

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

**DATE:** June 28, 2023

**FACILITY:** Broward Health North

**PROGRAM/PRODUCT LINE:** Affiliation with Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

**REQUEST:** Approval of Master Affiliation and Interlocal Agreement with FAU

**PURPOSE:** To further enhance the quality, scope and delivery of healthcare services to the District's residents and Broward Health North's patients through cutting-edge clinical operations, research, and innovation with the goal of creating a high-performance academic medical center at Broward Health North.

**CAPITAL REQUIRED:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** FY23

**BUDGET STATUS:** Not budgeted. Funding up to \$15,000,000

**LEGAL REVIEW:** The contract was reviewed by the General Counsel's Office and worked on extensively between the Legal Departments at Broward Health and FAU.

**APPROVED:**Shane Strum  
06/27/2023 06:39 EDT

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Shane Strum, President/CEO

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Shane Strum, President/Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** June 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Master Affiliation and Interlocal Agreement with FAU

**BACKGROUND**

Broward Health and Florida Atlantic University (“FAU”), pursuant to Florida’s Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, section 163.01, Florida Statutes, wish to enter into a thirty (30) year Master Affiliation and Interlocal Agreement (the “Affiliation”) to strategically affiliate and further advance shared objectives. Under the Affiliation Broward Health North shall serve as a teaching hospital for FAU and FAU’s Schmidt College of Medicine (the “College”) shall serve as an academic medical institution for Broward Health North. The Affiliation will serve to enhance access and promote high-quality and cost-efficient medical care to the District’s patients. Further, the Affiliation will support the next generation of physicians and health care professionals through collaboration, access to clinical settings, and clinical research which will enhance the health and welfare of the District’s residents. Pursuant to the Affiliation, Broward Health North will be rebranded and shall be referred to as “Florida Atlantic University Hospital at Broward Health North.”

**ACTION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Approval of Master Affiliation and Interlocal Agreement with FAU.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT**

Funding up to \$15,000,000

**JUSTIFICATION**

Due to population growth and physician and health care provider shortages, there is a dire need for educating the next generation of health care professionals and for supporting advancement of health care in South Florida. The common interests, missions, and goals of FAU and Broward Health will be supported through this Affiliation. The Master Affiliation and Interlocal Agreement between Broward Health and FAU is attached to this Board Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3 of ch. 2006-347, Laws of Florida (the “District’s Charter”) is the enabling legislation for the North Broward Hospital District. Pursuant to Section 4 and Section 6 of the District’s Charter, the Board is responsible for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and terms and conditions of the District’s hospitals, and the Board has the power to establish, operate, and support subsidiary or affiliate organizations, as well as enter into joint ventures, to assist the Board in fulfilling the purposes of providing for the health care needs of the District’s residents. Board approval is required pursuant to the District’s Charter and Florida law because of the Affiliation’s budgetary impact, the renaming of Broward Health North to “Florida Atlantic University Hospital at Broward Health North,” because of the joint establishment of the affiliate organization to assist the Board in fulfilling the District’s purposes, and because District policy requires Board approval of any agreement with a term over five (5) years.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District authorize the District to enter into the thirty (30) year Master Affiliation and Interlocal Agreement with Florida Atlantic University, to establish a joint affiliate organization with Florida Atlantic University, to rebrand Broward Health North as “Florida Atlantic University Hospital at Broward Health North,” and to approve funding of up to \$15 million dollars to further the affiliation with Florida Atlantic University.**