



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Keith D. Bostick (Deputy Director)

**Department:** Human Services

**Division:** Community Partnerships

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

A. MOTION TO APPROVE Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Health and Broward County in the amount of \$1,827,864, effective retroactively from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, to provide public health services to Broward County residents; and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement.

***ACTION: (T-10:32 AM) Approved.***

***VOTE: 9-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically.***

B. MOTION TO APPROVE waiver of conflict under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, for the following Broward County advisory board members holding an employment or contractual relationship with the entity receiving funds for the performance of services under this agenda item.

1. Joshua Rodriguez
2. Paula M. Thaqi

***ACTION: (T-10:32 AM) Approved.***

***VOTE: 9-0. Commissioner Rich voted in the affirmative telephonically.***

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

A. Chapter 154, Florida Statutes, encourages counties to enter into a contractual arrangement with the State of Florida Department of Health ("DOH") to meet the public health needs of the state through a system of coordinated county health department services; and Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") approval is required for agreements with external agencies.

B. A waiver of a conflict arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, requires two-thirds approval by the Commission.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

A. Approval allows Broward County to provide annual funding to the County Health Department ("CHD") Trust Fund and locally promote, protect, maintain, and improve the health and safety of Broward County residents.

B. Approval waives the existence of any conflict arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, as authorized under applicable law.

**Is this Action Goal Related**

Yes

**Previous Action Taken**

None.

**Summary Explanation/Background**

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

These actions support the Commission's value of "approaching human services collaboratively and compassionately, with special emphasis on the most vulnerable," and the goal to "effectively advocate for and acquire municipal, state, and federal financial support to equitably address health and human services needs to the entire community, through a truly coordinated system of care." The Agreement enhances public health services, controls and eradicates preventable diseases, and provides primary care services in Broward County.

The Agreement fulfills Broward County's statutory obligation to meet the public health needs of Broward County by funding the CHD Trust Fund. This funding enables DOH to promote and improve the health and safety of Broward County residents by providing environmental health, communicable disease control, and primary care services. In addition to Broward County's financial contribution in the amount of \$1,827,864, the County provides DOH use of seven facilities.

The Agreement was reviewed for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney and is in the State's format; thus, DOH will sign last.

Approval of this item would give rise to certain employment conflicts under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, which provides that "no public officer ... shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity ... which ... is ... doing business with an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee." In accordance with 112.313(12), Florida Statutes, Commission approval is required to waive any conflict of interest arising under Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes. An effective waiver requires two-thirds vote of the Commission after disclosure of the conflicting relationship (Motion B) in accordance with Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes. Forms 4A, Disclosure of Business Transaction, Relationship, or Interest, are attached to this report as Exhibit 3 and constitute full disclosure of any existing conflicts.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

Funds in the amount of \$1,827,864 are allocated in the Human Services Department, Community Partnerships Division Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget.