



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Funding Agreement with BayCare Health System, Inc. for the Pinellas County Health Program.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the Funding Agreement with BayCare Health System, Inc. (BayCare) for hospital services for the Pinellas County Health Program (PCHP).

### **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

### **Summary:**

Funding in the amount of \$2,064,000.00 provides partial reimbursement for ambulatory and inpatient hospital care related services for authorized clients who are actively enrolled in the PCHP.

### **Background Information:**

The PCHP provides primary care, behavioral health and specialty care services, including hospital procedures, for uninsured adults ages 18-64 who are in need of healthcare, but meet certain income level criteria and cannot afford care on their own. The goal of the PCHP is to prevent, diagnose, and/or treat medical and behavioral health concerns before they become an urgent matter. Under this agreement, BayCare will coordinate with the PCHP to provide ambulatory surgical center outpatient procedures and services, inpatient procedures and services, and patient rehabilitative services.

The total funding available across hospital agreements is \$3,000,000.00. Based on reported service level data received, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 breakdown is as follows: BayCare receiving 68.8%, Bayfront receiving 26.7%, and Florida Hospital North Pinellas receiving 4.5% of the funding allocation.

Human Services (HS) continues to partner with participating hospitals to implement effective policies and procedures for clients. Quarterly hospital coordination meetings are held to identify gaps and needs, and to explore opportunities for additional cost savings and care coordination. From these meetings, partners have worked to enhance eligibility screening processes with the hospitals, improve discharge planning coordination with the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas (DOH), and identify high use emergency room clients to look for trends and treatment needs. HS will continue to facilitate quarterly meetings with our partners in FY2019 to further the progress on these

efforts.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding to support this contract in the amount of \$2,064,000.00 has been included in the FY19 Proposed Budget within the Human Services General Fund appropriation.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

BayCare Health System, Inc.  
DOH

**Attachments:**

Agreement