SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT First Option of Renewal

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement), entered into on the date written below, by and between PINELLAS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the "COUNTY," and SUNCOAST CENTERS, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, whose address is 4024 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33711, hereinafter called the "AGENCY."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 39.303 provides for the development of district Child Protection Teams to provide specialized diagnostic assessments of allegedly abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, the **AGENCY** is the designated Pinellas County multi-disciplinary Child Protection Team; and

WHEREAS, subsection 39.304(5), Florida Statutes, provides, in pertinent part, that the County in which the child is a resident shall bear the initial costs of the examination of the allegedly abused, abandoned, or neglected child; however, the parents, legal guardians, or legal custodian of the child shall be required to reimburse the County for the costs of such examination, other than an initial forensic physical examination as provided in section 960.28; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** has established that it is the payor of last resort, and all other available funding options are to be pursued and exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** has determined a reasonable reimbursement rate based on previous performance and evaluated exam rates; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.303 and subsection 39.202(6), Florida Statutes, provide, in pertinent part, that all records and reports of the child protection team are confidential and exempt

from other statutory disclosure requirements except, upon request, to the State Attorney, law enforcement, Department of Health and necessary professionals in furtherance of the treatment and additional evaluation needs of the child, by order of the court, or to health plan payers, limited to that information used for insurance reimbursement purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. This Agreement is hereby renewed pursuant to Section 2 thereof, effective October 1, 2018, and continuing for a period of twelve months from that date unless terminated or cancelled as provided therein.
- 2. Except as herein provided, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed on the day and year written below.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, by and through its County Administrator

By:

Mark Woodard

Date: <u>June 29</u>, 2018

SUNCOAST CENTERS, INC.

By:

Barbara Daire, Chief Executive Officer

Date: <u>Qune 19</u>, 2018

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:

Office of the County Attorney
Assistant County Attorney