



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

First Option of Renewal Agreement with BayCare Home Care, Inc. for home healthcare for clients of the Pinellas County Health Program and Health Care for the Homeless program.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the First Option of Renewal with BayCare Home Care, Inc. (BCHC) for home healthcare for clients of the Pinellas County Health Program (PCHP) and Health Care for the Homeless program (HCH).

- This Renewal provides home health services for authorized PCHP/HCH clients to aid in stabilizing health and recovery.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 has been included in the Human Services' proposed General Fund appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020.
- On September 13, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved the original agreement with BayCare Home Care to provide home health services which include durable medical equipment, home health services, oxygen, outpatient rehabilitation services, wound care, infusion therapy, and orthotics and prosthetics at agreed upon discounted rates.

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

2.4 Support programs that seek to prevent and remedy the causes of homelessness and move individuals and families from homelessness to permanent housing

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This renewal provides home health services for authorized PCHP/HCH clients to aid in stabilizing health and recovery. Services include durable medical equipment, home health services, oxygen, outpatient rehabilitation services, wound care, infusion therapy, and orthotics and prosthetics at agreed upon discounted rates.

Background Information:

BCHC provides home health services for residents enrolled in PCHP/HCH in cooperation with partnering hospitals and providers. PCHP/HCH clients consist of uninsured adults between the 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/HCH program is to provide primary medical care services through a patient-centered medical home and to divert emergency room visits. BCHC provides broad geographical coverage throughout the county.

To ensure service needs are met within the allocated budget, BCHC, The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH) and Human Services have established a service review group which meets bimonthly. Additionally, DOH performs a weekly review of enrolled clients to manage service levels in accordance with program policies. DOH is also required to validate referrals that are over the specified dollar amount.

From October 2018 through March 2019, BCHC provided services and supplies for 240 unique clients of PCHP/HCH. These services included 582 skilled nursing visits, 428 requests for durable medical equipment or medical supplies, and 476 other services ranging from therapy to intravenous (IV) support.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 has been included in the FY20 Proposed Budget for this purpose.

Staff Member Responsible:

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
BayCare Home Health Care
BayCare Health System
AdventHealth North Pinellas
Bayfront Health
Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board

Attachments:

First Option of Renewal