



COMMISSIONERS COURT OF BRAZORIA COUNTY

ORDER NO. I.8.

3/11/2025

Award RFSQ #25-22 Health Services for the Sheriff's Office and the Juvenile Justice Departments

Upon recommendation of the evaluation committee and successful negotiations of the pricing and contract, and upon final review of the contract by the District Attorney's Office - Civil Division award "RFSQ #25-22 Health Services for the Sheriff's Office and Juvenile Justic Department", to the highest ranked firm, Southern Health Partners, Inc., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who submitted the best evaluated offer.

In addition, the project will be paid for using both the Sheriff's Office and Juvenile Justice Departments approved fiscal year 2025 budgets.

Further, that the County Judge is authorized to sign any documents or amendments related to this agreement; and that the final documents be authorized to attach to the Minutes.

RFSQ# 25-22 Award Summary

A total of four hundred fifty-one (451) vendors were notified of our solicitation which was posted in the Bonfire electronic procurement portal as well as advertised in The Facts and the Electronic State Business Daily (EBSD) website. There were seventy-eight (78) document takers resulting in eleven (11) submissions, ten of which were responsive.

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HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT between Brazoria County, Texas, and Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department (hereinafter jointly referred to as "County"), and Southern Health Partners, Inc., a Delaware corporation, d/b/a SHP Vista Health Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "SHP"), is entered into as of the 28th day of April, 2025. Services under this Agreement shall commence on May 1, 2025, and shall continue through April 30, 2026, in accordance with Section No. 6.1.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, County is charged by law with the responsibility for obtaining and providing reasonably necessary medical care for Juveniles of the Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department (hereinafter called "Juvenile Department") and,

WHEREAS, County desires to provide for health care to Juveniles in accordance with applicable law; and,

WHEREAS, the County, which provides funding as approved by the Brazoria County Commissioners Court for the Juvenile Department, desires to enter into this Agreement with SHP to promote this objective; and,

WHEREAS, SHP is in the business of providing correctional health care services under contract and desires to provide such services for County under the express terms and conditions hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereinafter made, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

1.1 General Engagement. County acknowledges its non-delegable duty under applicable federal and state law to obtain and provide for reasonably necessary medical care for Juveniles housed at the Juvenile Department, and further that this Agreement does not result in the assumption of a non-delegable duty by SHP. County specifically retains the duty and obligation to obtain and provide for the reasonably necessary medical care for Juveniles of the Juvenile Department.

County hereby contracts with SHP to provide for the delivery of medical care services and basic dental services to Juveniles of the Juvenile Department to the extent set forth herein. This care is to be delivered to individuals under the custody and control of County at the Juvenile Department, and SHP enters into this Agreement according to the terms and provisions hereof. Basic dental services shall mean the starting point of dental services whereby SHP medical staff will triage patients based on

signs/symptoms, provide pain relief medication if needed, and treat any infection prior to scheduling dental services with an outside provider.

1.2 Scope of General Services. The responsibility of SHP for care of a Juvenile commences no earlier than the physical placement of said Juvenile into the Juvenile Department and notification to a member of the SHP medical staff of the same and to the extent SHP medical staff is on-site. The health care services provided by SHP shall be for all persons committed to the custody of the Juvenile Department, except those identified in Section No. 1.7. SHP shall provide and/or arrange for professional medical, dental and related health care services for the Juveniles, regularly scheduled sick call, nursing care, regular physician care, medical specialty services, emergency medical care, emergency ambulance services when medically necessary, medical records management, pharmacy services management, administrative support services, and other services, all as more specifically described herein, and as described in SHP's proposals dated February 5, 2025, and February 27, 2025, respectively, SHP's Best and Final Offer dated April 3, 2025, and Scope of Services, copies of which are attached hereto, marked as Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Agreement. In the event of an inconsistency between the proposals and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control. As more fully explained in Section No. 1.4 herein, none of the services to be provided by SHP as described herein shall alter or eliminate the duty and ability of the County, through its employees, to arrange for emergency medical care at any time.

County acknowledges its election to independently contract with other providers separately for the provision of mental health services. SHP agrees to work with County's contracted mental health providers. The costs of mental health services provided by County's separately-contracted providers are specifically excluded from this Agreement and shall be the financial responsibility of the County, or shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP.

SHP shall be financially responsible for the costs of SHP physician, mid-level provider and nurse staffing, office supplies, and administrative services. SHP's financial responsibility for the costs of emergency kits and restocking of emergency kit supplies, necessary license and permit fees, over-the-counter medications, medical supplies, medically-generated hazardous waste disposal, prescription medications, biological products used to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases and medical conditions (including, but not limited to the costs of PPD solution for Juvenile Tuberculosis testing), renal dialysis and other major chronic care, clinical lab procedures (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), x-ray procedures (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), dental services (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), mental health services (if any provided outside the Juvenile Department other than those mental health services provided through County's separately-contracted mental health provider) and all medical care services rendered outside the Juvenile Department shall be limited by the

annual cost pool described in Section No. 1.5 of this Agreement. All pool costs in excess of the annual cost pool limit shall be the financial responsibility of the County, or shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP.

SHP may not provide and/or shall not pay for any services, supplies, equipment or other items not specifically contained in this Agreement. Arrangements may be made in agreement with the County for SHP to purchase items or provide services, outside of this Agreement, and by mutual agreement between the County and SHP. Any such agreements shall be in writing.

Should new legislation require substantial or new medical directives to SHP in the provision of services under this Agreement, SHP shall not be financially responsible for changes to its program, rather SHP would have the ability to seek from the County any additional monies to fund such directives.

1.3 Specialty Services. In addition to providing the general services described above, SHP by and through its licensed health care providers shall arrange and/or provide to Juveniles at the Juvenile Department specialty medical services to the extent such are determined to be medically necessary by SHP. In the event non-emergency specialty care is required and cannot be rendered at the Juvenile Department, SHP shall make arrangements with County for transportation of the Juveniles in accordance with Section No. 1.9 of this Agreement. The County shall be responsible for the transportation and for any and all costs associated with the same.

1.4 Emergency Services. When on-site, SHP staff shall be a resource for providing on-site emergency medical care, as medically necessary, to Juveniles, or for arranging for emergency ambulance transportation of Juveniles for off-site care. The costs of emergency ambulance transportation shall either be billed directly to County by the provider or placed in the annual cost pool, at the County's election. County acknowledges that, whether or not an SHP staff member is on-site, in the event of a medical emergency, Juvenile Department staff shall retain the right and ability to contact an ambulance provider directly for the transportation of a Juvenile for emergency medical services outside the Juvenile Department or to arrange for the transport of a Juvenile for emergency medical services, and further that, in no event shall Juvenile Department staff be required to contact SHP medical staff prior to initiating life-saving measures, contacting the local 911 service or other third-party calling programs, or otherwise seeking the highest priority emergency medical attention, as reasonable and appropriate, for any Juvenile the Juvenile Department staff believes to be in need of immediate medical care.

1.5 Limitations On Costs - Cost Pool. SHP's maximum liability for costs associated with emergency kits and restocking of emergency kit supplies, necessary license and permit fees, over-the-counter medications, medical supplies, medically-

generated hazardous waste disposal, prescription medications, biological products used to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases and medical conditions (including, but not limited to the costs of PPD solution for Juvenile Tuberculosis testing), renal dialysis and other major chronic care, clinical lab procedures (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), x-ray procedures (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), dental services (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), mental health services (if any provided outside the Juvenile Department other than those mental health services provided through County's separately-contracted mental health provider) and all medical care services rendered outside the Juvenile Department shall be limited by a pool established in the amount of \$40,000.00 in the aggregate for all Juveniles in each year (defined as a twelve-month contract period) of this Agreement. If the costs of all care as described in this Section No. 1.5 exceed the amount of \$40,000.00 in any year, SHP shall either pay for the additional services and submit invoices supporting the payments to the County along with an SHP invoice for one hundred percent (100%) of the costs in excess of \$40,000.00, or in the alternative, shall refer all additional qualifying invoices to County for payment directly to the provider of care. The date of service for any cost pool items shall be used to determine the calendar month in which the expenses are applied within the cost pool, unless otherwise advised by the County during reconciliation and/or cost pool billing purposes. For all invoices payable to SHP as reimbursement for pool excess costs, such amounts shall be payable by County within thirty days of the SHP invoice date. SHP shall allow a grace period of up to sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, and shall thereafter apply a late fee of two percent (2%) on the balance each month until SHP has been reimbursed in full. For purposes of this Section No. 1.5, the pool amount shall be prorated for any contract period of less or more than twelve months.

If the costs of all care as described in this Section 1.5 are less than \$40,000.00 in any year (defined as a twelve-month contract period), SHP will repay to County one hundred percent (100%) of the balance of unused cost pool funds up to the \$40,000.00 annual limit. County acknowledges that, at the end of each contract period, the cost pool billing will remain open for approximately sixty (60) days in order to allow reasonable time for processing of additional claims received after the new contract period begins and prior to issuing any such refund to County for unused cost pool funds.

Specifically, the cost pool cut-off date will be June 30 based on a contract period schedule ending on April 30 each year. SHP will continue to process cost pool payments applicable to the prior contract period through June 30 and apply those amounts toward the prior year's cost pool limit. Any additional cost pool charges received subsequent to the June 30 cut-off date which are applicable to the prior contract period will either be rolled over into the pool for the then-current contract period or be referred to County for payment directly to the provider of care.

The intent of this Section No. 1.5 is to define SHP's maximum financial liability and limitation of costs for emergency kits and restocking of emergency kit supplies,

necessary license and permit fees, over-the-counter medications, medical supplies, medically-generated hazardous waste disposal, prescription medications, biological products used to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases and medical conditions (including, but not limited to the costs of PPD solution for Juvenile Tuberculosis testing), renal dialysis and other major chronic care, clinical lab procedures (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), x-ray procedures (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), dental services (inside and outside the Juvenile Department), mental health services (if any provided outside the Juvenile Department other than those mental health services provided through County's separately-contracted mental health provider), hospitalizations and all other medical care services rendered outside the Juvenile Department.

1.6 Injuries Incurred Prior to Incarceration; Pregnancy. SHP shall not be financially responsible for the cost of any medical treatment or health care services provided to any Juvenile prior to the Juvenile's formal booking and commitment into the Juvenile Department.

Furthermore, SHP shall not be financially responsible for the cost of medical treatment or health care services provided outside the Juvenile Department to medically stabilize any Juvenile presented with a life-threatening injury or illness or in immediate need of emergency medical care.

Once a Juvenile has been medically stabilized and committed to the Juvenile Department, SHP shall, upon notification by Juvenile Department staff to a member of the SHP medical staff of a medical need and to the extent SHP medical staff is on-site, in accordance with the provisions of Section No. 1.2, provide or arrange for medical treatment and health care services regardless of the nature of the illness or injury or whether or not the illness or injury occurred prior or subsequent to the individual's incarceration at the Juvenile Department. A Juvenile shall be considered medically stabilized when the patient's medical condition no longer requires immediate emergency medical care or outside hospitalization so that the Juvenile can reasonably be housed inside the Juvenile Department. SHP's financial responsibility for such medical treatment and health care services shall be in accordance with, and as limited by, Section Nos. 1.2 and 1.5 of this Agreement.

1.7 Juveniles Outside the Facilities. The health care services contracted in the Agreement are intended only for those Juveniles in the actual physical custody of the Juvenile Department and for Juveniles held under guard in outside hospitals or other medical facilities who remain in official custody of the Juvenile Department. Juveniles held under guard in outside hospitals or other medical facilities are to be included in the Juvenile Department's daily population count. No other person(s), including those who are in any outside hospital who are not under guard, shall be the financial responsibility of SHP, nor shall such person(s) be included in the daily population count.

Juveniles on any sort of temporary release or escape, including, but not limited to Juveniles temporarily released for the purpose of attending funerals or other family emergencies, Juveniles on escape status, Juveniles on pass, parole or supervised custody who do not sleep in the Juvenile Department at night, shall not be included in the daily population count, and shall not be the responsibility of SHP with respect to the payment or the furnishing of their health care services.

The costs of medical services rendered to Juveniles who become ill or who are injured while on such temporary release shall not then become the financial responsibility of SHP after their return to the Juvenile Department. This relates solely to the costs associated with treatment of a particular illness or injury incurred by a Juvenile while on such temporary release. In all cases, SHP shall be responsible for providing medical care for any Juvenile who presents to medical staff on-site at the Juvenile Department to the extent such care can be reasonably provided on-site, or shall assist with arrangements to obtain outside medical care as necessary. The costs of medical services associated with a particular illness or injury incurred by a Juvenile while on temporary release may be the personal responsibility of the Juvenile, or covered by medical insurance, accident insurance, or any other policy of insurance or source of payment for medical and hospital expenses. In the absence of adequate insurance coverage, or other source of payment for medical care expenses, such costs may, at the election of the County, be applied toward the annual cost pool described in Section No. 1.5. Such costs shall not otherwise be the financial responsibility of SHP.

Persons in the physical custody of other police or other penal jurisdictions at the request of County, by Court order or otherwise, are likewise excluded from the Juvenile Department's population count and are not the responsibility of SHP for the furnishing or payment of health care services.

1.8 Elective Medical Care. SHP shall not be responsible for providing elective medical care to Juveniles, unless expressly contracted for by the County. For purposes of the Agreement, "elective medical care" means medical care which, if not provided, would not, in the opinion of SHP, cause the Juvenile's health to deteriorate or cause definite harm to the Juvenile's well-being. Any referral of Juveniles for elective medical care must be reviewed by County prior to provision of such services.

1.9 Transportation Services. To the extent any Juvenile requires off-site non-emergency health care treatment including, but not limited to, hospitalization care and specialty services, for which care and services SHP is obligated to arrange under this Agreement, County shall, upon request by SHP, its agents, employees or contractors, provide transportation as reasonably available provided that such transportation is scheduled in advance.

ARTICLE II: PERSONNEL.

2.1 Staffing. County and SHP acknowledge that SHP shall provide a site staffing plan as outlined in the model provided herein for reference.

POSITION	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Hours/week
Medical Director/Mid-Level Provider Nurse Practitioner/Physicians' Assistant	Up to 8 hours/week + On-Call to Medical Team 24/7							
Medical Team Administrator (RN)		8	8	8	8	8		40
LPN - Sick Call / Chronic Care	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	84
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TOTAL HOURS/FTE -WEEKLY								208

Staffing hours worked in excess of this contracted staffing plan, not to include SHP training hours, may be billed back to the County on a monthly basis, at the actual wage and benefit rate, for staffing services performed on-site at the facility.

- a. Holidays. SHP shall provide a regular schedule of hours on SHP-designated holidays, with the exception of the Medical Team Administrator nurse (who shall be allowed absences on SHP-designated holidays).
- b. Other Absences. For all other staff absences, including but not limited to, paid time off, vacation, and sick time, SHP shall endeavor to provide replacement coverage, to the extent reasonably possible, or shall endeavor to make up any balance of unfilled time within the scheduled workweek or then-current pay period. In the event SHP is unable to provide replacement coverage or make up the balance of unfilled time, SHP shall refund the County the cost of the unfilled staffing hours on the next month's base fee billing or shall otherwise negotiate a mutually agreeable remedy with County. County acknowledges that, any computation of unfilled hours due for refund to County shall be based on the total average of hours that comprise the regular weekly staffing plan and shall not be determined on a per shift or position basis.
- c. Medication Passes. SHP staff shall prepare and pass Juvenile medications when on-site.
- d. Meal breaks. It is understood and agreed that SHP employees are entitled to unpaid meal breaks when working shifts of eight (8) hours or

more. SHP employees shall be allowed to leave the facility during this time, or if a break is taken on-site, are to have uninterrupted time unless called to an emergency response. Such meal breaks are to be usual and customary, and not overly excessive.

It is understood the Professional Provider may be filled by a Physician, or Mid-Level Practitioner. Either shall be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Texas, and shall be available to SHP's nursing staff for resource, consultation and direction twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week. Provider visits shall not be scheduled on holidays.

The scheduling of staff shifts may be flexible and adjusted by SHP in order to maintain stability of the program and consistency with staff. Any adjustments or changes to fixed schedules would be made after discussions with the Juvenile Department Administrator and other involved County officials. Professional Provider visit times and dates shall be coordinated with Juvenile Department Administrator, and may include the use of telehealth services. Some of the Professional Provider time may be used for phone consults with medical staff and for other administrative duties.

SHP shall make reasonable efforts to supply the staffing levels contained in this section, however, failure to continuously supply all of the required staffing due to labor market demands or other factors outside the control of SHP, after such reasonable efforts have been made, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

Should SHP experience increased staffing requirements or an increase of ten percent (10%) or more in total compensation expenses payable to its employees or independent contractors providing services at the Juvenile Department, and such increases are beyond the reasonable control of SHP, SHP and County shall negotiate in good faith an updated staffing matrix and/or a corresponding increased amount of compensation for the remainder of the then-current contract period that takes into account the additional personnel and/or additional compensation expenses incurred by SHP. Should SHP and County be unable to agree on a revised staffing matrix and/or an increased amount of compensation within thirty (30) days of SHP notifying County in writing of the need to modify the staffing matrix and/or increase compensation, either party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days' written notice to the other party.

Based on actual staffing needs as affected by medical emergencies, riots, increased or decreased Juvenile population, and other unforeseen circumstances, certain increases or decreases in staffing requirements may be waived as agreed to by County and SHP.

Should medical services fall behind due to situations outside of SHP control, such as those described in Section No. 4.3, below, and additional hours and/or SHP staff are required to bring services current, the County shall be billed and agrees to pay for the additional time incurred by SHP to bring services current.

2.2 Licensure, Certification and Registration of Personnel. All personnel provided or made available by SHP to render services hereunder shall be licensed, certified or registered, as appropriate, in their respective areas of expertise as required by applicable Texas law. SHP shall be responsible for verifying licensure requirements and qualifications, and County shall be responsible for timely background checks and clearance checks upon request by SHP. County acknowledges that SHP compensates its staff based on several factors, including, but not limited to, experience in correctional healthcare, and further that, SHP shall not issue credits for differences in licensure.

2.3 County's Satisfaction with Health Care Personnel. SHP shall have the sole discretion and authority in all personnel hiring decisions. In no event shall the County retain the right to hire and fire SHP personnel. SHP shall retain control over and have the final authority concerning the staffing of its health care personnel. If County becomes dissatisfied with any health care personnel provided by SHP hereunder, or by any independent contractor, subcontractors or assignee, SHP, in recognition of the sensitive nature of correctional services, shall, following receipt of written notice from County of the grounds for such dissatisfaction and in consideration of the reasons therefor, exercise its best efforts to resolve the problem. If the problem is not resolved satisfactorily to County, SHP shall remove or shall cause any independent contractor, subcontractor, or assignee to remove the individual about whom County has expressed dissatisfaction. Should removal of an individual become necessary, SHP shall be allowed reasonable time, prior to removal, to find an acceptable replacement, without penalty or any prejudice to the interests of SHP.

2.4 Subcontracting and Delegation. In performing its obligations under the Agreement, it is understood that SHP is not licensed or otherwise authorized to engage in any activity that may be construed or deemed to constitute the practice of medicine, dentistry, or other professional healthcare service requiring licensure or other authorization under state law. To fulfill its contractual obligations, SHP may engage physicians or other clinicians as independent contractors, rather than employees, in order to supply the clinical services required under this Agreement. SHP shall engage contract professionals that meet the applicable professional licensing requirements and SHP shall exercise administrative supervision of such contract professionals as necessary to ensure the fulfillment of the obligations contained in this Agreement. Contract professionals shall provide clinical services under this Agreement in a manner reasonably consistent with the independent clinical judgment that the contract professional is required to exercise. For each agent and subcontractor, including all medical professionals, physicians, dentists and nurses performing duties as agents or

independent contractors of SHP under this Agreement, SHP shall provide County proof that there is in effect a professional liability or medical malpractice insurance policy.

2.5 Discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, SHP, its employees, agents, subcontractors, and assignees agree as follows:

- a. None shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.
- b. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees, each shall state that it is an equal opportunity employer.
- c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

2.6 Training of Personnel. The duty to train the Juvenile Department staff is and always remains vested in the County. The County is solely responsible for the overall operation of the Juvenile Department, including medical care. The County maintains ultimate responsibility for training and supervising its Juvenile Supervision Officers, according to the requirements of federal and/or state statute, regulation, and/or law, including but not limited to training and supervision related to intake screening, emergency procedures, and ensuring sick calls are passed along to the medical team in a timely manner.

Upon request of the County, SHP may assist in training for Juvenile Department staff on certain topics as determined by the County. Further, SHP shall provide annual training courses in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid, as requested by the County. The cost of certification shall be the responsibility of the County. Such training courses shall be scheduled by the County and SHP at a mutually agreed upon time and location. It is hereby acknowledged by the parties that any and all training provided by SHP for Juvenile Department staff would be supplemental to any training required by the State or any other governmental body for Juvenile Supervision Officers. The County recognizes and acknowledges that the County shall be responsible for training of its own employees and agents.

SHP recognizes that certain training of SHP medical staff may need to be accomplished by the County for the purposes of Juvenile interaction, and as may be required by federal and/or state statute, regulation and/or law. SHP may require

reimbursement of these training period hours if they are over and above the contracted on-site hours as agreed upon within the proposal and this Agreement.

SHP and County acknowledge that information contained in health training materials provided by SHP for reference by its staff or Juvenile Supervision Officers is intended for use as guidelines and shall not be intended to establish a standard of medical care, nor shall it be relied upon as final determination in response to a medical service need, recognizing that each medical service need shall be individually evaluated and good prudent medical judgement shall be used.

2.7 Staffing Agency Use and Reimbursement. SHP shall notify the Juvenile Department Administrator and/or County designee of the use of staffing agency to fill contracted hours, in lieu of permanent SHP employee coverage for the shift(s). Further, SHP shall provide the County on a monthly basis all recruitment efforts made to attract applicants for the position(s), and discuss with the County any changes which may be needed to attract future applicants. Such changes may consist of but not be limited to shift time changes or higher budgeted payrates.

ARTICLE III REPORTS AND RECORDS

3.1 Medical Records. County acknowledges that SHP's responsibility for all Juvenile medical records shall commence on the effective date of this Agreement, and that the responsibility for all Juvenile medical records prior to the effective date of this Agreement shall rest solely with the County. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to impose responsibility on SHP for Juvenile medical records prior to the effective date of this Agreement. County does further acknowledge, however, that SHP shall assist County with the fulfillment of requests for production of medical records for those medical services provided prior to the effective date of this Agreement, and by doing so does not assume any responsibility for such records. It is mutually understood by both parties that, during the term of this Agreement, SHP shall serve as the Records Custodian in all medical record matters, in accordance with all applicable laws.

Commencing on the effective date of this Agreement, SHP shall cause and require to be maintained a complete and accurate medical record for each Juvenile who has received health care services. Each medical record shall be maintained in accordance with applicable laws and County's policies and procedures. The medical records shall be kept separate from the Juvenile's confinement record. A complete legible copy of the applicable medical record shall be available, at all times, to County as custodian of the patient. Medical records shall be kept confidential. Subject to applicable law regarding confidentiality of such records, SHP shall comply with Texas law and County's policy with regard to access by Juveniles and Juvenile Department staff to medical records. No information contained in the medical records shall be released by SHP except as provided by County's policy, by a court order, or otherwise in accordance with the applicable law. SHP shall, at its own cost, provide all medical

records, forms, jackets, and other materials necessary to maintain the medical records. At the termination of this Agreement, all medical records shall be delivered to and remain with County. However, County shall provide SHP with reasonable ongoing access to all medical records even after the termination of this Agreement for the purposes of defending litigation.

3.2 Regular Reports by SHP to County. Upon request, SHP shall provide to County, on a date and in a form mutually acceptable to SHP and County, reports relating to services rendered under this Agreement.

3.3 Juvenile Information. Subject to the applicable Texas law, in order to assist SHP in providing the best possible health care services to Juveniles, County shall provide SHP with information pertaining to Juveniles that SHP and County mutually identify as reasonable and necessary for SHP to adequately perform its obligations hereunder.

3.4 SHP Records Available to County with Limitations on Disclosure. SHP shall make available to County, at County's request, records, documents and other papers relating to the direct delivery of health care services to Juveniles hereunder. County understands that written operating policies and procedures employed by SHP in the performance of its obligations hereunder are proprietary in nature and shall remain the property of SHP and shall not be disclosed without written consent. Information concerning such may not, at any time, be used, distributed, copied or otherwise utilized by County, except in connection with the delivery of health care services hereunder, or as permitted or required by law, unless such disclosure is approved in advance writing by SHP. SHP policies and procedures are for use by SHP employees only, and are not intended to establish a standard of medical care, and such information should not be used as final determination of medical service, knowing each situation is individually evaluated, and good prudent medical judgement is to be used. Proprietary information developed by SHP shall remain the property of SHP.

3.5 County Records Available to SHP with Limitations on Disclosure. During the term of this Agreement and for a reasonable time thereafter, County shall provide SHP, at SHP's request, County's records relating to the provision of health care services to Juveniles as may be reasonably requested by SHP or as are pertinent to the investigation or defense of any claim related to SHP's conduct. Consistent with applicable law, County shall make available to SHP such Juvenile medical records as are maintained by County, hospitals and other outside health care providers involved in the care or treatment of Juveniles (to the extent County has any control over those records) as SHP may reasonably request. Any such information provided by County to SHP that County considers confidential shall be kept confidential by SHP and shall not, except as may be required by law, be distributed to any third party without the prior written approval of County.

ARTICLE IV: SECURITY

4.1 General. SHP and County understand that adequate security services are essential and necessary for the safety of the agents, employees and subcontractors of SHP as well as for the security of Juveniles and County's staff, consistent with the correctional setting.

The non-delegable duty to protect Juveniles is, and always will be, vested in the County. This Agreement does not result in the assumption of a non-delegable duty by SHP. This duty extends to the control of Juvenile movement.

County shall take all reasonable steps to provide sufficient security to enable SHP to safely and adequately provide the health care services described in this Agreement. It is expressly understood by County and SHP that the provision of security and safety for the SHP personnel is a continuing precondition of SHP's obligation to provide its services in a routine, timely, and proper fashion, to the extent that if, in SHP's sole discretion, the safety and security of SHP personnel are compromised, SHP may exercise its right to immediately terminate services, in accordance with the provisions of Section No. 6.2(b) of this Agreement.

4.2 Loss of Equipment and Supplies. SHP shall be liable for loss of or damage to equipment and supplies of SHP, its agents, employees or subcontractors only in the event such loss or damage was caused by the negligence of SHP or its employees.

4.3 Juvenile Supervision Officer Staffing Levels. It is understood SHP medical staff are given clearance to work and perform medical functions within the Juvenile Department. Should staffing levels of the correctional staff fall below an acceptable standard causing the SHP medical staff to be unable to complete such services in a timely manner, the County shall be responsible for the consequences of the same, for any resulting noncompliance with County, State, or Federal entity requirements or regulations, including, but not limited to, any resulting failed inspection and/or audit by County, State or Federal entity. SHP medical staff shall document and report such issues of backlogs created by inadequate Juvenile Supervision Officer staffing levels to the Juvenile Department Administrator. The County shall, upon notification by SHP, exercise every effort to bring Juvenile Supervision Officer staffing levels back up to standard within a reasonable period of time.

ARTICLE V: OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY AND SUPPLIES

5.1 General. County agrees to provide SHP with reasonable and adequate office and medical space, facilities, equipment, local telephone and telephone line and utilities and County shall provide necessary maintenance and housekeeping of the office and medical space and facilities (including incidentals such as tissue and hand towels).

5.2 Delivery of Possession. County shall provide to SHP, beginning on the date of commencement of this Agreement, possession and control of all County medical and office equipment in place at the Juvenile Department's health care unit. At the termination of this or any subsequent Agreement, SHP shall return to County's possession and control all medical and office equipment, in working order, reasonable wear and tear excepted, which were in place at the Juvenile Department's health care unit prior to the commencement of services under this Agreement.

5.3 Maintenance and Replenishment of Equipment. Except for the equipment and instruments owned by County at the inception of this Agreement, any equipment or instruments required by SHP during the term of this Agreement shall be purchased by SHP at its own cost. At the end of this Agreement, or upon termination, County shall be entitled to purchase SHP's equipment and instruments at an amount determined by SHP.

5.4 Infection Control – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). SHP and County understand that adequate infection control PPE are essential and necessary for the health and safety of the agents, employees and subcontractors of SHP as well as for the health and safety of Juveniles and County's staff, consistent with the correctional setting. SHP shall be financially responsible for the reasonable costs associated with providing sufficient infection control PPE for its employees and/or subcontractors in compliance with regular County, State or Federal entity requirements or regulations. In the instance of any outbreak, pandemic, Juvenile Department directive/instruction, or other unusual infection control situation, additional PPE supplies and/or cost increases above SHP's usual practice and procedure shall be assessed back to the County either through a contracted cost pool structure or direct billing back to the County for reimbursement to SHP.

ARTICLE VI: TERM AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

6.1 Term. This Agreement shall commence on May 1, 2025. The initial term of this Agreement shall end on April 30, 2026, and this Agreement shall thereafter be automatically extended for additional periods of twelve months each, beginning on May 1 of each year, subject to County funding availability, unless either party provides written notice to the other of its intent to terminate, or non-renew, in accordance with the provisions of Section No. 6.2 of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event SHP receives notice or communication from the County, by and through its respective staff or personnel, either in writing or otherwise, of the County's intent to solicit bids for Juvenile health services, this Agreement shall automatically expire at the conclusion of the then-current period, except as may be mutually agreed to and acknowledged by express written agreement between the parties to extend or renew up through and including a specified period. In no event shall this Agreement continue for a period in excess of ninety (90) days following notice or communication by the County to SHP of the County's intent to solicit bids, except as may be mutually agreed to and acknowledged by express written agreement between

the parties to continue services under this Agreement up through and including a specified period.

6.2 Termination. This Agreement, or any extension thereof, may be terminated as otherwise provided in this Agreement or as follows:

- (a) Termination by agreement. In the event that each party mutually agrees in writing, this Agreement may be terminated on the terms and date stipulated therein.
- (b) Termination for Cause. SHP shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time for Cause, which may be effected immediately after establishing the facts warranting the termination, and without any further obligation to County, by giving written notice and a statement of reasons to County in the event:
 - (i) the safety and security of SHP personnel is determined by SHP, in its sole discretion, to be compromised, either as a direct, or indirect, result of County's failure to provide adequate security services, the provision of which is a continuing precondition of SHP's obligation to perform work under this Agreement, or
 - (ii) County fails to compensate SHP for charges or fees due, either in whole, or in part, under this Agreement, according to the terms and provisions as stated herein.

Cause shall not, however, include any actions or circumstances constituting Cause under (i) or (ii) above if County cures such actions or circumstances within a specified period following delivery of written notice by SHP setting forth the actions or circumstances constituting Cause, during which period SHP may permit County, solely by express agreement, time to provide sufficient remedy to SHP's satisfaction. In all cases, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by SHP, without notice, if, in SHP's sole discretion, such immediate termination of services is necessary to preserve the safety and well-being of SHP personnel.

Upon such a termination for Cause, County acknowledges that, SHP shall be entitled to all compensation fees and charges due for services rendered hereunder, without penalty or liability to SHP, up through and including the last day of services, and further that, County shall be obligated to compensate SHP accordingly for such

services rendered up through and including the last day of services, consistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. If any costs relating to the period subsequent to such termination date have been paid by County in the case of (i) above, SHP shall promptly refund to County any such prepayment.

- (c) Termination or non-renewal by Cancellation. This Agreement may be canceled or non-renewed without cause by either party upon ninety (90) days prior written notice in accordance with Section No. 9.3 of this Agreement.
- (d) Annual Appropriations and Funding. This Agreement shall be subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the Brazoria County Commissioners Court. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, County shall be entitled to immediately terminate this Agreement, without penalty or liability, except the payment of all contract fees due under this Agreement through and including the last day of service.

6.3 Responsibility for Juvenile Health Care. Upon termination of this Agreement, all responsibility for providing health care services to all Juveniles shall belong to County.

ARTICLE VII. COMPENSATION.

7.1 Base Compensation. County shall compensate SHP based on the twelve-month annualized price of \$771,999.96 during the initial term of this Agreement, payable in monthly installments. Monthly installments during the initial term of this Agreement shall be in the amount of \$64,333.33 each. SHP shall bill County approximately thirty days prior to the month in which services are to be rendered. County agrees to pay SHP prior to the tenth day of the month in which services are rendered, or within thirty days of the SHP invoice date. Payment by County to SHP shall be made electronically through the Automated Clearing House, or should the County elect not to make electronic payments to SHP, County agrees to pay an additional two percent (2%) per month charge. In the event this Agreement should commence or terminate on a date other than the first or last day of any calendar month, compensation to SHP shall be prorated accordingly for the shortened month.

7.2 Increases in Juvenile Population. County and SHP agree that the annual base price is calculated based upon an average daily Juvenile population of up to 35. The average daily Juvenile resident population shall be calculated by adding the population or head count totals taken at a consistent time each day and dividing by the number of counts taken. The parties hereby acknowledge that, if the Juvenile population grows significantly and is sustained at average levels in excess of 35

Juveniles, SHP and County shall renegotiate this Agreement, in good faith, for an increase in SHP's base contract price to cover additional costs such as those associated with higher utilization of supplies and services and any additional fixed medical staffing positions or personnel needed in order to continue to provide services to the increased number of Juveniles and maintain the quality of care. This would be done with the full knowledge and agreement of the Juvenile Department Administrator and other involved County officials, and following appropriate notification to County. In the event SHP and County are unable to agree on an increased amount of compensation within thirty (30) days following SHP's written notification to County of the need to increase the base contract price, either party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other party.

7.3 Future Years' Compensation. The amount of compensation (i.e., annual base price and per diem rate as defined in Section Nos. 7.1 and 7.2, respectively) to SHP shall increase at the beginning of each contract year. Annual pricing for the second year of the contract, effective May 1, 2026, and for the third year of the contract, effective May 1, 2027, shall be adjusted to account for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for medical care as published by the United States Department of Labor, or by 3%, whichever is higher. SHP shall provide written notice to County of the amount of compensation increase requested for subsequent annual periods effective on or after May 1, 2028, or shall otherwise negotiate mutually agreeable terms with County prior to the beginning of each annual contract period.

7.4 Juveniles From Other Jurisdictions. Medical care rendered within the Juvenile Department to Juveniles from jurisdictions outside Brazoria County, and housed in the Juvenile Department pursuant to written contracts between County and such other jurisdictions shall be the responsibility of SHP, but as limited by Section No. 1.7. Medical care that cannot be rendered within the Juvenile Department shall be arranged by SHP, but SHP shall have no financial responsibility for such services to those Juveniles. County shall be financially responsible for the cost of all Juvenile prescription medications, specialized medical equipment and supplies in the event of a refusal to pay on the part of the jurisdiction with which Brazoria County has entered into such contract.

ARTICLE VIII: LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT.

8.1 Insurance. At all times during this Agreement, SHP shall maintain professional liability insurance covering SHP for its work at County, its employees and its officers in the minimum amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) in the aggregate. SHP shall provide County with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage and shall have County named as an additional insured. In the event of any expiration, termination or modification of coverage, SHP shall notify County in writing.

8.2 Lawsuits Against County. In the event that any lawsuit (whether frivolous or otherwise) is filed against County, its elected officials, employees and agents based on or containing any allegations concerning SHP's medical care of Juveniles and the performance of SHP's employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees, the parties agree that SHP, its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees or independent contractors, as the case may be, may be joined as parties defendant in any such lawsuit and shall be responsible for their own defense and any judgments rendered against them in a court of law.

Nothing herein shall prohibit any of the parties to this Agreement from joining the remaining parties hereto as defendants in lawsuits filed by third parties.

8.3 Hold Harmless. SHP agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, lawsuits, damages, judgments or liabilities of any kind arising solely out of the aforementioned program of health care services provided by SHP. This duty to indemnify shall include all attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses of any kind whatsoever. County shall promptly notify SHP of any incident, claim, or lawsuit of which County becomes aware and shall fully cooperate in the defense of such claim, but SHP shall retain sole control of the defense while the action is pending, to the extent allowed by law. In no event shall this agreement to indemnify be construed to require SHP to indemnify the County, its agents and/or employees from the County's, its agents' and/or employees' own negligence and/or their own actions or inactions.

SHP shall not be responsible for any claims, actions, lawsuits, damages, judgments or liabilities of any kind arising out of the operation of the facility and the negligence and/or action or inaction of the County or their employees or agents. SHP shall promptly notify the County of any incident, claim, or lawsuit of which SHP becomes aware and shall fully cooperate in the defense of such claim, but the County shall retain sole control of the defense while the action is pending, to the extent allowed by law. In no event shall this agreement be construed to require the County to indemnify SHP, its agents and/or employees from SHP's, its agents' and/or employees' own negligence and/or their own actions or inactions.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS.

9.1 Independent Contractor Status. The parties acknowledge that SHP is an independent contractor engaged to provide for the delivery of health services to Juveniles at the Juvenile Department, as set forth in this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship, or a joint venture relationship between the parties.

9.2 Assignment. Neither party may transfer, sell or assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any third party without the other party's express

written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; except that SHP may transfer or assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any corporate affiliate of SHP, or in connection with the sale of all or substantially all of the stock assets of the business of SHP, without the express written consent of the other party.

9.3 Notice. Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand or delivered by certified or registered first-class mail (return receipt requested, postage prepaid) or Federal Express, UPS or other reputable overnight courier service (with signed delivery confirmation), and transmitted by electronic mail transmission, including PDF (with delivery and read receipt confirmation), and addressed to the appropriate party at the following address and regularly-monitored electronic mail address of such party, or to any other person at any other address and regularly-monitored electronic mail address as may be designated in writing by the parties:

- a. County: Brazoria County Judge L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.
237 East Locust Street, Suite 401
Angleton, Texas 77515
Email: matts@brazoriacountytx.gov
- Juvenile: Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department
Chief of Brazoria Co. Juvenile Justice Department Kyle Teat
20875 County Road 171
Angleton, Texas 77515
Email: kylet@brazoriacountytx.gov
- Purchasing: Brazoria County Purchasing
Ms. Susan P. Serrano
237 East Locust Street, Suite 406
Angleton, Texas 77515
Email: sserrano@brazoriacountytx.gov
- b. SHP: Southern Health Partners, Inc.
2030 Hamilton Place Boulevard, Suite 140
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421
Attn: President
Email: jennifer.hairsine@southernhealthpartners.com and
lacey.lafuze@southernhealthpartners.com

Notices shall be effective upon receipt regardless of the form used.

9.4 Governing Law and Disputes. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the

laws of the State of Texas, except as specifically noted. Disputes between the Parties shall, first, be formally mediated by a third party or entity agreeable to the Parties, in which case the Parties shall engage in good faith attempts to resolve any such dispute with the Mediator before any claim or suit arising out of this Agreement may be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

9.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions and agreements that have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto. All prior negotiations, agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded hereby.

9.6 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or revised only in writing and signed by all parties.

9.7 Waiver of Breach. The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provision hereof.

9.8 Other Contracts and Third-Party Beneficiaries. The parties acknowledge that SHP is neither bound by nor aware of any other existing contracts to which County is a party and which relate to the providing of medical care to Juveniles at the Juvenile Department. The parties agree that they have not entered into this Agreement for the benefit of any third person or persons, and it is their express intention that the Agreement is intended to be for their respective benefit only and not for the benefit of others who might otherwise be deemed to constitute third-party beneficiaries hereof.

9.9 Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement which shall remain in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

9.10 Liaison. The Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department Administrator or his designee shall serve as the liaison with SHP.

9.11 Cooperation. On and after the date of this Agreement, each party shall, at the request of the other, make, execute and deliver or obtain and deliver all instruments and documents and shall do or cause to be done all such other things which either party may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions and intentions of this Agreement.

9.12 Time of Essence. Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

9.13 Authority. The parties signing this Agreement hereby state that they have the authority to bind the entity on whose behalf they are signing.

9.14 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

9.15 Cumulative Powers. Except as expressly limited by the terms of this Agreement, all rights, powers and privileges conferred hereunder shall be cumulative and not restrictive of those provided at law or in equity.

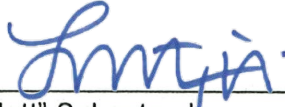
9.16 Non-solicitation. SHP takes pride in its staff and has a significant investment in the training and professional development of our employees and independent contractors; they are valued members of our business. As such, during the term of this Agreement or within one (1) year after this Agreement's termination, the County and its agents agree not to solicit any employee or independent contractor of SHP on behalf of the County or any other business enterprise, nor to induce any employee or independent contractor associated with SHP to terminate or breach an employment, contractual or other relationship with the SHP. The County hereby acknowledges (1) that SHP will suffer irreparable harm if the obligations under this Agreement are breached; and, (2) the County agrees to pay a professional replacement fee of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) per employee or independent contractor to compensate SHP for the estimated cost of replacing said employee or independent contractor. The foregoing shall not apply to any SHP employee or independent contractor who may have been employed by the County directly prior to this agreement start date.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in their official capacities with legal authority to do so.

BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

BY:

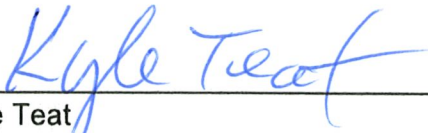


L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.
County Judge

Date: 04/28/2025

BRAZORIA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

BY:



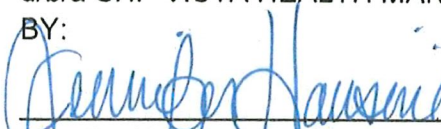
Kyle Teat
Chief of Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department

Date: 4-25-2025

SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.

d/b/a SHP VISTA HEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC.

BY:



Jennifer Hairsine, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: 4/23/2025



Southern Health Partners – Scope of Services / Juvenile Justice Department

Understanding of Project Requirements:

Southern Health Partners understands that Brazoria County requires a medical service provider who is not only accountable but committed to meeting all required patient needs and timelines with precision and reliability. Our team prioritizes clear, consistent communication to ensure seamless coordination with the county and facilities' staff. We are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of care and compliance to support all operational needs.

We understand the delivery of health care within the Juvenile Justice Department setting requires a tailored approach to meet the unique needs of the incarcerated population. This includes addressing acute and chronic care medical conditions, dental services, complex mental health services, all within the constraints of a Justice Department environment. Our team is well-versed in meeting these needs through evidence based and cost-effective care platforms. We further understand the critical importance of continuity of care not only during incarceration but upon release. We have established discharge planning protocols for a seamless transition to community providers, which in turn helps improve health outcomes.

Juvenile Justice Department Services

SHP intends to manage the delivery of healthcare within the Juvenile Justice Department, providing age appropriate care and promoting the well-being of juveniles in the facility. Adolescents often present unique developmental and physical needs requiring specialized expertise. Our team members will have experience in trauma and anxiety based care, as well as preventive and acute care needs.

Our staffing plan allows for coverage on-site 24/7 to meet intake screening, regular sick call triage, and chronic care condition management, just to name a few. Collaborative relationships (local and state) are to be established to best promote the health of the population. **SHP intends to continue the County's relationship with Dr. Nithi and the Gulf Coast team members to best promote continuity of care.** Medication management to include continuance of current prescriptions will be key and prioritized. As an aside, all SHP staff members will be required to complete Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training prior to working at the facility as well as have an understanding of the **Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 11, Chapter 343**, revision 11/12/24 as it pertains to medical services and requirements.

Medical Services Offered

The following are brief summaries of services to be provided within the Brazoria County Juvenile Justice Department. We will utilize established protocols and practices, as well as our availability as guiding resources when needed by our team members, to minimize the number of off-site visits, thereby providing care on-site. Our on-site program will be structured to use best practices for patient care management on-site, for example, by using our available provider connections, it can reduce the potential risk that come with transporting Juveniles offsite. When it is necessary to utilize an off-site service, we work with the Justice Department administration and the Justice Department transport services to schedule and coordinate the Juveniles.

Our overall services will include, but not be limited to:

- 24/7 on-site medical care – routine and emergent needs, phlebotomy/lab draws, segregation checks
- Timely review of intake screenings and referral to providers, additional medical staff
- Consistent Clinical Provider services (MD, NP) – on-site and on-call availability



- On-site sick call triage and services – assessment, treatment plans, special diets, medication verification
- Management of Chronic Care Conditions (Diabetes, Withdrawal, Hypertension, HIV, Pregnancy, etc.)
- Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) – triage, continuance, medication support
- Medication Management (Ordering, Administration, Returns) – Medical team to pass all meds to patients
- Coordination/Collaboration of services through Gulf Coast Center – referrals, follow treatment plans
- Management of off-site visits and resulting treatment care plans – Specialty providers, discharge plans
- Utilization management and claim adjudication – review of all claims, application of discounts
- Medical supply management and inventory checks – order, inventory control
- Quality improvement measures and practices – record audits, MAR checks, safety/efficiency focus
- Juvenile Justice Department Services – intake, triage, sick call, physicals

Nursing services will encompass **24 hours per day, 7 days per week on-site**. As an important part of our overall program, the nurses will assess and monitor patients for all needed medical interventions and regular day to day services which include chronic medical conditions, infectious disease issues, mental health concerns, and substance abuse conditions.

Based on our understanding of the workflow, and our experience in health management of services, we have devised the following staffing coverage for our program within the facility. While the staffing chart outlines the intended allocation of roles and hours, flexibility will be maintained to ensure operational needs are met and patients' health care services are completed. Team members may be required to support other roles as needed, but all scheduled total hours will be fulfilled within the proposed staffing framework.

Juvenile Detention Department Staffing Matrix

Brazoria Juvenile Justice Department TX – ADP up to 35 juvenile detainees										
POSITION	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Hrs/wk	FTE	
Contracted Provider(s)										
Medical Director/Mid-Level Provider NP/PA	Up to 8 hours/week + On-Call to Medical Team 24/7								8	
Day Shift										
Medical Team Administrator (RN)		8	8	8	8	8		40	1.00	
LPN - Sick Call / Chronic Care	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	84	2.10	
LPN - Sick Call / Chronic Care	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	84	2.10	
TOTAL HOURS/FTE -WEEKLY								208	5.2	

Staffing and Maintaining Staff for On-site Program

It is our intention to have these staffing matrixes be reflective of the workflows at each individual site location. We will have additional SHP employed travel nurses who would be trained at each location and be able to provide coverage if needed. All employees will have active Texas licensure and only provide services within their scope of practice.



The existing nursing staff would be given the first right to apply for all positions under Southern Health Partners, should we be awarded this contract.

Quality Improvement Performance and Efficiency

Our commitment to the County is not only providing a quality Juvenile medical program, but also adherence to state standards for medical care to the incarcerated population. SHP continuously monitors regulations (National and State) to ensure our services not only meet but exceed these benchmarks.

Our approach includes regular training sessions for our staff, compliance audits, and a partnership model with local governments to ensure continuous alignment with state standards. This ensures that our programs and the solutions are not only effective but also legally compliant, safeguarding our partners against potential legal challenges.

We integrate SHP required training with our Quality Improvement System to ensure our staff has the most up to date information and is well versed with standards in detention healthcare. Below are some ways SHP stays informed and up to date with staff on state regulations.

- Continuous legal monitoring (Our General Counsel is an employee of SHP)
- Medical Compliance Audits completed by SHP Regional Managers (**Texas based**)
- Continuing Education provided to our Medical Team Administrators regarding regulations on corrections.
- Monitoring of National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) latest position statements on care for a juvenile population.
- Quality Improvement Monitoring System – SHP generated topics include PREA, Self-Audits, Wound Assessment, and much more.

Supplies, Ancillary Vendors, and Equipment

SHP's program includes all office supplies for the medical team's use in performing administrative tasks. All disposable medical supplies, medical waste removal, lab and x-ray services will be sourced through the County vendors, with all costs borne by the County or applied to an established cost pool structure. Of note, SHP has longstanding relationships with vendors for medical supplies, ancillary services, and medical equipment. We leverage the buying power of all SHP sites together to negotiate for our partners when it comes to any necessary or requested services or equipment. These savings are then passed along to our partners through negotiated rates. Regardless of payor, SHP's purchasing team will apply all pre-approval measures currently in place to ensure best practices and controls are in place for all orders.

Pharmaceutical Management Program

SHP has developed a formulary of pharmaceuticals for use in our medical programs and currently manages the pharmacy services through a correctional based pharmacy provider. Through our relationship, we have negotiated bulk discounts, refunds, and rebates to benefit the County. SHP will continually search for opportunities to improve medication delivery whether at the pharmacy, facility, or cell-side level. Any rebates and refunds identified are applied back to the original pharmacy billings, SHP does NOT retain a portion of those costs nor do we charge a percentage fee for this service. Further, SHP will remain committed to collaborating with any procurement program that provides cost-savings on medications for the County. We will work within these program parameters to ensure access to affordable medications and maximize the benefits for the County's healthcare initiatives regarding best practices of patient needs.



SHP's general guidelines for pharmaceuticals are:

- Prescriptions brought in by the Juvenile, or their family will be reviewed by SHP staff and continued or substituted with formulary medications as necessary by our physician.
- Verification will be performed by the medical staff of an Juvenile's current medication(s).
- Refusals of medication will be documented, and counseling provided to the patient.
- All pharmaceuticals, needles, syringes, and any other medical instruments with a potential for misuse will be inventoried and stored under secured conditions.

SHP will ensure compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations regarding pharmacy services. All prescription services will be managed by our onsite Providers, and we have set up controls for notifications of high price drugs and non-formulary orders. We can provide drug utilization reports for review during update meetings or pull data upon request.

Juvenile Medical Services Billing Review / Claim Adjudication

Southern Health Partners is well versed in reviewing and processing Juvenile medical claims and we are one of the only vendors who provide this service **in house**. We do not contract this process out to a third party service, allowing our accounting team members to be diligently trained on their state specific processes for several years. Our Accounting Specialist for the State of Texas, Baylen Gamble, has been with Southern Health Partners for 6+ years consecutively and understands the practice of claim processing for each of our partners.

Brief review of our claims adjudication process:

- After receiving the claim, it is then repriced to the Medicaid rate
- SHP's proprietary system flags any duplicate claims that have been sent (this removes the chance of accidental double payment to vendors)
- Our on-site team uses SHP's proprietary system to enter logs/entries regarding patients that have been to the ER, doctor specialty visits, etc.
- Service Eligibility Denial: As our on-site medical team enters information into our system, they also designate whether the patient's service was prior to booking, custody status, whether they are an Juvenile at the facility, if they have a medical furlough, and much more.
- Never a Denial of Care: SHP will never deny patient care. We are proactive in ensuring our partner facilities pay for the actual services that our patients receive.
- There is no additional fee for claim processing, nor do we markup claims in any way to recoup administrative costs.

SHP generates monthly billing summaries for our partners to receive via email upon request. This information outlines patient name, services provided, service date, original amount, discount applied, and total amount.

This service would be included in our base fee cost.

Utilization Management Services / Management of Off-Site Services

SHP's case management services track off-site care and checks in with all inpatient hospitalizations for case review determination. This allows us to not only ensure care is structured for the diagnosis, but also allows us to report back to the Medical Services Coordinator any additional information and/or needs for patient return.



Medical Records are requested and reviewed for medical review on a daily basis. Information is also communicated to our billing representatives to begin any notifications as to future costs of inpatient services.

Wherever possible, we coordinate with the hospitalist to identify services that can be provided within our facility, facilitating the patients return to continue their recovery seamlessly.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

3/18/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must have **ADDITIONAL INSURED** provisions or be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION IS WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC 115 Federal Street Boston MA 02110	CONTACT NAME: Tatiana Dmitrieva PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 973-921-8460 E-MAIL ADDRESS: Tatiana.Dmitrieva@AJG.com FAX (A/C, No): 617-531-7777
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COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 637608770**REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:			HC6CAB5JNN005	3/13/2025	12/13/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 50,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 0 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ Included GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ Included \$
A	<input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			73APB010990	3/13/2025	3/13/2026	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y / N <input type="checkbox"/>	N / A				PER STATUTE E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
B	Medical Professional Liability			HC6CAB5JNN005	12/13/2024	12/13/2025	Per claim Aggregate \$1,000,000 \$7,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Additional Insured and Waiver of Subrogation applies as respects to General Liability policy as required by written contract with Named Insured.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**Brazoria County
237 E. Locust
Angleton TX 77515

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Kristina Winterfeldt

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Southern Health Partners, Inc.
Chattanooga, TN United States

Certificate Number:
2025-1283176

Date Filed:
03/18/2025

Date Acknowledged:
3/21/2025

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Brazoria County

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

RFSQ# 25-22
Inmate Healthcare

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.



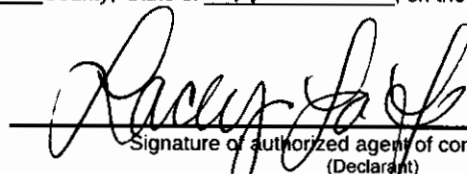
6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Lacey LaFuze, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is 2030 Hamilton Pl Blvd Ste 140, Chattanooga, TN, 37421, USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Hamilton County, State of TN, on the 18th day of March, 20 25.
(month) (year)


Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

Southern Health Partners, Inc.

2 ☐ Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes

☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7 Jennifer Haisine
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

3-18-2025
Date

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Brazoria County Administration Building
451 E. Locust St., Suite 406
Angleton, TX 77515
(979) 864-1825



SUSAN P. SERRANO, CPPO, CPPB

Purchasing Director

March 13, 2025

Southern Health Partners, Inc.
ATTN: Jennifer Hairsine
2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Suite 140
Chattanooga, TX 37421
Jennifer.hairsine@southernhealthpartners.com

Re: Award for RFSQ# 25-22 Health Services for the Sheriff's Office and the Juvenile Justice Departments

Dear Ms. Hairsine:

Brazoria County is pleased to inform you that on March 11, 2025, Commissioners' Court awarded the above listed project to your company.

The term of this contract shall be effective May 1st, 2025, for a period of one (1) year with an option to renew the contract for up to four (4) additional one-year terms.

A purchase order and /or notice to proceed will follow. Do not proceed with delivery of services or materials prior to receiving a purchase order number from Brazoria County.

A Certificate of Interested Parties, Form 1295 is required. Vendors are to log onto the Texas Ethics Commission's website https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm and fill out Form 1295. Once the form is completed online, the system will issue a certificate number. Please print, sign the form, and email it to Amanda Erickson at aerickson@brazoriacountytx.gov.

In addition, per Texas Local Government Code 176, completion of the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, Form CIQ, is required if applicable. You may access the form and further information on our website at <http://brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/purchasing> under the Doing Business section, Conflict of Interest Reporting.

Per Texas Local Government Code Chapters 808, 809, and 2274, completion of the Boycott Verification Form is required, if applicable. You may access the form and further information on our website at <http://brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/purchasing> under the Doing Business section.

Please email the CIQ and Boycott Verification Form to Amanda Erickson at aerickson@brazoriacountytx.gov.

As a reminder, a copy of a current certificate of insurance shall be due to Brazoria County within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification of award. The contract shall not become effective until the certificate of insurance is received. Failure to provide said certificate may result in cancellation and/or termination of the contract. Please have the certificate of insurance names Brazoria County as an additional insured and a waiver of subrogation applies in favor of Brazoria County.

Thank you for your interest in Brazoria County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan P. Serrano".

Susan P. Serrano, CPPO, CPPB
Brazoria County Purchasing Director