

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM/PHONE: Tom Willi, Town Administrator 797-1035
SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Townwide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A FOURTH STATE APPROVED TRAUMA CENTER IN WESTERN BROWARD COUNTY.

REPORT IN BRIEF: Florida law calls for four State Approved Trauma Centers in Broward County but only three exist and all three centers are close to or east of I-95 while 55.7% of the County's residents live west of the Turnpike. Also, 86% of air transports in the year 2000 came from west of the Turnpike. Since helicopter transport is vulnerable to weather, logistics and scheduling troubles, air transit can be severely hampered.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: not applicable

CONCURRENCES: not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution and background information

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A FOURTH STATE APPROVED TRAUMA CENTER IN WESTERN BROWARD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health's rules call for four State approved Trauma Centers (SATC) in Broward County, however, only three currently exist east of the Florida Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, all three existing SATC's are close to or east of I-95, while 55.7% of Broward County's residents live west of the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Broward County's population lives more than 20 minutes driving time away from a SATC, requiring frequent helicopter transport provided by the Broward Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, 86% of air transports in 2000 came from areas west of the Turnpike, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie's Emergency Medical Service spends considerable time and resources transporting trauma victims to eastern located SATCs; and

WHEREAS, a western location makes it strategically positioned to serve west and central Broward County's trauma needs; and

WHEREAS, residents of west and central Broward County need equal access to trauma services that are centrally located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council strongly supports the need for a trauma care facility in western Broward County.

SECTION 2. The Town Council urges the State of Florida Department of Health and Governor Jeb Bush to support such facilities in west and central Broward County.

SECTION 4. The Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Bush and the Broward County Commission.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

More than half of Broward's population live west of the Turnpike...

You shouldn't have to travel across town to get to a Trauma Center just because you live in West Broward.

Unfortunately, all three of Broward's current State Approved Trauma Centers are near I-95, which means long delays or helicopter transport when you or a loved one need help the most.

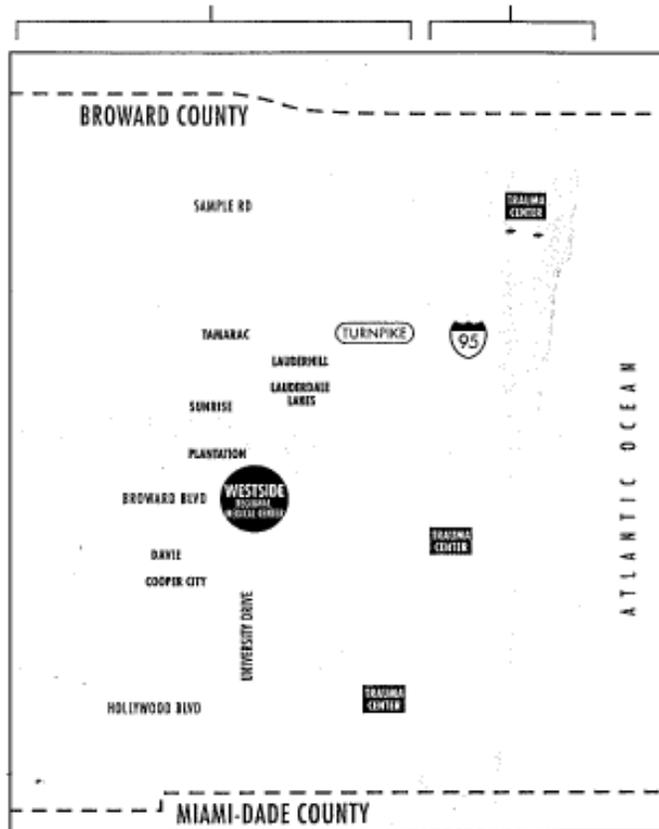
That's why Westside Regional Medical Center has applied to the Florida Department of Health to become a State Approved Trauma Center.

Florida law calls for 4 State Approved Trauma Centers in Broward. By signing the attached petition you can tell Governor Bush how important this issue is to you.

...but all 3 Trauma Centers are on the east side of Broward.

55.7%

44.3%



<p>Dear Governor Bush:</p> <p>West Broward needs better access to trauma care.</p> <p>Please allow the Department of Health to approve a fourth trauma center in Broward County, as permitted by Florida law.</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>
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Jeb Bush
Governor

John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A.
Acting Secretary

Certified Mail # Z 362 115 584
Return Receipt Requested
September 28, 2001

George Danz, Director
Broward County Trauma Agency
5301 Southwest 31st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Dear Mr. Danz:

It has recently come to my attention that the trauma services systems plan approved by the Bureau for the Broward County Trauma Agency conflicts with the provisions of *Fla. Admin. Code R. 64E-2.022(3)*. The plan recommends three state approved trauma centers or pediatric trauma referral centers for trauma service area 18 while the Administrative Code Rule provides for four.

The Legislature has assigned responsibility for determining the number of trauma centers allocated to each trauma service area to the Department of Health. See § 395.402(3)(b), *Fla. Stat. (2000)*. The Department has allocated, by rule, four centers for your area therefore, the trauma services systems plan for Broward County Trauma Agency is amended in accordance with the law to provide for four centers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Bement", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Charles Bement
Bureau Chief

Jeb Bush
Governor



John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A.
Acting Secretary

September 28, 2001

SUBJECT: LETTER OF INTENT FOR STATE APPROVED TRAUMA CENTERS
TO: HOSPITAL ADMINSTATOR

Attached is a copy of a notice of amendment to the Broward County Trauma Agency Plan. Please note the amendment provides for four state approved trauma centers or state approved pediatric trauma referral centers for Broward County, as outlined in *Florida Administrative Code Rule 64E-2.022(3)*.

As you may know, § 395.4025(2), *Florida Statutes*, provides that in order to be considered for approval as a trauma center an applicant must certify that its operation would be consistent with the trauma agency plan. Prior to this amendment, no acute care general hospital in Broward County could make that certification as the trauma agency plan only provided for three centers and Broward currently has three centers. The above-referenced notice has addressed that situation.

Please keep in mind that letters of intent must be **postmarked** no later than midnight October 1, 2001. The Bureau will accept letters of intent sent by facsimile. The FAX number is (850) 488-2512.

If you have questions or need further information please contact me at (850) 245-4440:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Susan McDevitt".

M. Susan McDevitt, R.N.
Executive Community Health
Nursing Director

West Broward Trauma Center

Key Facts

- Florida law calls for 4 State Approved Trauma Centers (SATC) in Broward, but only 3 currently exist (North Broward Medical Center, Broward General Medical Center, and Memorial Regional Hospital).
- All three existing Trauma Centers are close to or east of I-95, while 55.7% of Broward's residents live west of the Turnpike.
- A majority of Broward's population lives more than 20 minutes driving time away from a Trauma Center.
- The Uniform Broward County Transport Protocol specifies that helicopter transport be used if any of the following criteria are met:
 - a) Ground transport is further away than 20 minutes;
 - b) Ground transport is not available;
 - c) The helicopter is needed to gain access to or transport the patient; or
 - d) Extrication time takes more than 20 minutes.
- Even with helicopter availability, a significant percentage of trauma patients do not receive care at a SATC.
- 86% of air transports in 2000 came from west of the Turnpike, 54% from the immediate vicinity of Westside Regional Medical Center.
- Since helicopter transport is vulnerable to weather, logistics and scheduling troubles, air transit can be severely hampered.