

**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
FOR OPERATION OF THE  
HERNANDO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
CONTRACT YEAR 2023-2024**

This contract is made and entered into between the State of Florida, Department of Health ("State"), and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners ("County"), through their undersigned authorities, effective October 1, 2023. State and County are jointly referred to as the "parties".

**RECITALS**

A. Pursuant to Chapter 154, Florida Statutes, the intent of the legislature is to "promote, protect, maintain, and improve the health and safety of all citizens and visitors of this state through a system of coordinated county health department services."

B. County Health Departments were created throughout Florida to satisfy this legislative intent through the "promotion of the public's health, the control and eradication of preventable diseases, and the provision of primary health care for special populations."

C. Hernando County Health Department ("CHD") is one of the created County Health Departments.

D. It is necessary for the parties hereto to enter into this contract to ensure coordination between the State and the County in the operation of the CHD.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. RECITALS. The parties mutually agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2. TERM. The parties mutually agree that this contract shall be effective from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, or until a written contract replacing this contract is entered into between the parties, whichever is later, unless this contract is otherwise terminated according to the termination provisions outlined in paragraph 8. below.

3. SERVICES MAINTAINED BY THE CHD. The parties mutually agree that the CHD shall provide those services as outlined in Part III of Attachment II hereof, to maintain the following three levels of service pursuant to section 154.01(2), Florida Statutes, as defined below:

a. "Environmental health services" are those services that are organized and operated to protect the health of the general public by monitoring and regulating activities in the environment that may contribute to the occurrence or transmission of disease. Environmental health services shall be supported by available federal, state, and local funds and shall include

those services mandated on a state or federal level. Examples of environmental health services include but are not limited to, food hygiene, safe drinking water supply, sewage, and solid waste disposal, swimming pools, group care facilities, migrant labor camps, toxic material control, radiological health, and occupational health.

b. "Communicable disease control services" are those services that protect the health of the general public through the detection, control, and eradication of diseases that are transmitted primarily by human beings. Communicable disease services shall be supported by available federal, state, and local funds and shall include those services mandated on a state or federal level. Such services include, but are not limited to, epidemiology, sexually transmissible disease detection and control, HIV/AIDS, immunization, tuberculosis control, and maintenance of vital statistics.

c. "Primary care services" are acute care and preventive services that are made available to well and sick persons who are unable to obtain such services due to lack of income or other barriers beyond their control. These services are provided to benefit individuals, improve the collective health of the public, and prevent and control the spread of disease. Primary health care services are provided at home, in group settings, or in clinics. These services shall be supported by available federal, state, and local funds and shall include services mandated on a state or federal level. Examples of primary health care services include but are not limited to first contact acute care services; chronic disease detection and treatment; maternal and child health services; family planning; nutrition; school health; supplemental food assistance for women, infants, and children; home health; and dental services.

4. FUNDING. The parties further agree that funding for the CHD will be handled as follows:

a. The funding to be provided by the parties and any other sources is outlined in Part II of Attachment II hereof. This funding will be used as shown in Part I of Attachment II.

i. The State's appropriated responsibility (*direct contribution excluding any state fees, Medicaid contributions, or any other funds not listed on the Schedule C*) as provided in Attachment II, Part II is an amount not to exceed \$ 3,948,327.00 (*State General Revenue, State Funds, Other State Funds and Federal Funds listed on the Schedule C*). The State's obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

ii. The County's appropriated responsibility (*direct contribution excluding any fees, other cash, or local contributions*) as provided in Attachment II, Part II is an amount not to exceed \$823,000.00 (*amount listed under the "Board of County Commissioners Annual Appropriations section of the revenue attachment*).

b. Overall expenditures will not exceed available funding or budget authority, whichever is less, (either the current year or from surplus trust funds) in any service category. Unless requested otherwise, any surplus at the end of the term of this contract in the County Health Department Trust Fund that is attributed to the CHD shall be carried forward to the next contract period.

c. Either party may establish service fees as allowed by law to fund activities of the CHD. Where applicable, such fees shall be automatically adjusted to at least the Medicaid fee schedule.

d. Either party may increase or decrease funding of this contract during the term hereof by notifying the other party in writing of the amount and purpose for the change in funding. If the State initiates the increase or decrease, the CHD will revise Attachment II and send a copy of the revised pages to the County and the State's Office of Budget and Revenue Management. If the County initiates the increase or decrease, the County shall notify the CHD in writing. The CHD will then revise Attachment II and send a copy of the revised pages to the State's Office of Budget and Revenue Management.

e. The name and address of the official payee to whom payments shall be made is:

County Health Department Trust Fund  
Hernando County Health Department  
7551 Forest Oaks Blvd.  
Spring Hill, FL 34606

5. CHD DIRECTOR or ADMINISTRATOR. Both parties agree the director or administrator of the CHD shall be a State employee or under contract with the State and will be under the day-to-day direction of the State's Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems. The director or administrator shall be selected by the State with the concurrence of the County. The director or administrator of the CHD shall ensure that non-categorical sources of funding are used to fulfill public health priorities in the community and the Long-Range Program Plan.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. The parties hereto agree that the following standards should apply in the operation of the CHD:

a. The CHD and its personnel shall follow all State policies and procedures, except to the extent permitted for the use of County purchasing procedures as outlined in subparagraph b., below. All CHD employees shall be State or State-contract personnel subject to State personnel laws, rules, and procedures. Employees will report time in the Health Management System compatible format by program component as specified by the State.

b. The CHD shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal and state laws and regulations relating to its operation with the exception that the use of County purchasing procedures shall be allowed when it will result in a better price or service and no statewide purchasing contract has been implemented for those goods or services. In such cases, the CHD director or administrator must sign a justification, therefore, and all County purchasing procedures must be followed in their entirety, and such compliance shall be documented. Such justification and compliance documentation shall be maintained by the CHD following the terms of this contract. State procedures must be followed for all leases on facilities not enumerated in Attachment IV.

c. The CHD shall maintain books, records, and documents following the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and the requirements of federal or state law. These records shall be maintained as

required by the State's Policies and Procedures for Records Management and shall be open for inspection at any time by the parties and the public, except for those records that are not otherwise subject to disclosure as provided by law which is subject to the confidentiality provisions of paragraphs 6.i. and 6.k., below. Books, records, and documents must be adequate to allow the CHD to comply with the following reporting requirements:

- i.* The revenue and expenditure requirements in the Florida Accounting Information Resource System; and
- ii.* The client registration and services reporting requirements of the minimum data set as specified in the most current version of the Client Information System/Health Management Component Pamphlet; and
- iii.* Financial procedures specified in the State's Accounting Procedures Manuals, Accounting memoranda, and Comptroller's memoranda; and
- iv.* The CHD is responsible for assuring that all contracts with service providers include provisions that all subcontracted services be reported to the CHD in a manner consistent with the client registration and service reporting requirements of the minimum data set as specified in the Client Information System/Health Management Component Pamphlet.

d. All funds for the CHD shall be deposited in the County Health Department Trust Fund maintained by the state treasurer. These funds shall be accounted for separately from funds deposited for other CHDs and shall be used only for public health purposes in Hernando County.

e. That any surplus or deficit funds, including fees or accrued interest, remaining in the County Health Department Trust Fund account at the end of the contract year shall be credited or debited to the State or County, as appropriate, based on the funds contributed by each and the expenditures incurred by each. Expenditures will be charged to the program accounts by State and County based on the ratio of planned expenditures in this contract and funding from all sources is credited to the program accounts by State and County. The equity share of any surplus or deficit funds accruing to the State and County is determined each month and at the contract year-end. Surplus funds may be applied toward the funding requirements of each party in the following year. However, in each such case, all surplus funds, including fees and accrued interest, shall remain in the trust fund until accounted for in a manner that clearly illustrates the amount which has been credited to each party. The planned use of surplus funds shall be reflected in Attachment II, Part I of this contract, with special capital projects explained in Attachment V.

f. There shall be no transfer of funds between the three levels of services without a contract amendment unless the CHD director or administrator determines that an emergency exists wherein a time delay would endanger the public's health and the State's Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems have approved the transfer. The State's Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems shall forward written evidence of this approval to the CHD within 30 days after an emergency transfer.

g. The CHD may execute subcontracts for services necessary to enable the CHD to carry out the programs specified in this contract. Any such subcontract shall include all aforementioned audit and record-keeping requirements.

h. At the request of either party, an audit may be conducted by an independent certified public accountant on the financial records of the CHD, and the results made available to the parties within 180 days after the close of the CHD fiscal year. This audit will follow requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133, as revised, and may be in conjunction with audits performed by the County government. If audit exceptions are found, then the director or administrator of the CHD will prepare a corrective action plan and a copy of that plan and monthly status reports will be furnished to the contract managers for the parties.

i. The CHD shall not use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services except as allowed by federal or state law or policy.

j. The CHD shall retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this contract for five years after termination of this contract. If an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five years, the records shall be retained until the resolution of the audit findings.

k. The CHD shall maintain the confidentiality of all data, files, and records that are confidential under the law or are otherwise exempted from disclosure as a public record under Florida law. The CHD shall implement procedures to ensure the protection and confidentiality of all such records and shall comply with sections 384.29, 381.004, 392.65, and 456.057, Florida Statutes, and all other state and federal laws regarding confidentiality. All confidentiality procedures implemented by the CHD shall be consistent with the State's Information Security Policies, Protocols, and Procedures. The CHD shall further adhere to any amendments to the State's security requirements and shall comply with any applicable professional standards of practice concerning client confidentiality.

l. The CHD shall abide by all State policies and procedures, which by this reference are incorporated herein as standards to be followed by the CHD.

m. The CHD shall establish a system through which applicants for services and current clients may present grievances over denial, modification, or termination of services. The CHD will advise applicants of the right to appeal a denial or exclusion from services, of failure to take account of a client's choice of service, and right to a fair hearing to the final governing authority of the CHD. Specific references to existing laws, rules, or program manuals are included in Attachment I of this contract.

n. The CHD shall comply with the provisions contained in the Civil Rights Compliance and Non-Discrimination Certificate, hereby incorporated into this contract as Attachment III.

o. The CHD shall submit quarterly reports to the County that shall include at least the following:

- i.* The DE385L1 Contract Management Variance Report and the DE580L1 Analysis of Fund Equities Report; and
- ii.* A written explanation to the County of service variances reflected in the year-end DE385L1 report if the variance exceeds or falls below 25 percent of the planned expenditure amount for the contract year. However, if the amount of the service-specific variance between actual and planned expenditures does not exceed three percent of the total planned expenditures for the level of service in which the type of service is included, a variance explanation is not required. A copy of the written explanation shall be sent to the State's Office of Budget and Revenue Management.

p. The dates for the submission of quarterly reports to the County shall be as follows unless the generation and distribution of reports are delayed due to circumstances beyond the CHD's control:

- i.* March 1, 2024, for the reporting period of October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023; and
- ii.* June 1, 2024, for the reporting period of October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024; and
- iii.* September 1, 2024, for the reporting period of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and
- iv.* December 1, 2024, for the reporting period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

7. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. The parties mutually agree that:

a. CHD facilities shall be provided as specified in Attachment IV to this contract and the County shall own the facilities used by the CHD unless otherwise provided in Attachment IV.

b. The County shall ensure adequate fire and casualty insurance coverage for County-owned CHD offices and buildings and all furnishings and equipment in CHD offices through either a self-insurance program or insurance purchased by the County.

c. All vehicles will be transferred to the ownership of the County and registered as County vehicles. The County shall ensure insurance coverage for these vehicles is available through either a self-insurance program or insurance purchased by the County. All vehicles will be used solely for CHD operations. Vehicles purchased through the County Health Department Trust Fund shall be sold at fair market value when they are no longer needed by the CHD and the proceeds returned to the County Health Department Trust Fund.

8. TERMINATION.

a. Termination at Will. This contract may be terminated by either party without cause upon no less than 180 calendar days' notice in writing to the other party unless a lesser time is mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

b. Termination Because of Lack of Funds. In the event funds to finance this contract become unavailable, either party may terminate this contract upon no less than 24 hours' notice.

c. Termination for Breach. This contract may be terminated by either party for a material breach of an obligation hereunder, upon no less than 30 days' notice. Waiver of a breach of any provisions of this contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this contract.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. The parties further agree:

a. Availability of Funds. If this contract, any renewal hereof, or any term, performance, or payment hereunder, extends beyond the CHD fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, it is agreed that the performance and payment under this contract are contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature, under section 287.0582, Florida Statutes.

b. Contract Managers. The name and addresses of the contract managers for the parties under this contract are as follows:

For the State:

Danielle Taylor

Name

Health Officer

Title

7551 Forest Oaks Blvd.

Spring Hill, FL 34606

Address

Danielle.Taylor@flhealth.gov

Email Address

352-540-6800, ext. 82111

Telephone

For the County:

John Allocco

Name

Chairman

Title

15470 Flight Path Drive

Brooksville, FL 34604

Address

JAllocco@HernandoCounty.us

Email Address

352-754-4000

Telephone

If different contract managers are designated after the execution of this contract, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the new representative shall be furnished in writing to the other parties and attached to the originals of this contract.

c. Captions. The captions and headings contained in this contract are for the convenience of the parties only and do not in any way modify, amplify, or give additional notice of the provisions hereof.

d. Notices. Any notices provided under this contract must be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, in person with proof of delivery, or by email to the email address of the respective party identified in Section 9.b., above.

In WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this eight page contract, with its attachments as referenced, including Attachment I (two pages), Attachment II (six pages), Attachment III (one page), Attachment IV (two pages), and Attachment V (one page), to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized effective the 1st day of October 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR HERNANDO COUNTY**

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: John Allocco  
TITLE: Chairman  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., Ph.D.  
TITLE: State Surgeon General  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTESTED TO:**

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY: *Danielle Taylor*  
NAME: Danielle Taylor  
TITLE: CHD Director or Administrator  
DATE: 9/1/2023

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: *Melissa Tartaglia*  
County Attorney's Office