

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

DATE: August 31st, 2022

FACILITY: North Broward Hospital District (All Regions)

PROGRAM/PRODUCT LINE: Locum Tenens coverage for Hospital Call, Trauma, and Physician Services.

REQUEST: Approval of funding for Locum Tenens coverage for the North Broward Hospital District in the amount of \$2,000,000.

PURPOSE: To provide North Broward Hospital District temporary recruiting and placement services for the purpose of referring qualified medical professionals and physicians to the hospital, physician groups, and practice management organizations on a contractual basis.

CAPITAL REQUIRED: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023.

BUDGET STATUS: Budgeted.

LEGAL REVIEW: The contracts is subject to General Counsel's review and approval as to legal form and conditioned on no material changes in the approved business terms.

**APPROVED:**

Shane Strum 08/11/2022 06:50 EDT

Shane Strum, President /CEO BH

DATE: _____

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Shane Strum, President/CEO BH

DATE: August 31st, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of funding for Locum Tenens coverage for the North Broward Hospital District in the amount of \$2,000,000

BACKGROUND

The North Broward Hospital District has two Trauma Centers that require physician coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. There are several surgical and medical specialties that are required for the trauma service yet are scarce resources in Broward County. Some of the specialties that do not have depth include orthopedic trauma surgery, ENT, and ophthalmology. Continuous service delivery is required for trauma programs to ensure adherence to standards, which necessitates contractual agreements to be able to provide continuous services through Locum Tenens coverage.

ACTION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Broward Health is requesting that the Board of Commissioners authorize the approval of up to \$2,000,000 for the use of Locum Tenens services, as needed, to support the Trauma Services at Broward Health Medical Center (BHMC), Broward Health North (BHN), and any other physician related coverage that may be needed for continuity of care at BHIP, BHCS, and BHPG.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT

Budgeted. Up to \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023 is being requested to assure Trauma Services are covered by qualified physicians to meet the Level I and Level II Trauma requirements.

JUSTIFICATION

The use of Locum Tenens coverage has a cost that is approximately three times the fair market value rates. Coverage is required to meet the state requirements of the Level I and Level II Trauma Services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District authorize the District to enter into contracts for an aggregate total spend of up to two million dollars to pay for the Locums Tenens services to support the on-call requirements of the Level I and Level II Trauma Services.