

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: August 19, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☒

Public Hearing ☐

 **County Administrator's Signature:**

Subject:

Adoption of a Resolution Waiving the Purchasing Ordinance for a Specialty Care Service Network for Health and Community Services

Department:

Health and Community Services / Purchasing

Staff Member Responsible:

Lynda Leedy / Candy Mancuso

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF PINELLAS COUNTY PURCHASING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS.

Summary Explanation/Background:

Health and Community Services (HCS) has been and is currently working with the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County to continue the Pinellas County Health Program related to the Specialty Care Network. On October 12, 2010, the Board adopted Resolution 10-209 to the Purchasing Ordinance for the purpose of authorizing direct negotiations with specialty care providers to establish a Specialty Care Network. Earlier in 2010, Purchasing, working in conjunction with HCS, released Invitations to Negotiate (ITN) in order to solicit interest for medical services providers representing a variety of specialties. Not all specialties responded to the ITN, and it became necessary for HCS to negotiate with specialists both on and off the original ITN in order to secure the full range of specialty areas as well as to achieve service for the broadest range of geographical locations.

Subsequently, on July 26, 2011, the Board continued the waiver through Resolution 11-61 with the provision the waiver would be accessed in October 2014. In anticipation of possible new strategies and transition time to implement the new strategies HCS is requesting the continuance of the waiver to the Purchasing Ordinance through September 30, 2015.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

The total amount for Pinellas County Health Program (PCHP) health care services related to this waiver is approximately \$5,050,000.00. This includes medical specialists, as well as ancillary and home health care providers. Funding for these services will be provided by a combination of funding streams including the Department of Health and Community Services anticipated Fiscal Year 2014-2015 appropriations.

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 14 -__

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY PURCHASING CODE TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE TERMS FOR CONTRACTS TO BUILD A SPECIALTY CARE NETWORK FOR PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.04(e) of the Pinellas County Charter, and in order to advance the public safety, health and welfare of citizens of Pinellas County, the County provides public health care services to eligible Pinellas County residents through its Department of Health & Community Services; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide necessary services to its target population, the County must contract with local Hospitals and other medical providers for provision of health care services; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously initiated bid processes in order to obtain the most cost-effective provision of health care services for participants in the County health care services plan but the County received limited responses; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Board of County Commissioners, in Resolution No. 11-61, waived the requirements of the Purchasing code, providing that the continuing need for the waiver would be reviewed in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that a continuing need exists and the waiver should be extended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this waiver, the Department of Health & Community Services will negotiate Agreements for provision of health care services in a manner that will achieve the goals of the Board of County Commissioners in a cost-efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION, DULY ASSEMBLED, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2014, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-160, Pinellas County Code, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, hereby waives the requirements of the Pinellas County Purchasing Code, Sections 1-156 et. seq., Pinellas County Code, to authorize the negotiation of agreements for the provision of health care services from medical providers, such as specialty care physicians, for County programs benefitting the uninsured or underinsured. The continuing need for this waiver will be reviewed by October 1, 2015, and will expire on that date unless continued by a subsequent resolution.

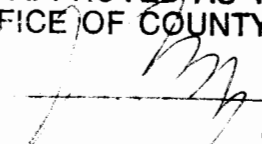
Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY
BY  _____
Attorney