city's upcoming budget of more than \$200 million, monitoring a \$1 billion convention center district redevelopment project and negotiating five new union contracts.

The process of selecting a permanent city manager is expected to take months. Commissioners say the interim manager will not be considered for the permanent city manager position.

According to the process the city commission laid out nearly two weeks ago during its annual re-

treat, commissioners have until Friday to choose five finalists and submit their names to the city clerk in writing. Each commissioner will pick his or her top five candidates and each name will be assigned a point value, with the commissioner's top choice getting the most points.

The six candidates who garner the highest totals will be interviewed by all the commissioners on Monday in the city commission chambers, 1700 Convention Center Dr.

Commissioners are expected to select an interim manager during their monthly commission meeting on Wednesday.

FORT LAUDERDALE

3 Lauderdale officers likely to be arrested

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Three Fort Lauderdale police officers will be charged this week with criminal misconduct, including allegations they lied about a car chase and arrest, according to several sources with knowledge of the case.

The officers, members of the controversial street crimes unit known as the Raiders, have been relieved of duty with pay for months while under investigation by an FBI and city police corruption task force, records show.

Sgt. Michael Florenco and detectives Matthew Mocerri and Geoffrey Shaffer will all face felony charges related to the arrest of a Fort Lauderdale man about 1:30 a.m. Nov. 22, 2009, according to the sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Kenneth Post, 49, was arrested after a police chase that began at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina hotel on Southeast 17th Street and ended with a crash in a nearby neighborhood, records show.

Hotel security officers said they saw Post break into the bar and steal several bottles of booze, valued at more than \$300. The officers filed reports and gave sworn statements that Post tried to run down Mocerri and Shaffer with his mother's white Cadillac and rammed Florenco's vehicle.

Prosecutors filed eleven felony charges against Post, but on Wednesday they went to court and dropped the five charges related to the high-speed chase, assaulting two officers, violently resisting an officer and battery on an officer.

Post, who has convictions for burglary, grand theft and drug charges, is locked up pending trial for the bar burglary, grand theft, and allegedly trying to run down a security guard.

Assistant Public Defender Kelly Murdock, Post's new attorney, said the officers "beat Kenneth and then lied to cover up their unlawful behavior."

SWEETWATER

Face-eating case puts focus on bath salts

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Sweetwater Mayor Manny Maroño hopes to ban bath salts in the city in reaction to the infamous face-eating incident near the MacArthur Causeway in Miami. The possible ban differs from a current statewide bath salts ban because it would block the sale of products based on their size, rather than their chemical makeup.

Maroño hopes to ban salts that are packaged in gram containers, which he said is a tip-off for illegal substances. "No legitimate bath salts will be sold in that way," he said.

Some have speculated that Rudy Eugene was under the influence of the psychotic-like drugs when he attacked another man and gnawed off his face Saturday. The drugs, which are not made up of the same material as the crystals that foam up bath tubs, are labeled as "not for human consumption" in order to avoid being classified as illegal.