

HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING AGREEMENT  
FIRST AMENDMENT  
Legistar #24-0194D

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT, effective upon the date executed below, by and between **PINELLAS COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the "**COUNTY**," and Sara Mollo, Public Defender for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, an independent constitutional officer for Pinellas County (hereinafter called "**PUBLIC DEFENDER**").

The Parties hereby amend and restate the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) between the **COUNTY** and **PUBLIC DEFENDER**"). dated October 25, 2022, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** recognizes that the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** is providing an essential service within the community; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** desires to utilize a portion of the funds available out of Pinellas General Fund to assist the justice system within Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of the **COUNTY** and the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** are served by making efficient use of existing expertise and resources; and

WHEREAS, both the **COUNTY** and the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** have the authority to enter into an **Agreement** pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.

WHEREAS, both the **COUNTY** and the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** want to ensure the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** employees receive updated training, continuing education, and certification for employees to comply with standards; and

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

1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated into and are made a part of this Agreement.
2. Section 2. **Scope of Services** is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

- a. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will operate the Mitigation, Advocacy, and Treatment Team (MATT) Department. This Department of the Public Defender's Office is comprised of a team of Attorneys, Mitigation Specialists, Disposition Specialists, and other individuals dedicated to the advocacy of behavioral health needs for Public Defender clients.
  - i. Personnel: Funding will support three (3) full-time Mitigation Specialists/Mental Health Professionals and three (3) full-time Disposition Specialists/Case Managers to staff MATT. MATT employees will serve eligible **PUBLIC DEFENDER** clients in need of specific services to support diversion and incompetent to proceed initiatives due to barriers including, but not limited to mental illness, intellectual disabilities and autism, substance use disorder, chronic inebriation, and homelessness. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will determine the physical office location of these positions.
  - ii. Services: The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will provide MATT clients with services, including but not limited to, counseling, housing, transportation, court compliance, medical, psychiatric, and dental care, documentation support, vocational, social, and basic needs support. These services are intended to reduce recidivism, homelessness, and the need for emergency care in Pinellas County.
- b. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will provide support for children in foster care children with criminal justice engagement, commonly referred to Crossover Youth. Funding will support approximately two (2) full-time juvenile case managers and one (1) master's level therapist to assist with foster children currently involved in and/or aging out of the

system in Pinellas County. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will determine the physical office location of these positions.

- c. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** may utilize funding, as appropriate, to provide MATT and Crossover Youth employees with the necessary training, continuing education, and certifications required for employees to comply with standards and meet the needs of their clients.
  - d. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will provide a state employee to perform necessary information technology services including on-site installation and support services for computer equipment and peripherals purchased by the **COUNTY**. Funding will support one (1) full-time employee position.
  - e. The **PUBLIC DEFENDER** will provide support for clients through the Mental Health Court Pilot Program. Funding will provide the **PUBLIC DEFENDER** clients engaged in the Mental Health Court Pilot Program with services, including but not limited to, counseling, housing, transportation, court compliance, medical, psychiatric, and dental care, documentation support, vocational, social, and basic needs support.
3. 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 Director of Administrative  
Services

By: Joe Lauro

Joe Lauro

Date: 3/21, 2024

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

By: Sara B. Mollo

Sara Mollo

Public Defender

Date: March 18, 2024