



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Contract with the State of Florida Department of Health for operation of the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the contract with the State of Florida Department of Health for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 operation of the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas (DOH Pinellas).

- This Contract provides the direct ad valorem support to the State of Florida Department of Health pursuant to Chapter 154 Florida Statutes for the operation of DOH Pinellas to promote, protect, maintain and improve the health and safety of all citizens and visitors through a system of coordinated county health departments.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$7,111,320.00 has been included in the Adopted FY21 DOH Pinellas budget. These funds are generated by a dedicated millage rate of 0.0835 mills levied countywide.
- The County's share includes \$5,543,470.00 for core services and \$1,567,850.00 for the School Nurse Program (SNP). Beginning in FY18, the Board of County Commissioners approved an increase of 0.0213 mills raising the tax rate to 0.0835 mills to support the SNP.
- Services maintained by the Department of Health include environmental health services, communicable disease control, prevention services, primary care services and school nurse program. During the first three quarters of FY20 (Oct.-Jun.), DOH Pinellas provided services to 76,385 clients.
- This does not include the Pinellas County Health Program which is under a separate contract.

### **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 Contract provides the direct ad valorem support to the State of Florida Department of Health for the operation of DOH Pinellas locally, pursuant to Chapter 154 Florida Statutes, which states that the intent of the Legislature is to "promote, protect, maintain and improve the health and safety of all citizens and visitors of the State through a system of coordinated county health departments." County

health departments satisfy legislative intent through promotion of the public's health, as well as the control and eradication of preventable diseases and the provision of primary health care for special populations. Services maintained by DOH Pinellas include environmental health services, communicable disease control services and primary care services.

**Background Information:**

This is an annual contract to support DOH Pinellas with funds generated by a dedicated millage rate levied countywide. The State periodically requests amendments to the contract based on state and federal funding adjustments. The County's share includes \$5,543,470.00 for core services and \$1,567,850.00 for the School Nurse Program. Beginning in FY18, the Board of County Commissioners approved an increase of 0.0213 mills raising the tax rate to 0.0835 mills to support the School Nurse Program.

During the first three quarters of FY20 (Oct.-Jun.), DOH Pinellas provided services to 76,385 clients. Communicable disease services were provided to 34,898 clients; environmental health services were provided to 7,879 clients; and primary care services, including disease prevention, tobacco intervention, Healthy Start, School Health and other programs, were provided to 33,608 clients. This does not include Pinellas County Health Program clients.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Appropriation in the amount of \$7,111,320.00 is consistent with the development of the FY21 Adopted Budget. These funds are generated by a dedicated millage rate of 0.0835 mills levied countywide.

The State's appropriated responsibility is an amount not to exceed \$24,959,539.00.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Daisy Rodriguez, Director, Human Services

**Partners:**

DOH Pinellas

**Attachments:**

FY21 Contract