

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2006-004

*Authorizing the Establishment of the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center
Scholarship/Advisory Committee*

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WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes that the physical and mental well being of the corporate and residential citizenry can be improved through worksite and community health promotion in areas such as preventive medicine, exercise, diet, stress management, smoking cessation, drug and alcohol avoidance, and accident prevention.

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that good health can result in higher quality work, improved morale and productivity, reduced absenteeism, lower health care and workers' compensation costs and that an employer can help their work force sustain greater success by participating in efforts that promote good health, including access to regular medical care.

WHEREAS, the goal of the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Scholarship/Advisory Committee is to develop strategies to support a comprehensive wellness program at the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center for the City's corporate and residential citizenry.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and the Committee will work with organizations and agencies such as the American Red Cross, Department of Health and Environmental Control, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Palmetto Health, Columbia Housing Authority, Department of Juvenile Justice and others in the community to outline programs and services to motivate individuals and families to adopt better health habits.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 15th day of February, 2006, as follows:

1. The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Scholarship/Advisory Committee shall be structured so that the general function of the Committee shall be to review scholarship applications and make recommendations for awards, assist with fundraising efforts, plan and implement annual scholarship gala, advise on programs and special projects, and serve as health promotion volunteers. The primary objective shall be to benefit the community and the public at large as measured by coordinating events and activities that focus on four main components: (1) the individual employee (2) the physical workplace, (3) the organization, and the community while seeking and determining sponsorships for health and well-being initiatives.

2. The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Scholarship/Advisory Committee shall be

structured so that its membership shall be selected as follows:

Eight (8) members shall be appointed; three (3) members by the Mayor, and one (1) each by other members of City Council;

Eight (8) appointments shall be representative of the following organizations: American Red Cross, Department of Health and Environmental Control, University of South Carolina, Palmetto Health, Social Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Columbia Housing Authority, and the Parks and Recreation Foundation.

The Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Manager shall serve as an Ex-officio member of the Scholarship/Advisory Committee.


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Requested by:




Mayor

Approved by:



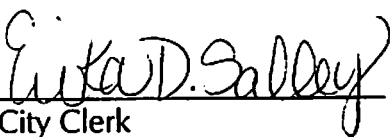
City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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