

October 27, 2021

Re: Obtaining approval to appoint William Green as Project Director for Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) grant

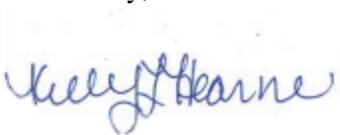
Please allow this memo to serve as justification for the need to walk-on the attached item requiring Board Approval. Broward Health's HCH program has been in existence since 1993 and has received HRSA Health Center funding for more than 20 years. The HCH program provides primary and urgent medical care, diagnostic exams/ screenings, behavioral health counseling, vision care, prophylaxis, and emergency oral health services. The HCH program is federally funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

As per 42 USC 254b: Health centers, Section (3) Requirements, Subsection (H)(ii), the center's governing board must "approve the selection of a director for the center who shall be directly employed by the center." The HCH program is requesting William Green be appointed to the Project Director role. Mr. Green has provided oversight to the HCH program since he commenced his position as Executive Director of Community Health Services in 2020. Mr. Green has extensive experience in federal grant management and oversight, which Broward Health believes is essential in ensuring the success of the Healthcare for the Homeless program going forward.

On August 27, 2021, Mr. Green and I spoke with Nena Yrlas, the HRSA Project Officer assigned to our grant, regarding the departure of Ms. Portia Anderson. Ms. Yrlas advised that we must submit a request for change in Project Director within 90 days of Ms. Anderson's departure. Mr. Green and I have been in communication regularly with Ms. Yrlas to ensure compliance with grant requirements. On September 17, 2021, Ms. Yrlas requested we submit the change request as soon as possible, as there is a transition happening in the Health Center Project Officer structure at HRSA, and she may no longer be assigned to our Health Center. To close out her portfolio, we must submit all in-process requests, as soon as possible. If we do not submit this request, we will not be in compliance with Health Center requirements and guidelines.

To maintain compliance with the Health Center manual and to address Ms. Yrlas's request, we kindly request this request be considered. We are happy to provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,



Kelly Hearne
Director, Grants Administration