



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida, Agency for Healthcare Administration, for BayCare Health System, Inc.

Recommended Action:

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the State of Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA), BayCare Health System, Inc. (BayCare), and the County, for the Low Income Pool (LIP) program

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

These LOA with BayCare hospitals (Morton Plant and St. Anthony's) detail the arrangements for the County to provide the intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to AHCA to increase the provision of health services for charity care to BayCare through the LIP program. As a result of the County's participation and support of an amount not to exceed \$2.5M in IGT on BayCare's behalf, an estimated additional \$2.5M will be available to BayCare through LIP to aid in providing services within the community.

Background/Explanation:

Pinellas County continues to seek opportunities to assist local hospital and healthcare partners in maximizing revenues while serving our most needy citizens. LIP funding allows local governments to increase certain Medicaid hospital and other healthcare provider payments by providing the required State Medicaid Assistance Percentage (SMAP) through Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs). The source of SMAP must be locally generated tax dollars.

On September 26, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted a resolution delegating authority to the County Administrator to approve and execute necessary agreements with the state and local partners to initiate Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs) as appropriate for LIP.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$166,808.00 has been identified in the Human Services' General Fund appropriation for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 17) and \$2,333,192.00 has been identified in the Human Services' anticipated General Fund appropriation for FY18. This will result in estimated additional program funding of \$2.5M for BayCare.

Delegated Authority:

Authority for the County Administrator to sign these Agreements is granted pursuant to Resolution 17-70.

Staff Member Responsible:

Lourdes Benedict, Director, Human Services

Partners:

BayCare
AHCA

Attachments:

Morton Plant LOA
St. Anthony's LOA