



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Agreement with Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. to support expanded local services.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Agreement with Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. (CHC) to continue participation in the Pinellas Opioid Task Force, substance abuse prevention activities, expanded healthcare services in the Lealman community, and expanded dental services in Clearwater and south St. Petersburg.

### **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:**

This Agreement provides funding in the form of Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT) for participation in the state Low Income Pool (LIP) to continue to support CHC's expanded healthcare services as originally proposed in fiscal year 2018 (FY18). Activities continuing under this second year of funding include: active participation in the Pinellas County Opioid Task Force, distribution of naloxone kits, provision of annual substance abuse prevention training for providers, ongoing education related to opioid deaths and abuse prevention, utilization of CHC's Obstetrics Program to work with partners on assisting with Substance Exposed Newborns, provision of expanded health care services for residents of the Lealman community, and support of increased access to dental care for residents of Clearwater and south St. Petersburg.

### **Background/Explanation:**

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

CHC is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides affordable, high-quality primary health care services to the residents of Pinellas County.

From February 2018 through June 2018, CHC provided established 51 new Naloxone distribution points, obtained 150 Naloxone kits for use in the community, and provided over 1,000 dental encounters in south St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Additionally, from late March 2018 through June 2018, CHC provided over 1,200 medical encounters in their Lealman clinic.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$578,419.00 is included in the Human Services' Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) budget appropriation request. This amount is an increase of \$102,437.00 over the FY18 agreement amount due to changes in the LIP IGT and distribution model.

Parties agree payment of \$578,419.00 will be made to the State of Florida on behalf of CHC pursuant to the LIP Letters of Agreement or subsequently designated state low-income healthcare pool. This will result in enhanced program funding in the anticipated amount of \$651,705.00, for a total of \$1,230,124.00 to be utilized for expanded services.

**Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Agreement is granted pursuant to Resolution 17-70.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

Community Health Centers of Pinellas  
Pinellas Opioid Task Force

**Attachments:**

Funding Agreement  
Expansion of Health Services Summary  
CHC Funding Request Letter