



# 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:** Administration

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Affiliation Agreement between Broward County and the University of Miami Nursing, Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, and/or Health Science programs to participate in Broward County Human Services Department's University Student Practicum Program effective upon execution; authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the Agreement.

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

Agreements with external agencies require approval by Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission").

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Provides for implementation of a practicum program with the University of Miami ("UM") Nursing, Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, and/or Health Science programs within the Human Services Department.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

Yes

#### **Previous Action Taken**

None

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND EQUITY AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT SECTION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE ACTION.

The action supports the Commission's value of "approaching human services collaboratively and compassionately, with special emphasis on the most vulnerable," and the goal to "deliver evidence-based services to the public, and connect customers and their family members, to sustainable support, with special emphasis on financial supports."

Master and Bachelor level students are provided an opportunity to work in a professional setting to develop and demonstrate skills in the Human Services field, integrate the theories and practices learned in and out of the classroom, develop a commitment to the profession, as well as understand the diversity of the Broward community and its role in the delivery of human services. Undergraduate and graduate students will be placed within the Human Services Department's University Student

Practicum Program ("USPP") to receive experience through providing direct services under the supervision of Human Services Department staff.

Entering into this Agreement with UM provides a mutually beneficial relationship to both the County and USPP participants. The USPP participants will enhance services capacity within the Human Services Department; in return, the USPP participants will receive both supervised and self-directed real-world learning opportunities. The Human Services Department is committed to helping position Broward County as an employer of choice within the human services professions. A primary goal of the USPP is to identify qualified USPP participants for opportunities to compete for employment with the Human Services Department after graduation.

This Agreement has been approved as to form by the Office of the County Attorney. The Risk Management Division has reviewed and approved the insurance requirements. A copy of the Agreement has been attached as Exhibit 1.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

There is no fiscal impact to the County as students will participate solely on a volunteer basis for educational benefits, without compensation.