

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM, AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU), DATED JULY 26, 2016, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. (MBCEF); SAID AMENDMENT: (1) APPROVING HAZEL HEALTH, INC. (HAZEL) AND TELEHEALTH SERVICES USA, INC. D/B/A HAZEL HEALTH SERVICES (HAZEL SERVICES) (COLLECTIVELY, HAZEL HEALTH), AS THE CURRENT PROVIDER OF TELEHEALTH-BASED PRIMARY CARE, THERAPY AND COUNSELING SERVICES FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (SCHOOL BOARD), IN ORDER TO FILL VACANCIES FOR THESE SERVICES AT CITY SCHOOLS, COMMENCING DURING THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, AS NEEDED; AND (2) AUTHORIZING MBCEF, AS THE CITY'S FISCAL AGENT, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND/OR HAZEL HEALTH TO FUND THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY HAZEL HEALTH; AND AUTHORIZING MBCEF TO EXECUTE FUTURE FUNDING AGREEMENTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE OTHER PROVIDERS, APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR SIMILAR SERVICES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF THE NURSE ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach (the "City"), North Bay Village, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, the Town of Surfside, and Bal Harbour Village (collectively, "Participating Municipalities") determined that students at North Beach Elementary, Treasure Island Elementary, and Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center did not have full-time, on-site healthcare services and were, thus, underserved as compared to other public schools in the feeder pattern that falls within the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2013, the Participating Municipalities, the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, Inc. ("MBCEF"), and The Children's Trust ("The Trust") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, to provide healthcare services through a nurse for these participating schools (the "Nurse Initiative") during the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Nurse Initiative was extended to the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of the Nurse Initiative, and because the basic healthcare services previously funded through the Nurse Initiative were being provided by The Trust via the new school health programs, on April 13, 2016, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2016-29345, approving the enhancement of the Nurse Initiative by providing behavioral health/mental health services for the participating schools through a licensed clinical social worker (the "Nurse Enhancement Initiative") for the 2016-2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-29345, on July 26, 2016, the City and MBCEF entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), which continued the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for North Beach Elementary, Treasure Island Elementary, and Ruth K.

Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, and expanded the Nurse Enhancement Initiative to include Miami Beach Senior High School, Nautilus Middle School, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, Biscayne Elementary School, and South Pointe Elementary School, by providing for a licensed clinical social worker one day a week at each of the participating schools; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2017, the City and MBCEF executed Amendment No. 1 to the MOU, continuing the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2017-2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30259, approving the expansion of mental health services at all public City elementary and middle schools, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-30259, the City increased funding for the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2018-2019 school year, providing funding for two (2) licensed clinical social workers, or agreed upon equivalent professional, at each of the City schools for the indicated number of days: Miami Beach Senior High School, one (1) day; Nautilus Middle School, two (2) days; Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, two (2) days; Biscayne Elementary School, two (2) days; South Pointe Elementary School, two (2) days; and North Beach Elementary, one (1) day, (collectively, the "City's Participating Schools"), in a total amount not to exceed \$114,000.00 per year (the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the City's Participating Schools shall be referred to herein as the "Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative"); and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2018, the City and MBCEF executed Amendment No. 2 to the MOU, continuing the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2019, the Miami-Dade County Public School Board adopted a Resolution relating to Item D-67, renaming Biscayne Elementary School to Biscayne Beach Elementary School; South Pointe Elementary to Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary; Nautilus Middle School to Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School; and Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center to Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-30957, approving Amendment No. 3 to the MOU for the extension of the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative, in the amount not to exceed \$139,000.00 per year (the "City's Contribution") for the 2019-2020 school year and each subsequent school year, on a recurring basis, subject to funding approval during the City's budgetary process; and

WHEREAS, MBCEF also provided funding, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, to support the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative services for the 2019-2020 school year, with funds to be used from August 5, 2019 – June 5, 2020 and remaining funds to be used from August 5, 2020 to June 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2019, Amendment No. 3 was executed, extending the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative services for the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to a separate agreement to be entered into among MBCEF, The Trust and a healthcare provider approved by The Trust; said agreement providing for the staffing and the payment of certain costs associated with the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for all of the participating schools, for a total minimum global sum of \$232,600.00, pursuant to which the City's Participating Schools may also receive additional days of service; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, the City and MBCEF executed Amendment No. 4 to the MOU, continuing the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2021, the City and MBCEF executed Amendment No. 5 to the MOU, continuing the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2022, the City and MBCEF executed Amendment No. 6 to the MOU, continuing the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023, the City and MBCEF executed Amendment No. 7 to the MOU, continuing the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative services were not provided to the following City's Participating Schools during the 2022-23 school year due to staffing challenges of our partners: Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School, Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, and Biscayne Beach Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, alternate service models are being explored to fill the open mental health professional position for the 2023-24 school year to ensure services are available for all youth; and

WHEREAS, as of August 30, 2021, Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("School Board") entered into an agreement with Hazel Health, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Hazel") and Telehealth Services USA, Inc., a California corporation, d/b/a Hazel Health Services ("Hazel Health Services") (collectively, "Hazel Health") to provide telehealth-based primary care, therapy, counseling, and non-clinical services, such as telehealth technology, training, and technology support services; and

WHEREAS, as of December 8, 2023, the School Board entered into an agreement to extend the terms of the agreement with Hazel Health through the remainder of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to add Hazel Health as a provider for the Nurse Enhancement Initiative, commencing for the 2023-2024 school year, to fill in the gap for these services at the City's Participating Schools, and every year thereafter, as may be needed, to fulfill the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for behavioral health services for all of the participating schools; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize the services of Hazel Health, MBCEF would need to execute an agreement with the School Board and/or Hazel Health, which agreement would allow MBCEF, as the City's fiscal agent, to fund the telehealth-based primary care, therapy, and counseling services provided by Hazel Health, as needed; and

WHEREAS, for the 2023-2024 school year, MBCEF would be negotiating and executing an agreement with the School Board and Hazel Health, in a form similar to the draft Master Service Agreement attached to the City Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the services to be provided by Hazel Health would be paid from previously approved funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and prospectively would not increase the total approved cap for the City's Contribution, in the annual amount of \$139,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends approving, in substantial form, Amendment No. 8 to the MOU, a draft copy of which is attached to the City Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution; said Amendment approving Hazel Health, as the current provider of telehealth-based primary care, therapy and counseling services for the School Board, and authorizing MBCEF, as the City's fiscal agent, to negotiate and execute any required agreements with the School Board and/or Hazel Health, in order to fund primary care, therapy and counseling services, as needed, for the participating schools, commencing for the 2023-2024 school year; and further recommends authorizing MBCEF to execute future funding agreements, which may include other providers, approved by the School Board for similar services, in connection with the fulfillment of the Nurse Enhancement Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve, in substantial form, Amendment No. 8 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dated July 26, 2016, between the City and the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, Inc. (MBCEF); said Amendment: (1) approving Hazel Health, Inc. (Hazel) and Telehealth Services USA, Inc. d/b/a Hazel Health Services (Hazel Services) (collectively, Hazel Health), as the current provider of telehealth-based primary care, therapy and counseling services for the School Board of Miami-Dade County (School Board), in order to fill vacancies for these services at City schools, commencing during the 2023-2024 school year, and every year thereafter, as needed; and (2) authorizing MBCEF, as the City's fiscal agent, to negotiate and execute any required agreements with the School Board and/or Hazel Health to fund the services provided by Hazel Health; and authorizing MBCEF to execute future funding agreements, which may include other providers, approved by the School Board for similar services, in connection with the fulfillment of the Nurse Enhancement Initiative; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2024.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

3-24-24
Date