

AGENCY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

This Agency Affiliation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is made as of the 3/14/2024, by and between Palm Beach County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, a public body corporation, hereinafter referred to as the UNIVERSITY.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the COUNTY and the UNIVERSITY agree as follows:

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to allow Students from the UNIVERSITY to integrate theory learned in the classroom with practice and develop abilities and skills through planned and supervised clinical experience for those enrolled in the UNIVERSITY'S graduate programs of social work or other related field (Program). It is agreed by the parties that a program of supervised education in the areas of generalist practice and clinical practice shall be conducted for Students of the UNIVERSITY; and

WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY is currently conducting educational programs requiring clinical experience, and desires experiential training for students enrolled in the UNIVERSITY'S Program, hereinafter referred to as Student; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY recognizes the need to train and educate the Students, and possesses and is willing to provide the necessary facilities to provide clinical experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the UNIVERSITY and the COUNTY agree as follows:

1. TERM/TERMINATION

- A. The term of this Agreement shall be for one (1) year, upon execution by both parties.
- B. This Agreement will automatically renew for three (3) one (1) year terms, unless either party notifies the other prior to the expiration of the initial term or any extended term of its intent not to renew in accordance with the time parameters stated herein.
- C. This Agreement may be terminated by the UNIVERSITY with cause upon five (5) business days' written notice to the COUNTY or without cause upon ten (10) business days' written notice to the COUNTY. It may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the COUNTY, with cause upon five (5) business days' written notice to the UNIVERSITY or without cause upon ten (10) business days' written notice to the UNIVERSITY. Such termination shall not prevent those Students already participating in the practicum experience from completing their assignment with the COUNTY.

2. UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. To provide to the COUNTY the clinical and training objectives of the UNIVERSITY'S Program for the Students.

- B. To establish and maintain ongoing communication with the site supervisors of the COUNTY, providing materials pertinent to the UNIVERSITY'S Program. Such materials may include, but are not limited to, a description of the curriculum, relevant course outlines, a listing of faculty, and relevant policies and procedures.
- C. To notify the COUNTY, not less than ninety (90) days, of its proposed schedule of Student assignments, including, but not limited to, the Students' name, level of academic preparation, and length and dates of clinical experience.
- D. To refer to the COUNTY only those Students who have satisfactorily completed the Program's prerequisite of the curriculum required for the clinical experience.
- E. To inform the Students, in writing, of the COUNTY'S health requirements provided to the UNIVERSITY.
- F. To advise the assigned Students of their responsibility for complying with the applicable policies and procedures of the COUNTY, including, but not limited to, policies relating to background checks and confidentiality of records.
- G. The UNIVERSITY further understands that the COUNTY'S performance and agreement to complete supervision of Students after placement pursuant to this Agreement is contingent upon annual appropriations for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners for overall staffing of the COUNTY'S Youth Services Department.
- H. Insurance -

Without waiving the right to sovereign immunity as provided by Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the UNIVERSITY acknowledges that it is self-insured for General Liability through the Florida Department of Risk Management, consistent with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, with coverage limits of **\$200,000** per person and **\$300,000** per occurrence; or such monetary waiver limits that may change and be set forth by the legislature.

In the event the UNIVERSITY maintains third-party Commercial General Liability in lieu of self-insurance through the Florida Department of Risk Management, the UNIVERSITY shall agree to maintain said insurance policies at coverage limits of **\$200,000** per person and **\$300,000** per occurrence.

Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability – the UNIVERSITY agrees to maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability for its employees in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.

Professional Liability – the UNIVERSITY shall maintain Professional Liability or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$1,000,000** for each Claim. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, the policy shall maintain a Retroactive Date prior to or equal to the effective date of this Agreement. The Certificate of Insurance providing evidence of the purchase of this coverage shall clearly indicate whether coverage is provided on an "occurrence" or "claims-made" form. If coverage is provided on a "claims-made" form the Certificate of Insurance must also clearly indicate the "retroactive date" of coverage. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced,

or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplement Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this Agreement, the UNIVERSITY shall purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than 3 years. The UNIVERSITY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

Certificates of Insurance – Prior to execution of this Agreement, the UNIVERSITY shall require that students deliver to the COUNTY’S representative a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all types and amounts of insurance coverage’s required by this Agreement have been obtained and are in full force and effect. Said Certificate(s) of Insurance shall include a minimum ten (10) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation or non-renewal of coverage. The Certificate of insurance shall be issued to:

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Youth Services Department
50 S. Military Trail, Suite 203
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Right to Review – The COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the monitoring department, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverage, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

3. ACCESS AND AUDITS

The UNIVERSITY shall maintain adequate records for at least five (5) years after completion or termination of this Agreement. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the UNIVERSITY’S place of business.

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General’s authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed COUNTY contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the UNIVERSITY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

4. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

A. To provide the Students with an organized training program characterized by a logical, planned sequence of training opportunities, designed to build upon each individual Student’s level of clinical training.

- B. The COUNTY will assign the responsibility for the coordination and supervision of Students to a specific COUNTY professional staff member.
- C. The COUNTY shall retain ultimate responsibility for client care and will maintain administrative and professional supervision of Students in all aspects of program operations at the COUNTY.
- D. To determine the number of Students that it can accommodate during a given period of time, with the understanding that the COUNTY'S performance and agreement to complete supervision of Students after placement is contingent upon annual appropriations for overall staffing.
- E. To orient the Students to the COUNTY'S facilities and programs and to provide the Students with a copy of (and review with the Students) the COUNTY'S applicable policies and procedures with which the Students are expected to comply.
- F. To evaluate the performance of the assigned Students on a regular basis using the evaluation forms provided by the UNIVERSITY and, with prior notification to the COUNTY, to allow UNIVERSITY'S faculty to also evaluate Students and the Program at the COUNTY'S facilities.
- G. Refrain from giving any financial remuneration to the Students.

5. REMOVAL OF STUDENTS

The COUNTY reserves the right to refuse or discontinue the availability of its services to any Student or faculty member who does not meet the professional or other requirements, qualifications, policies and standards, or the regulations of the COUNTY or any federal, state, or local law. In such instances the COUNTY will contact the UNIVERSITY'S faculty advisor in order to determine if a mutually agreeable resolution can be promptly achieved; however, if: (i) the violation involves a breach of any of the COUNTY'S established policies or standards and/or any federal, state, or local law, or (ii) if the parties are unable to find a mutually agreeable resolution regarding a Student or faculty member whose presence is deemed by the COUNTY to be detrimental to the interests of the COUNTY or who does not otherwise meet the COUNTY'S professional requirements or standards as indicated above, then the COUNTY nevertheless reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to require the UNIVERSITY to immediately withdraw any such Student or faculty member without further delay.

6. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The COUNTY is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the UNIVERSITY warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Agreement.

As a condition of entering into this Agreement, the AGENCY represents and warrants that it will comply with the COUNTY'S Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described in Resolution 2017-1770, as amended. As part of such compliance, the AGENCY shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual

orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or genetic information in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the AGENCY retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The AGENCY shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the County's relevant marketplace in Palm Beach County. The AGENCY understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification or debarment of the company from participating in County contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. AGENCY shall include this language in its subcontracts.

7. RELATIONSHIP

The UNIVERSITY and the COUNTY are independent entities contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Agreement. The UNIVERSITY and its Students, agents, and employees participating in this program shall not be considered agents, employees or servants of the COUNTY for any purpose, nor shall the COUNTY and its agents or employees participating in this program be considered agents, employees, or servants of the UNIVERSITY for any purpose.

8. CLIENT CARE

Notwithstanding the mutual cooperation and supervision described above, the UNIVERSITY agrees that the COUNTY holds full authority for the management of client care.

9. ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

The COUNTY and the UNIVERSITY agree that this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article 10 - Modification.

10. MODIFICATION

This Agreement may be amended, altered, or modified only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties.

11. NOTICE

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivery or other delivery service requiring signed acceptance. If sent to the COUNTY, notices shall be addressed to:

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
Attn: Director
50 S. Military Trail, Suite 203
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

With copy to:

Palm Beach County Attorney's Office
301 North Olive Ave., Sixth Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

If sent to the UNIVERSITY, notices shall be addressed to:

Florida Atlantic University
Attn.: Georgia Brown, MSW, Coordinator of Field Education Program
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

12. REMEDIES

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Agreement will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

No provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the COUNTY and/or the UNIVERSITY.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The UNIVERSITY represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. The UNIVERSITY further represents that no person having any such conflict of interest shall be employed for said performance of services.

The UNIVERSITY shall promptly notify the COUNTY'S representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest of any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the UNIVERSITY'S judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the UNIVERSITY may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the UNIVERSITY. The COUNTY agrees to notify the UNIVERSITY of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the UNIVERSITY. If, in the opinion of the COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the UNIVERSITY, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification and the UNIVERSITY shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the COUNTY by the UNIVERSITY under the terms of this Agreement.

14. AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE

The UNIVERSITY hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the COUNTY'S representative upon request.

15. REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The UNIVERSITY shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations, to include those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. The UNIVERSITY is presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations that may in any way affect the services offered.

16. REPRESENTATIVES

- A. The COUNTY'S representative/liaison during the performance of this Agreement shall be Twila Taylor, Director of Residential Treatment & Family Counseling (telephone no. 561-625-2540).
- B. The UNIVERSITY'S representative/liaison during the performance of this Agreement shall be Georgia Brown, MSW, Coordinator of Field Education Program (telephone no. 561-297-2725).

17. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement, including the exhibits referenced herein, may be executed in one or more counterparts all of which shall constitute collectively but one and the same Agreement. The Parties may execute the Agreement through electronic or manual means.

18. E-VERIFY – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

The UNIVERSITY represents and warrants to the COUNTY that the UNIVERSITY is registered with and using the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and covenant to continue to do so throughout the term of this Agreement. UNIVERSITY further covenants to comply with the other applicable requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes throughout the term of this Agreement. The COUNTY shall terminate this Agreement if it has a good faith belief that the UNIVERSITY has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

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**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES:**

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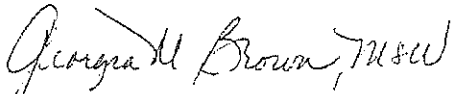
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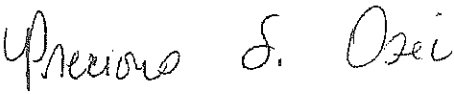
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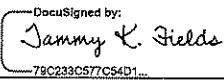
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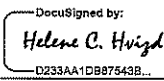
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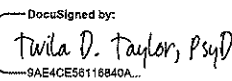
Tammy Fields, Assistant County Administrator
Youth Services Department

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: 

County Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO TERMS
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Youth Services Department