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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH:** JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**FROM:** FELICIA A. SCOTT, PROGRAM MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR CIVIL DRUG COURT STAFFING**

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

**CC:** GENERAL PUBLIC

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**Background:**

The community drug court was established in 1991 to conduct civil commitment hearings that would commit alcohol and drug abusers to treatment programs instead of incarceration. Retired Judge Edward Rodgers, the visionary and founder of the court, sought to offer and provide comprehensive municipal programs and services to prevent and reduce crimes associated with drug use and abuse. The program was initially funded under a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and supported by Administrative Order 6.007-7/91.

Since its inception in 1991, the Civil Drug Court has assisted in the recovery efforts of clients with substance abuse problems by ordering them into treatment programs through the Marchman Act (FSS, Chapter 397). In addition, the Marchman Act allows family members to commit their loved ones into a treatment program on an involuntary basis by filing a Marchman Act petition. The Marchman Act also has provisions, under emergency conditions, that allow a law enforcement officer or a physician to present a person for admission to a hospital or addictions receiving facility for detoxification and stabilization. In 1998 the City Council supported the success of the program and provided budget allocations for staff and operational program costs.



The City of Riviera Beach Civil Drug Court conducts involuntary civil proceedings on Saturdays between 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. This is by using a built-in volunteer base of Judges, in-kind support services provided by the 15th Judicial Circuit, the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, the Fourth District Court of Appeal and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The Interlocal Agreement with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners through the Department of Public Safety provides case management and community coordinator services for residential and outpatient mental health and substance abuse services from court-ordered treatment for clients throughout the County and additional operational costs to assist with services provided.

**Citywide Goals:**

This item compliments the following citywide goals:

Goal # 2 Great Neighborhoods – Create comprehensive and holistic opportunities for residents, youth, seniors, and families to prosper and thrive;

Goal # 5 Community Engagement & Empowerment – Develop partnerships and organize social service agencies, religious organizations, and neighborhood associations, hospitals and health organizations including the VA Hospital to connect residents to comprehensive and coordinated services and resources.

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:**

There is no Fiscal Impact.

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends Council to approve the three-year Interlocal Agreement.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Interlocal Agreement

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