

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

**DATE:** March 31, 2021

**FACILITY:** System Wide

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

**REQUEST:** Approval of additional funding for Locum Tenens coverage for the North Broward Hospital District in the amount of \$3,000,000.

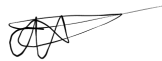
**PURPOSE:** To provide North Broward Hospital District temporary recruiting and placement services for the purpose of qualified medical professionals and physicians to the hospital, physician groups, and practice management organizations on a contractual basis.

**CAPITAL REQUIRED:** Not applicable

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2022.

**BUDGET STATUS:** Budgeted

**LEGAL REVIEW:** The contract 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:**

Alan Goldsmith, Executive Vice President/COO BH

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Alan Goldsmith, Executive Vice-president/COO BH

**DATE:** March 31, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Approval of additional funding for Locum Tenens coverage for the North Broward Hospital District in the amount of \$3,000,000

### **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 specialties that are required for the trauma service yet are scarce resources in Broward County. These specialties (ENT, Oncology and Ophthalmology) have practices that focus mainly on outpatient care and are not willing to take call at the hospitals. A fair market value rate was obtained however this rate did not meet their requirement for pay and was rejected. Specialties that are being used currently include: Oncology, Neurosurgery, and Ophthalmology as there are no community-based options currently available for them.

### **ACTION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Broward Health is requesting that the Board of Commissioners authorize the approval of up to \$3,000,000 for the use of Locum Tenens services, as needed, to support the Trauma Services at Broward Health Medical Center (BHMC) and Broward Health North (BHN).

### **FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT**

Budgeted. Up to \$1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 and \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 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 approve additional funding of up to three million dollars to pay for the Locums Tenens services to support the on-call requirements of the Level I and Level II Trauma Services.**