

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving and
ratifying the 2020-2023
Collective Bargaining
Agreement by and among
Miami-Dade County, the
Public Health Trust and
the American Federation of
State, County and Municipal
Employees, Local 1363;
waiving provisions of
Resolution No. R-130-06

Resolution No. R-976-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)
10-5-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-976-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE 2020-2023
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1363; WAIVING
PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-130-06

WHEREAS, the President and staff of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County (the “PHT”) which operates the Jackson Health System (“JHS”) have negotiated in good faith with representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1363 (“AFSCME, Local 1363”) which is the duly certified collective bargaining agent representing bargaining unit members of AFSCME, Local 1363 employed by the PHT; and

WHEREAS, such negotiations have resulted in a tentative agreement between the PHT and AFSCME, Local 1363 a copy of which is attached to the accompanying memorandum and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Board of Trustees of the PHT desire to accomplish the purposes of this tentative agreement between the PHT and AFSCME Local 1363 and recommend that the tentative agreement be approved and ratified; and

WHEREAS, the tentative agreement was ratified by the bargaining unit members of AFSCME, Local 1363 on September 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the PHT adopted Resolution No. PHT 09/2021-047 that accepted the tentatively agreed-upon 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement by and among Miami-Dade County, the Public Health Trust and the AFSCME, Local 1363 attached to the accompanying memorandum and requested that this Board ratify it; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 25A of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides that the PHT shall not be authorized to enter into a contract with a labor union or other organization representing employees without first having obtained the approval of the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, in addition, Miami-Dade County and the PHT have a joint employer relationship for collective bargaining purposes under state public employee relations laws, Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, as determined by the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, as such, the PHT does not have the independent authority to enter into labor contracts, and the County, as a matter of state law, is a party to and is bound by the contracts with the PHT’s labor unions; and

WHEREAS, under Florida law, a collective bargaining agreement is not binding on the public employer until such agreement is ratified by the public employees and the legislative body of the public employer; and

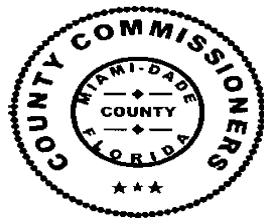
WHEREAS, this Board desires to ratify the 2020-2023 collective bargaining agreement attached to the accompanying memorandum, accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, and to waive the requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves and ratifies the agreement between Miami-Dade County, the Public Health Trust and AFSCME, Local 1363 for the period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2023, in substantially the form attached to the accompanying memorandum and made a part hereof. The provisions of Resolution No. R-130-06 requiring that any contracts of the County with third parties be executed and finalized prior to placement on an agenda of the Board are waived at the request of the PHT for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Marlon D. Moffett

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 5, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: William J. Heffernan
Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Public Health Trust

Subject: 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Miami-Dade County, Florida, The Public Health Trust and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1363 (AFSCME, Local 1363) (Approximately 5,000 Employees)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve and ratify the attached 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement among Miami-Dade County, the Public Health Trust (PHT) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1363 (AFSCME, Local 1363) Bargaining Unit (Agreement). This Agreement covers approximately five thousand (5,000) employees of the PHT.

Scope

The impact of this agenda item affects all full-time and part-time employees, and eligible per diem employees of the Jackson Health System that are members of the AFSCME, Local 1363 Bargaining Unit.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact of this Agreement would be \$14,442,148.00 for the three (3) year term of the Agreement. It would be funded from operating revenues as documented in the PHT financial statements. In no event would capital revenues, including proceeds from any general-obligation bond, be used to fund this program.

Track Record/Monitor

The monitoring and implementation of all labor contracts and collective bargaining agreements is overseen by Michelle Kligman, Vice-President of the Human Resources Administration, and Chief Experience Officer.

Background

This Agreement is a product of good-faith negotiations between management’s negotiating team and SEIU. As a result, the parties have agreed to forego previously negotiated terms in the 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Both parties have worked collaboratively to adjust the pay scales of a number of classifications that required market adjustments and increased the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. The other proposed changes, which are outlined below, significantly aid the PHT in meeting its strategic goals while rewarding employees for their remarkable professional commitment during the existing COVID-19 crisis.

Terms of Agreement

This is a three (3) year Agreement covering the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The following represents the major provisions of the Agreement:

Article 31 – Holidays

Effective upon ratification, the national holiday referred to as Juneteenth, which takes place on June 19th, will be recognized as a holiday by the Trust. Employees who are granted time off for this holiday will have a Personal Leave day deducted from their paid leave account.

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First Year 2020-2021: Retroactive to January 1, 2021, full-time and part-time employees will receive a two (2) percent wage increase to their base rate of pay. Effective the first full pay period of ratification, employees who are not otherwise receiving

a market adjustment or pay increase will receive a three (3) percent base wage increase. Effective first full pay period of January 2022, all fulltime and part-time employees will receive a 2% one-time lump sum bonus.

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Nursing Support Ladder

The following levels have been created to assist in the retention, as well as encourage, promote and reward excellence of the specialized nursing support professionals:

Level 1: Eliminate the classification of Sitter and reclassify as Patient Observer and move to newly created step plan.

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Level 3: The classification of Nursing Assistant 2 will be retitled to Certified Nursing Assistant. All existing Patient Care Associates will be reclassified as Patient Care Associate 1. All existing mental Health Hospital Specialists will be reclassified as Mental Health Specialists. All existing employees in the classification of Medical Assistant Transplant will be reclassified as Medical Assistants and move to the same step in the pay plan of the Medical Assistant.

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Pharmacy Technician Ladder:

A Pharmacy Technician ladder was created to recognize levels of competency, education, licensure, certification and experience of Pharmacy Technicians, to assist in the retention as well as encourage, promote and reward their excellence in this clinical practice.

Pharmacy Technician classification will be eliminated and all current employees in the classification will be assessed by pharmacy administration and based on qualifications, experience and the work they perform will be moved to one of three newly created classifications: Pharmacy Technician I, Pharmacy Technician II or Pharmacy Technician III.

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Article 54 – Group Health Insurance

New language was added to provide that beginning January 1, 2022, the employee cost of the biweekly dependent premiums coverage for the Select Network/Managed Health Care Group Insurance Plan and the POS will increase by 10% of the current premium rate. Beginning January 1, 2022, single coverage for select will increase to \$50.00 biweekly and single coverage for POS will increase to \$150.00 biweekly.

Beginning January 1, 2023 the employee cost of the biweekly premiums, dependent and single coverage, for the Select Network/Managed Health Care Group Insurance Plan and the POS will increase by 10%.

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Beginning on January 1, 2022, the premiums for the voluntary dental coverage will be increased by 10%. Beginning January 1, 2023, the premiums for the voluntary dental coverage will be increased by 10%.

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Article 90 §2 – Empowerment and Efficiencies

The parties expressly agree that an accurate on-going accounting of the Empowerment and Efficiencies Funds expenditures will be provided in detail on a quarterly basis.

Signature Waiver Request Under Resolution No. R-130-06

The PHT requests that the Board waive the provisions of Resolution No. R-130-06 requiring that any contracts of the County with third parties be executed and finalized prior to placement on the committee agenda because collective bargaining agreements are executed after being ratified by the bargaining unit members and this Board.

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 09/2021 – 047

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020-2023 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND AFSCME, THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1363, AND FORWARDING SUCH AGREEMENT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR RATIFICATION

(Mark T. Knight, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Jackson Health System)

WHEREAS, the President and staff of the Public Health Trust have negotiated in good faith with representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1363 (hereinafter referred to as “AFSCME, Local 1363”) which is the duly certified collective bargaining agent representing bargaining unit members of AFSCME, Local 1363 employed by the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, such negotiations have resulted in a proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS this Collective Bargaining Agreement is scheduled for a ratification vote by the AFSCME, Local 1363 bargaining unit by September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Board of Trustees desire to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum and recommend ratification of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Collective Bargaining Agreement among Miami-Dade County, the Public Health Trust, and AFSCME, Local 1363 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 and hereby forwards the agreement to the Board County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County for ratification and directs the President or his designee to take such action as necessary to seek such ratification.

**Agenda Item 11.g.
Public Health Trust Board of Trustees
September 28, 2021**

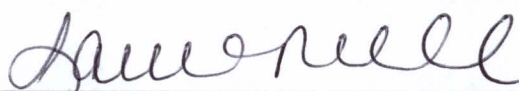
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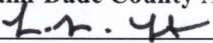
The foregoing resolution was offered by Walter T. Richardson and the motion was seconded by Laurie Weiss Nuell as follows:

Antonio L. Argiz	Aye
William J. Heffernan	Aye
Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Laurie Weiss Nuell	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye
Anthony Rodriguez	Absent
Carmen M. Sabater	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution as duly passed and adopted this 28th day of September 2021.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
Laurie Weiss Nuell, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form
and legal sufficiency 



TO: William J. Heffernan, Chairman
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

FROM: Mark T. Knight
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 5, 2021

RE: 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Miami-Dade County, Florida, The Public Health Trust and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1363 (AFSCME, Local 1363)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees (PHT) approve this resolution recommending that, subject to union ratification, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (BCC) accept this 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Miami-Dade County, Florida, The Public Health Trust and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1363 (AFSCME, Local 1363) Bargaining Unit. This Agreement covers approximately five thousand (5,000) employees of the PHT.

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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

AND LOCAL

1363

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION

AFL-CIO

OCTOBER 1, 2017 20 – SEPTEMBER 30, 202023

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ARTICLE 1 AGREEMENT

This ~~2017-2020~~ **2020-2023** Collective Bargaining Agreement is entered into by and between Miami- Dade County and the Public Health Trust collectively, hereinafter referred to as the Trust or Public Health Trust, and the Dade County Public Employees Local 1363, AFSCME, AFL-CIO and is effective the beginning of the first pay period immediately following ratification of the contract by the Board of County Commissioners.

All new or amended provisions contained in this Agreement shall be effective upon ratification, unless a different effective date is specifically provided for in the affected article.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Agreement to promote and expand harmonious relationships by providing an orderly, prompt, peaceful and equitable procedure for the resolution of grievances between the Employer and employees represented by the Union; to provide, where not inconsistent with the Constitution, Charter, Statute, Ordinance or Personnel Rules, for the salary structure, fringe benefits and employment conditions of the employees covered by this Agreement. Both parties agree that they share the responsibility to provide uninterrupted care to patients and citizens of Miami-Dade County.

Upon ratification and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the provisions of this Agreement will supersede Personnel Rules or Administrative Orders and/or other rules and regulations in conflict herewith. The Employer retains the right to establish through Administrative Order or Personnel Rules practices or procedures which do not violate the provisions of this contract.

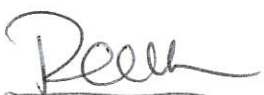
All pronouns used in this Agreement shall be deemed to apply to both sexes, regardless of the particular gender of the pronoun actually used.

ARTICLE 3 RECOGNITION

1. The Employer recognizes AFSCME, Local 1363, as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees within the Bargaining Unit covered by this Agreement for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment.

The Bargaining Unit covered by this Agreement, as stated in PERC Certificate Number 1363, is as follows:

- Included: All full-time and regular part-time nonprofessional, non-supervisory operational service, administrative and office and clerical personnel employed jointly by Miami-Dade County and the Public Health Trust.
- Excluded: All professional, supervisory, managerial and confidential personnel employed by the County or the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, and all other temporary, seasonal, substitute and emergency personnel employed by the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County and all other temporary, seasonal, substitute, and emergency personnel employed by the County or the Public Health Trust (as defined in the County and the Trust personnel rules) and all employees covered by the collective bargaining certifications, including but not limited to that of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Employees Local 199 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

 9/28/22 1
PHT Date

2. Probationary, exempt, conditional, and regular part-time employees shall continue to be governed in all respects by the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida/Public Health Trust, Personnel Rules, Pay Plan and other regulations in effect prior to the execution of this Agreement and there shall be no applicability of this contract or change in any of the wages, benefits, hours, or terms and conditions of employment of such employees as a result of this Agreement unless such applicability or changes are specifically stated in this Agreement with reference to such employees.
3. It is agreed that if and when new position classifications are created by action of the Public Health Trust, the questions of inclusion or exclusion within the Bargaining Unit shall be settled in accordance with state law.
4. The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for all per diem employees who average twenty (20) or more hours weekly over a six (6) month period of employment with the Employer. Per diem employees shall continue to be governed in all respects by the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Personnel Rules, Pay Plan, and all other regulations in effect prior to the execution of this Agreement shall remain in effect, and there shall be no change in any of the wages, benefits, hours or terms and conditions of employment of such employees except as a result of this Agreement.

Within the meaning of the above paragraph, the following provisions shall not apply to per diem employees: Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 (appeals), 14, 16, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 51, 52, 54, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 86, 89, and 90.

ARTICLE 4 NONDISCRIMINATION

There shall be no discrimination against any employee by the Employer or the Union because of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, political affiliation, religion, Union membership, or for engaging in any lawful Union activities.

This Article is intended solely to comply with the criteria enumerated above and applicable Federal and State statutes.

ARTICLE 5 UNION DUES

1. Upon receipt of written authorization from an employee, the Public Health Trust agrees to deduct the regular Union dues and uniform assessments of such employee from his/her biweekly pay and remit such deduction to the Treasurer of the Union within ten (10) days of the date of deduction.
2. The Union will notify the Public Health Trust, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to any change in the amount of regular dues deduction. The Union will notify the Public Health Trust, in writing, at least ninety (90) days prior to the date any uniform assessment will be deducted. Uniform assessments shall be limited to one (1) request per calendar year. The Public Health Trust, with at least ninety days prior written notice, will provide a payroll deduction for the Union's political action committee.
3. An employee may revoke his dues deduction by providing a thirty (30) days written notice to the Public Health Trust and the Union. Notice to the Public Health Trust alone shall not be sufficient. Should Chapter 447.303 Florida Statutes be amended, the amendment will

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supersede the applicable sections of this Article.

4. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Public Health Trust harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders, or judgments brought or issued against the Public Health Trust as a result of any action taken or not taken by the Public Health Trust under the provisions of this Article.
5. It is agreed and understood that the Public Health Trust, through its Managers, Department Directors, Division Directors, supervisory employees, and those employees not included in this Bargaining Unit, will take no action to either encourage or discourage membership in the Union. Assistance to any employee in the preparation of either Union membership or withdrawal forms shall constitute a violation of this provision.
6. The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any employee who is a member of the Union a PEOPLE deduction as provided for in a written authorization. Such authorizations must be executed by the employee and may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written notice to both the Employer and the Union. The Employer agrees to remit any deductions made pursuant to this provision promptly to the Union together with an itemized statement showing the name of each employee from whose pay such deductions have been made and the amount deducted during the period covered by the remittance. Such deductions will be made at the same time dues are deducted.

ARTICLE 6 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

SECTION 1.

A grievance is a dispute between the Employer and the Union and/or the employees concerning the interpretation or application of a specific provision of this Agreement, and such grievances shall be processed and disposed of in the following manner:

Step 1

An employee having a grievance and/or the employee's Union representative shall discuss it with the employee's immediate supervisor or whichever management person made the grievable decision within five (5) working days of the occurrence or knowledge giving rise to the grievance, whichever is later. The Employer shall respond to the employee or the employee's Union representative within five (5) working days after the presentation of the grievance in Step 1.

Step 2

If the grievance is not settled in Step 1, the grievance may, within five (5) working days after the response in Step 1, be presented in Step 2. When grievances are presented in Step 2, they shall be reduced to writing, signed by the grievant and/or the Union representative and presented by the grievant and/or the Union representative to the Director of Nursing/Administrator or designee, or with whomever is the individual who possesses the authority to correct the contractual violation or modify the disciplinary action, after which a meeting to discuss the merits of the grievance shall be held within five (5) working days. The grievance in Step 2 shall be answered by the Employer in writing within five (5) working days after the meeting to discuss the grievance.

Step 3

If the grievance is not settled in Step 2, the grievance may, within five (5) working days after the response in Step 2, be presented by the grievant and/or Union representative in Step 3. The grievance shall be presented in this step to the Director of Employee/Labor Relations

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and Workforce Compliance Department or his or her designee. The Union may, upon submission of a grievance in Step 3, request a settlement conference for the purpose of exchanging information in resolution of the grievance. A settlement conference shall be granted as of right. It is agreed that either party may or may not present witnesses at the discretion of either party during the settlement conference. The settlement conference shall be held within ten (10) working days of submission of the grievance at Step 3. The Employer shall respond in writing within five (5) working days after the date of the settlement conference or submission, if no settlement conference is requested. The time limits for the submission of a grievance by the employee/Union representative, the setting of a settlement conference, or the Employer's response may be extended by mutual agreement in writing for no more than an additional five (5) working days at each of the above-referenced steps.

SECTION 2.

Any grievance shall be void which is not presented for disposition through the grievance procedure described herein within ten (10) working days of the occurrence or condition which it is claimed gave rise to the grievance.

SECTION 3.

Upon being submitted to Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure, the grievance shall be reduced to writing. The written grievance must set forth all of the following:

- A. The date and time when the grievance arose;
- B. A statement of the grievance and facts;
- C. The remedy requested;
- D. The violation of the specific provision of the agreement which is claimed; and
- E. Signature of the aggrieved employee and/or the Union representative.

In the absence of these specific details, the employer is under no obligation to accept the grievance at step one and will return the grievance so as to be properly completed.

All Employer responses required in Steps 1, 2 and 3 above shall be in writing directed to the aggrieved employee with a copy furnished to the Union. A rejection of a grievance at any step of the Grievance Procedure by the Employer must contain the reasons for the rejection.

SECTION 4.

Failure on the part of the Employer to respond to a grievance at any step shall be deemed a denial thereof, and the Union may proceed to the next step.

SECTION 5.

Any disposition of a grievance from which no appeal has been taken within the time limits specified herein shall be deemed resolved and shall not thereafter be considered subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.

Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, a grievance concerning a discharge, suspension or demotion, health and safety or union rights may be presented initially at Step 3 in the first instance, within the time limit specified in Section 2 of this Article.

SECTION 7.

All time limits herein specified shall be deemed to be exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and stated holidays as provided in Article 31, and any other holidays officially recognized by the

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Employer for Human Resources Department employees.

SECTION 8.

A grievance which affects two (2) or more divisions, and which the Director of Nursing/Administrator or designee in Steps 1 and 2 lack authority to settle, may initially be presented at Step 3 by the Union representative.

SECTION 9.

In order to minimize the disruption to patient care in the case of class grievances, no more than two (2) employees per shift, per unit, plus a Union representative, shall be released from work for grievance meetings under Steps 1 and 2 of the Grievance Procedure.

SECTION 10.

The parties acknowledge that as a principle of interpretation, employees are obligated to work as directed while grievances are pending except as set forth in Article 56 Safety and Health of this Agreement.

SECTION 11.

Any subjects, except written reprimands, excluded from the Arbitration procedure (Article 7) shall also be excluded from the grievance procedure. Issues for which other appellate procedures are provided in the Code for Administrative Orders of Miami-Dade County, and/or Public Health Trust Personnel Rules and other provisions of this Agreement, and formal counseling are not subject to review as grievances. Written reprimands may be appealed up to step 3 of the grievance procedure, but shall not be subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE 7 ARBITRATION

SECTION 1

A grievance, as defined in the grievance procedure, which has not been resolved, may be referred to arbitration by the Union within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the Employer's response at Step 3. The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of its desire to arbitrate the issue submitted in the original grievance and provide a copy of the grievance. Upon receipt of notification, the Employer and the Union representative will attempt to select a mutually acceptable arbitrator. If they are unable to agree upon an arbitrator within thirty (30) calendar days after written notification, the grievance shall be referred to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) for arbitration under the Association's voluntary labor arbitration rules by the Employer or shall be referred to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). In the event that the Union fails to refer the grievance to arbitration by giving written notification within thirty (30) calendar days to the Employer, the Employer's response in Step 3 of the grievance procedure shall be final and binding upon the employees, the Employer and the Union.

SECTION 2

At the request of either party there shall be a certified court reporter at the hearing. Each party will pay its own expenses and will share equally in expenses incurred in arbitration including the fees and expenses of the AAA or FMCS, the court reporter and the arbitrator and the cost of the transcript. Each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses. Employees required to testify will be made available without loss of pay; however, whenever possible, they shall be placed on call to minimize time lost from work and, unless directly required to assist the principal union representative in the presentation of the case, they shall return to work upon completion of their testimony. The intent of the parties is to minimize time lost from work and disruption of patient care.

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SECTION 3

The award of the Arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Employer, the Union and the employees.

SECTION 4

In the event that two or more grievances become ready for arbitration at the same time in the grievance procedure, there shall be a separate arbitrator selected and assigned to each case and a separate date fixed for each hearing unless the grievance is a class grievance. The parties, however, by mutual consent, can agree to have two or more cases heard on the same date by the same arbitrator.

SECTION 5

The Arbitrator shall render his decision no later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the final hearing. Such decision shall be final and binding when in accordance with the jurisdictional authority under this Agreement. Copies of the award shall be furnished to both parties.

The Arbitration Award shall be in writing and shall set forth the Arbitrator's opinion and conclusion on the issue submitted. The Arbitrator shall limit his decision to the application and interpretation of this Agreement and the Arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore or add, change, or subtract from the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 6

The Employer shall have no right to invoke the grievance procedure or request that a matter be brought to arbitration.

SECTION 7

All time limits herein specified shall be deemed to be exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.

SECTION 8

Grievances, as defined, may be submitted regarding the matters contained in the Agreement or arising from conditions of employment.

Matters excluded from the grievance procedure under Article 6, Section 11, shall be excluded from arbitration.

SECTION 9

The union shall have the right to any facts or public documents regarding matters upon which arbitration has been requested. The Union shall be able to conduct a full investigation of the matters upon which arbitration has been requested. All requests of the Union pursuant to this provision shall be fulfilled within a reasonable period of time after the request is made. When the Union states that they have not had sufficient time to prepare, a postponement shall be requested by the Union.

ARTICLE 8 CLASSIFICATION APPEAL

1. Whenever an employee has reason to believe they are misclassified, he may apply for a review of their classification, in writing, to their immediate supervisor. Such request including a job description prepared by the employee and commented upon by the Department. This shall be forwarded to the Human Resources Capital Management

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Division by the employee's department within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of request. Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the request for reclassification, the Human Resources Capital Management Division shall render a decision in writing.

2. If the employee is not satisfied with the decision, he/she may, within fourteen (14) working days request in writing, a hearing by the Human Resources Director. At the hearing, the employee may be accompanied by a representative of their choosing and may produce any documents and evidence to support the claim for reclassification. The Human Resources Director will explain the basis for the decision in writing in the event the request is denied. The Human Resources Director shall hold such hearing within thirty (30) calendar days of the request.
3. Whenever the Human Resources Director determines that an employee is misclassified, the employee shall always be placed in a current, appropriate classification, unless the Human Resources Director determines that there is no existing appropriate classification. In such cases, the Human Resources Director shall establish the classification, job description and pay range, which shall be maintained during the term of this Agreement. In the event the request for reclassification is upheld, the employee shall receive compensation beginning with the pay period that the original request was initiated.
4. The Human Resources Director decision shall be final, subject to review by the President of the Public Health Trust or designee.

ARTICLE 9 JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPEAL

1. No employees covered by this Agreement shall be required to do work outside their job classifications, except under emergency conditions as declared by the President of the Public Health Trust, or an authorized representative.
2. The union shall have a representative on the Job Performance Standards Committee. Whenever there is a proposed change in the job description or title of a class within this Bargaining Unit, the Public Health Trust shall discuss with the Union the proposed change in job descriptions, the Union shall receive a copy of the current job description and the proposed job description. Proposed changes shall be publicized among employees.
3. If the Union is not satisfied with the proposed change, it may, in writing, within five (5) days of the conclusion of the discussion, stated in paragraph 2 above, request a hearing before the Human Resources Director. This hearing shall be held at a mutually agreeable time, within thirty (30) days.
4. It is understood by the parties, that the duties enumerated in job descriptions are not always specifically described and are to be construed liberally. Within present job descriptions, the Public Health Trust may assign tasks and duties which involve minor and occasional variation from the job descriptions to employees as long as the tasks and duties assigned fall within skills and other factors common to the classification.
5. It is understood by the Parties, the duties to be added in the proposed change in the job description shall bear a reasonable relationship to the duties and responsibilities currently contained therein. Changes proposed by the Public Health Trust, other than the addition of new duties, shall be reasonable under the circumstances.
6. Compliance with the requirements of this provision shall be the issue in the hearing.

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Testimony shall be taken from employees affected, who desire to give such testimony, provided that Union and Public Health Trust will agree on a representative number of employee witnesses to insure a full hearing on the merit of the issues. Appropriate Public Health Trust Management shall appear in support of the proposed changes. The decision of the Human Resources Director shall be final, subject to review of the President of the Public Health Trust or designee.

ARTICLE 10 LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Departmental Committees

There shall be a Labor-Management Committee formed within Public Health Trust. This Committee shall consist of members designated by the Union and of members designated by the Trust. The Union membership of such Committee shall consist of persons from within the position classifications covered by this Agreement and the Management shall consist of persons within the Trust, but outside of the Bargaining Unit, as herein defined. Time off with pay, as required, shall be granted to employees designated as Committee members for attendance at Labor Management Committee Meetings.

The Labor-Management Committee shall meet on a monthly basis or at other times by mutual consent if requested by the Union. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss with the employees, problems and objectives of mutual concern not involving grievances or matters which have been the subject of collective bargaining between the parties.

The composition of the Labor-Management Committee shall consist of not more than ten (10) members designated by the Union and not more than ten (10) members designated by the Trust (and also excludes employees of Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance. The meeting will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. The agenda will be mutually presented to the Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance Department ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Hospital-wide Committee

The Union may, in its discretion, appoint an agreed upon number of persons to serve as members of any Hospital sub-committee which exists in whole or in part for the purpose of addressing issues directly concerning the health and safety of AFSCME Trust bargaining unit members.

Labor Management Cooperation and Quality Service

The Public Health Trust and the Union pledge to work together cooperatively in a mutual determination to build and maintain a career public service that is dedicated to the principle of quality performance on behalf of all the people of Miami-Dade County.

To achieve this goal, the parties agree to establish Public Health Trust Labor-Management Committees composed equally of labor and management members named by Union and Management respectively. These Committees, and subcommittees similarly constituted in the various departments, will operate by consensus and will concern themselves with issues cited below and such other issues as by mutual agreement they choose to consider.

In order to strengthen the parties' labor-management relations, the AFSCME agrees to

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participate with JHS in labor-management committees to address the issues in Departments. Such committees may be requested by AFSCME or by JHS (through Employee/Labor Relations, the Department Directors, or designees) to meet at mutually accepted times. The parties shall meet a minimum of two times a year (bi-annually) or as the parties agree (as frequently as every quarter). Each side will contain an equal number of representatives (no more than 3 per side) and will follow the guidelines as suggested by the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) – including alternating taking minutes of the meetings. Those employees that participate in departmental labor management meetings will be paid only for the time in attendance at the meeting.

Resolution of specific matters clearly covered by the contract will be in accordance with the procedures elsewhere described in the contract. Matters relating to the quality and effectiveness of the career public service will be considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Labor-Management Committee structure. The Committee may discuss any topics of mutual concern but shall not be used as a collective bargaining forum to amend or abridge the specific terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Career employment opportunities for regular part-time employees, training, and cross-training programs, discussion of proposed job classifications, joint discussions of job certifications, and employees required to be on-call are examples of potential subjects for this committee's review.

The Committee may also be involved in matters that affect the efficiency and availability of health care services provided to the community. Experienced employees, labor and management, may serve on special committees that are responsible for the purchase of sensitive new technology, equipment and supplies; that are considering the reorganizing of space and methods of providing service; that may review the hours of operations, and other vital factors that may contribute to the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the service.

Recommendations emanating from the Committee must be approved by the Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance Department and the Trust President or designee before being implemented. The Trust President or designee's decision shall be final on all recommendations. The Trust President or designee's decision shall not be grievable or arbitrable, or be reviewable through impasse procedures provided for in Chapter 447, F.S.

Times. The Public Health Trust Labor-Management Committees will meet at mutually agreeable

Efficient Delivery of Quality Services

The Public Health Trust and Trust employees shall fully cooperate in the efficient and effective delivery of quality services.

Employees are encouraged to report suggestions of cost savings or methods of increasing efficiency and purchasing new equipment to the Labor-Management Committee.

In order to eliminate fear of employees cooperating in improved efficiency, it is understood and agreed the Public Health Trust will endeavor to offer comparable employment to any qualified employee displaced as a result of this program.

Performance Based Compensation Projects

The Union and the Public Health Trust agree to work cooperatively to develop and

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implement performance based compensation projects involving bargaining unit classifications. These performance based compensation projects shall be joint ventures, representing a collaborative effort between the Public Health Trust and the Union, to effect meaningful performance based productivity gains, that are designed to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Departments.

Either party shall have the right, at any time during the term of this Agreement, to reopen this Agreement only with respect to Performance Based Compensation Projects. The parties agree that they cannot unilaterally implement changes which would conflict with the terms of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 UNION STEWARDS AND NON-EMPLOYEE UNION BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

The Union has the right to select employees from within the Bargaining Unit, as herein defined, to act as Union Stewards. The names of employees selected shall be certified, in writing, to the Director of Employee/Labor Relations Workforce Compliance Department of the Public Health Trust by the Union.

It is agreed to and understood by the parties to this Agreement that Union Stewards may, without loss of pay, with prior approval of their supervisor, process grievances. The Supervisor's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. It is agreed to and understood by the parties to this Agreement that there shall be a reasonable number of stewards within the Bargaining Unit. It is agreed to and understood by the Union that Union Stewards shall process grievances and conduct their other duties in such a manner as to not disrupt normal Trust activities, work production and services.

Every effort will be made, by both the Trust and the Union, to allow Union Stewards to investigate grievances as rapidly as possible, preferably on the same date as the grievance becomes known and at least within twenty-four (24) hours. The investigation of a pending grievance or personal contact of employees during work time by Employee Representatives, Union Stewards or Non-employee Union Business Representatives shall not be done without first receiving prior approval from the employee's supervisor. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

In no event shall the Trust layoff, discharge or discriminate against a Steward for action taken in the proper performance of his duty as a Steward.

Union Representatives, i.e., Non-employee Union Business Representatives, shall be certified, in writing, to the Director of Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance Department for the Public Health Trust by the Union. The Union agrees that activities by the Union Representatives shall be carried out in such a manner as not to disrupt normal Trust activities, work production and services.

ARTICLE 12 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. An employee may be disciplined only for just cause. The Employer will follow progressive disciplinary procedures, whenever appropriate, and in all instances will have the burden of proving just cause for disciplinary action taken.
2. Whenever it is alleged that an employee has violated any rule, regulation, or policy, that employee shall be notified as soon as possible with the employee being informed of the rule,

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regulation, or policy allegedly violated. Upon request, the employee shall have the right to representation in discussions concerning actual or pending Disciplinary Action.

3. The Trust agrees to promptly furnish the Union a copy of any disciplinary action notification against an employee in this Bargaining Unit. The notice of disciplinary action shall contain allegations of specific personnel rules violated by the employee. In the event the disciplinary action notification is not brought forth by the supervisor within twenty-one (21) days of the supervisor's discovery of the facts requiring the notice except where good cause for delay is shown, the disciplinary action will be voided by the supervisor upon discussion with the union representative. Good cause to extend the twenty one (21) days shall include, but not be limited to, the pendency of outside criminal, administrative or other proceedings. In the event that the employee is on an approved medical, personal or any other leave, then disciplinary action will be presented following the employee's return. The disciplinary action notification shall state the date, time it was served, and the specific location of the presentation meeting.
4. Any Performance Evaluation, Record of Counseling, Reprimand, or document to which an employee is entitled shall not be part of the employee's official record until the employee has been offered or given a copy.
5. Discipline and/or counseling will normally be carried out in a manner which does not embarrass the employee. Neither formal nor informal counseling is considered to be disciplinary action. Both should be viewed as efforts to improve performance. Reprimands shall be appealable by full time employees to the grievance procedure up to and including Step 3. An Employee who receives a Record of Counseling or a Disciplinary Action Report shall be allowed fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of the ROC or DAR to submit a rebuttal. Rebuttal shall be placed with the Disciplinary Action Report (DAR) in the employee's personnel file. By mutual agreement between parties, additional time can be granted. Employer shall have fourteen (14) calendar days to respond to the rebuttal. Failure on the part of management to meet at a mutually agreed time or to render a decision in the time agreed shall result in the DAR or ROC being withdrawn without prejudice. The formal record of counseling and rebuttal, if any, will be reviewed by the supervisor of the employee who prepared the counseling, prior to it being placed in the affected employee's personnel file.
6. An employee who is absent without authorized leave for three (3) consecutive work days and is considered to have abandoned the position shall have a right to petition the Human Resources designee for a review of the facts in the case. The petition must be submitted within twenty one (21) days of the receipt of the job abandonment letter. The Human Resources designee shall rule as to whether the circumstances constitute abandonment of position. Only facts concerning the alleged abandonment shall be considered by the Human Resources designee. The Human Resources designee's findings and rulings shall be in writing. The Human Resources designee's decision shall be final and binding.
7. The Trust shall cooperate in a reasonable manner to facilitate the Union's investigation by providing access to public records and documents related to disciplinary action in a timely fashion.
8. All disciplinary actions except reprimands will be appealable by the employee, as provided in Section 2-47 of the Miami-Dade County Code, to a Hearing Examiner. The Trust agrees to attempt to add to the Hearing Examiner's list, qualified attorneys with experience in labor

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relations matters. The Union may request in writing to the Director of Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Management Department that a specific Hearing Examiner be removed for cause from the roster of available Examiners.

9. The Union will have the option on behalf of a permanent status bargaining unit employee, to appeal the disciplinary actions of dismissal, demotion, reduction in grade and suspension through the grievance procedure contained in Article 7 of this Agreement. The Union shall notify the Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Management Department, in writing, no later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the employee's receipt of the disciplinary action of its decision on whether to exercise the option of appealing through the grievance procedure or request an appeal in accordance with Section 2-47 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The Union's choice between the grievance procedure or the Code provision under Section 2-47, once made, shall not be subject to change.

In the case where the Union does not timely notify the Trust or chooses not to select the grievance procedure, then the disciplinary appeal provisions under 2-47 of the Code of Miami-Dade County shall prevail and be utilized if a timely appeal is requested. In the event the Union selects the option to appeal a disciplinary action under the grievance procedure then the provisions of 2-47 of the Code will not be applicable.

A grievance, regarding suspensions, termination, or demotions may be filed by the Union directly at Step 3, to the Director or Associate Director of the Department of Employee & Labor Relations or 4 of the Grievance Procedure contained in this Agreement.

An employee will be offered the option of forfeiting accrued personal or holiday leave in lieu of serving a disciplinary suspension. The documentation of the suspension will be a part of the employee's work record and remain in their personnel file.

10. Written Reprimands and Records of Counseling, together with any reference to such reprimands or Records of Counseling excluding Performance Evaluations, shall cease to be of any force or effect after a two (2) year period from receipt of the Written Reprimand or Record of Counseling in which the employee has received no further disciplinary actions or Records of Counseling. At the employee's specific written request, these shall be promptly stamped as no longer in effect in the employee's file.
11. Just Culture: The PHT and the Union jointly embrace Just Culture. The parties recognize that Just Culture functions to ensure safe quality care and provides both the employer and the employees the opportunity to explore and investigate processes, procedures and systems that advance safe quality care. It is the mutual intent of both parties to ensure safe quality patient care through best practices and shared learnings.

As both parties embrace Just Culture, and whereas the Union recognizes the PHT's intent to implement and utilize it throughout the System, the parties agree to create a Just Culture Committee. The purpose of the Committee is for management and the Union to meet and collaborate on the effective implementation and utilization of the Just Culture Policy for the members of the bargaining unit.

The parties agree that the Employer and the Union shall be responsible for establishing the Just Culture committee and determining its structure and scope.

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ARTICLE 13 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND APPEALS

The Trust shall retain the right to establish and administer a Performance Evaluation system to conduct annual performance evaluations of employees to appraise their productivity, effectiveness and compliance with rules and regulations. The purposes of evaluation are to improve performance generally, to identify and recognize superior performance, to facilitate communication between supervisors and employees, and to provide timely and accurate information which may be used in making of personnel decisions related to employee performance.

The permanent status employee who has received an overall evaluation of unsatisfactory or needs improvement may appeal by first requesting a review of the Performance Evaluation by the Divisional Director/Vice President or their designee(s), within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the evaluation. The Divisional Director/Vice President or designee(s) may recommend changes, alterations, or return the evaluation unchanged to the employee. If the decision of the Divisional Director/ Vice President or designee(s) is not acceptable to the employee, the employee may continue the appeal by making a request in writing to the Employee/Labor Relations Director within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the Division Director/ Vice President's or designee(s) decision. The affected department has the right to have a representative present throughout the entire appeal hearing.

The Employee/Labor Relations Director will appoint a three person supervisory level panel, none of whom shall be from the appealing party's department, to act as an informal fact finding committee. Only the employee, the rater, and the reviewer will be heard, separately, by the panel. A representative of the employee's choosing may accompany the employee. The hearing shall be informal, a transcript is not to be kept and there will be no cross examination. The employee representative may ask questions of witnesses through the panel chairperson. Questions shall also be addressed to employee witnesses by panel members through the chairperson. The purpose of the panel's review is to (1) determine compliance with evaluation procedures, and (2) recommend whether the evaluation should be upheld and the reasons for this recommendation.

Within thirty (30) days following the hearing, the panel will submit a written report of their findings and decision to the Employee/Labor Relations Department. A majority of the panel may sustain or revise the evaluation, either because of failure to follow procedure or on the merits of the evaluation itself. The Employee/Labor Relations Director of will forward the panel's findings and decision to the appropriate division director/ Vice President for implementation.

There shall be no performance evaluation placed in an employee's personnel folder unless he has been first given or offered a copy. An employee's rebuttal to a performance evaluation will be made part of the evaluation record.

When an employee receives an overall Performance Evaluation of satisfactory or better the employee shall receive the merit increase for which they are eligible.

ARTICLE 14 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

All full time classified service employees hired into bargaining unit classifications shall serve a six (6) month (13 pay periods) probationary period.

An employee who has attained permanent status in a prior classification and is promoted or transferred shall serve a new three (3) month (6 pay periods) promotional probationary or transfer trial period, which begins the first day the employee actually starts working in the position.

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Probationary period shall be regarded as an integral part of a permanent status position. The first six (6) months of full-time continuous employment shall be the probationary period. After successful completion of the probationary period, the employee shall be considered a permanent employee unless specifically advised by the Employer. The Employer retains the right to terminate probationary employees without notice or pay in lieu of notice. Probationary employees are not required to give notice of intention to terminate. Probationary employees are, however, requested to give two (2) weeks' notice. The probationary period may be extended at the option of the Employer provided that the total probationary period may not exceed one (1) year, and the employee has agreed to the extension. The employees' agreement shall be in writing.

Newly hired employees hired by the Trust at Step 1, upon successful completion of the six (6) month probationary period, will receive a one (1) step increase in pay. The Trust may hire employees beyond Step 1.

ARTICLE 15 EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

When an employee resigns his employment with the Trust and fulfills his obligation under the Public Health Trust Personnel Rules, Chapter XI, Section I, the Personnel Action Memorandum reflecting the termination of employment shall indicate the employee voluntarily resigned and was in "good standing." This Article shall not apply to employees who resign in lieu of disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 16 REGULAR PART-TIME STATUS

In accordance with PHT Policy #305, regular part-time employees are those who have worked twenty (20) hours or more per week for at least six (6) months continuously. These employees shall be entitled to personal and extended illness leave on a prorated basis in accordance with Article 24, Vacation and Leave.

Within a specific department and within a specific classification, full-time employment preference may be granted to part-time employees who qualify for permanent employment. Continuous, uninterrupted time served as part-time will be credited toward the probationary period.

A regular part-time employee who continuously works an average of eighty (80) hours or more per pay period for a consecutive six (6) month period and who applies for a posted full-time vacant position in his/her classification will be given priority consideration for that position.

Effective October 1, 2014, advancement in the step plan on an annual or anniversary date basis as set forth below will be restored prospectively.

In order to consistently apply step increases for regular part-time employees, regular part-time employees are eligible for step increases based on 2080 hours worked (provided the employee meets the same equal hours needed for full-time step advancement) and satisfactory performance evaluations (that is, evaluations which meet standards). The same would apply for longevity increases.

A change in classification status does not alter an employee's leave anniversary date for purpose of accrual of leave benefits. An employee who is promoted will have his/her pay anniversary date changed to the date of the promotion for purposes of receiving annual step increases in the new classification, except that an employee who is promoted within thirty (30) days of his/her pay increase anniversary date will receive both his/her step increase and then promotional increase.

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ARTICLE 17 RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

The Trust will encourage and assist current Trust employees in upgrading themselves and qualifying for a promotion.

Posting of Vacancies - All vacancies for which approved requisitions have been received by the Public Health Trust's Human Resources Division shall be posted on a weekly basis to inform employees who may be eligible to apply. Effective upon ratification of this contract, every reasonable effort will be made to post the notices at least one (1) week prior to the time the vacancy is to be filled. Nothing provided herein shall invalidate or otherwise effect appointment to a vacant position.

Employees interviewed for promotional opportunities shall be notified of their acceptance or rejection within a reasonable time.

In cases when there is a promotion, Trust policy shall be to consider present employees, provided the employee applying meets all requirements and is fully qualified.

The Public Health Trust is not obligated to give preference to County employees nor is the County obligated to give preference to Public Health Trust employees for promotional positions.

ARTICLE 18 WORK IN HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

An employee who is authorized by the Trust to temporarily assume the duties of a higher pay status classification, or in the case of LPN's working in a charge capacity, for more than one (1) full shift will receive one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for all hours worked in the higher classification, or in the charge capacity in the case of LPN's.

ARTICLE 19 ACTING APPOINTMENTS

In the event an employee is placed by department authorization in a position of "acting," such employee shall be compensated at the in-hiring rate for the class to which they are "acting," provided such rate is at least one (1) pay step higher than they are currently receiving. Any time that is spent in the acting title shall not be credited toward probationary time.

Employees acting in a classification designated as job basis shall not be eligible for overtime compensation.

ARTICLE 20 TRANSFERS BETWEEN DIVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

Employees of the Public Health Trust may request a transfer to another operating division of the Trust if they are interested in a vacancy in that department.

If qualified for the vacant position he will be referred for consideration. Final decision is that of the hiring authority. Pay rate of the employee will not be a determining factor in acceptance or rejection of the transfer by the hiring authority.

Transferred employees will serve a new probationary period in the new position and if their performance is not satisfactory and they hold permanent status in a position in another division within the Trust, they will be returned to their original division if a vacancy exists. If no vacancies exist, the employee may remain in the classification in the current department, and be subject to

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any probationary period. The employee who had permanent status in a previous position will be given priority consideration for a vacant position for which the employee qualifies. The employee will be paid in accordance with that classification. As a last resort, management may open a position in a different classification and the employee will be red-circled until a position opens somewhere in the Trust comparable to his or her classification. The employee will then be offered that position. Additionally, if a vacancy occurs in the employee's previous classification within two years from the date of assignment, the employee will be recalled in inverse order providing the employee notifies the Employee/Labor Relations and Workforce Compliance Department of the vacant position within the posting period. Probationary periods for transferred probationary employees shall not be cumulative.

ARTICLE 21 VACANCIES, TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS, UNIT MERGERS AND FILLING VACANCIES

Section 1 Shift Transfers, Posting and Filling of Vacancies and Reassignments

- A. Shift Transfers. Recognizing that access to preferred shifts by employees can make an important contribution to employee morale and retention, the parties agree that employees within the unit shall be given priority for vacancies in the unit by seniority.
- B. Posting of Vacancies. All vacancies shall be posted in the unit and concurrently throughout all Trust facilities. If employees in the unit under paragraph A are not interested in the vacancy, the vacancy shall continue to be posted in bulletin boards located throughout Trust facilities for a period of fourteen (14) days. Posting will continue beyond the fourteen (14) day period if necessary, until a job offer is made by Recruitment Services. With notice to the Union, the Employer may offer employment to an employee prior to the end of the fourteen (14) day posting period, provided that:
 - 1. More than one (1) vacancy exists in the unit.
 - 2. Priority for shift selection under A above is maintained.

Recruitment Services is responsible for posting all vacancies for which a personnel requisition has been submitted.

- C. Filling of Vacancies. During this posting period, current employees with the necessary qualifications will be given preference over outside applicants. When skill, competency and ability are considered substantially equal in the judgment of the Employer, seniority shall be the deciding consideration in filling vacancies. All employees who apply for a posted vacancy shall be advised of the vacancy status as soon as practical. An employee's current salary will not be a determining factor when considering employees for transfer.
- D. There will be no less than two (2) nor more than three (3) weeks' notice to the department from which an employee is transferred. In the event that the position being vacated is critical to the operation of the unit, the employee may be retained until such time as the employee is replaced, but in no case for longer than sixty (60) days. However, for pay purposes transfer will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following acceptance.
- E. An employee returning to a previous permanent status classification within one (1) month will be transferred to the employee's previous position and department unless the position has been abolished or has been filled by another employee with permanent status in the classification for that position. In the event the former position is not available, the returning employee will be offered a vacant position in

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that classification or will replace a probationary/trial employee in that classification. In the event there are no vacancies in the classification and no probationary/trial employee in the classification, the employee will be given priority consideration for a vacant position for which the employee qualifies. The employee will be paid in accordance with that classification. As a last resort, management may open a position in a different classification and the employee will be red-circled until a position opens somewhere in the Trust comparable to his or her classification. The employee will then be offered that position. Additionally, if a vacancy occurs in the employee's previous classification within two years from the date of assignment, the employee will be recalled in inverse order providing the employee notifies the Employee/Labor Relations and Workforce Compliance Department of the vacant position within the posting period.

Section 2 Reassignment Procedure

If it becomes necessary to reduce the FTE's in a unit, the Trust will first seek volunteers in the unit. If there is an insufficient number of volunteers, affected employees will be reassigned in inverse order of seniority, consistent with the following reassignment procedure:

- 1) Meeting dates will be scheduled with the Division Vice President/Director/Director of Nursing, Employee/Labor Relations Director and the Union to discuss the reassignment.
- 2) Appropriate available positions will be frozen.
- 3) The Employer will notify the Union, in writing, of the affected unit(s); the affected employees by name, seniority; the appropriate available positions in the affected classification and, the effective date of reassignment.
- 4) The number of volunteers, in the affected classification(s), accepted from each affected unit(s) will not exceed the number of FTE's being reassigned from that unit. Volunteers from the affected unit(s) will be accepted on a seniority basis.
- 5) The volunteer reassignment process will generally be completed within two weeks of notification to the employee(s). Notification of involuntary reassignments will be completed within 72 hours of completion of the voluntary process.
- 6) Hospital-wide seniority will prevail in the selection of the appropriate available positions.
- 7) In the event two or more employees have the same seniority in the classification, the employee with the earliest date of employment will be considered the senior employee.
- 8) This procedure will not be used in the event of a layoff.

Section 3 Unit Mergers

When one or more units are merged, the following procedure will be utilized:

In the event that a unit merger necessitates the elimination of any positions, the reassignment procedure will be followed and, unless there are volunteers, the employee with the least seniority in the affected classification of the new merged unit will be reassigned and/or offered the opportunity to voluntarily demote.

However, the parties agree to meet, upon request, to discuss and negotiate specific situations.

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ARTICLE 22 LEADWORKER

Leadworkers, shall not serve as a "Rater" of performance reports of other employees.

A Leadworker shall be selected from the permanent employees in the same or similar classification and department and have the necessary skills and knowledge to perform the job.

An employee designated as a Leadworker, shall receive a one (1) step wage differential and such differential shall not affect merit increases or anniversary dates.

If a Leadworker is rated on the basis of supervisory ability, it will only be to the extent actually exercised.

Leadworkers shall be assigned or removed at the sole discretion of the Trust.

ARTICLE 23 LAYOFFS, RECALL AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Section 1 Procedure

- A. Layoff, defined, is the separation of an employee for lack of work or funds as determined by the Employer; or due to the reductions in or the contracting out of services, without fault or delinquency on the employee's part.

In the event of a layoff, employees will be laid-off and recalled in accordance with the procedures established herein.

- B. The procedure will apply to full and regular part-time bargaining unit employees in the statuses of permanent and probationary. Seniority points in the classification will be based on date of employment and will be calculated for each affected employee as determined by the years, months, and days since the employee's original date of employment. In calculating seniority points one (1) point will be assigned for each month of full-time service, one-half (0.5) point will be assigned for each month of part-time service. Points for months of service are simply totaled with the final number being the retention score.

All time spent on Military Leave of Absence will be included in calculating seniority. Seniority credit will be given to an employee who has volunteered for military service during peacetime, provided the employee is re-employed within ninety (90) days of release from military service. Seniority credit will be given for the service time prior to and during military service.

Qualified veterans will receive veteran's preference in accordance with the law.

- C. The Employer will make every effort to give sixty (60) days' notice to the Union of any decision to layoff unit members. No less than 21 days written notice will be given to bargaining unit members who are to be laid off or demoted. A copy of such notice will be simultaneously sent to the Union by email or fax.
- D. Layoffs will be done in inverse order of seniority by classification based on date of hire.

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- E. Full-time employees will automatically bump in inverse order of seniority based on date of hire into any classification within the bargaining unit in which they previously held permanent status.
- F. During the twenty-one (21) day notice period, employees who have been bumped shall be given five (5) calendar days to select by seniority in the classification based on date of employment, a reassignment to a vacant position in their classification. The Union will be responsible for facilitating this process.
- G. It is understood that in a layoff, part-time employees may be required to move to full-time status in order to exercise bumping rights. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that part-time employees may continue in part-time status. Full-time employees shall not be required to accept part-time positions.
- H. All time served in the higher classification will be credited as time served in lower classifications.
- I. Employees who have been displaced will be given priority consideration for other opportunities.
- J. The County and Trust agree that County employees cannot bump bargaining unit employees working for the Trust nor can Trust Bargaining Unit employees bump County Bargaining Unit employees.
- K. Employees, other than Union Stewards previously identified under Article 11, of this Agreement, shall be laid off or bumped in accordance with seniority on the job as discussed above. Union Stewards will be the last in their classification to be laid off or bumped. Once a quarter, the Union will provide a listing of Union Stewards to the Director of Human Resources.

Section 2 Recall

- A. Employees will be recalled in inverse order of layoff. Employees that have been laid-off will have recall rights to vacancies in their previously held position for a period of two (2) years from the date of layoff. Any sick leave that was forfeited at the time of layoff shall be restored at the time of rehire. A laid-off employee may notify the Human Resources Department when technical skills, training, and experience have been enhanced during the layoff period, which may allow the individual to apply for another bargaining unit job within JHS.
- B. The Union will be notified of all employees on recall lists and vacancies, as offered and accepted.

Section 3 Furloughs

In the event it is financially necessary, system wide furloughs may be implemented. The Employer will make every effort to give sixty (60) days written notice to the Union of any decision to furlough unit members. No less than twenty-one (21) days written notice will be given to bargaining unit members who are to be furloughed.

ARTICLE 24 VACATION AND LEAVE

The employer provides a certain number of paid hours per year to be used for rest,

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relaxation, vacation, sickness, and other personal needs. Employees in the bargaining unit employed by the Trust will receive personal leave hours in lieu of annual leave hours, sick leave hours, and holidays. Except as provided herein, requests for leave will be granted based on date of request.

Section 1 Personal Leave Day Program

Paid personal leave hours are provided under the Personal Leave Plan to cover time off from work that is planned and/or unplanned. All paid personal leave must be approved by the employee's department head, supervisor, or other designee.

- A) A planned absence from work is defined as time off, requested and approved at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance by the employee's department head, supervisor, or other person designated to approve time off.
1. Requests for planned personal leave of more than three (3) days shall be submitted at least forty (40) days in advance unless extenuating circumstances give rise to the need to submit requests within a shorter time frame.
 2. Requests for planned personal leave shall be approved based upon staffing needs and to ensure proper and adequate unit coverage. Response to vacation requests will be in writing and will be provided to the employee no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of submission of the request. If a second request is denied, the employee may request the supervisor to meet with the union representative and Employee/Labor Relations within fourteen (14) days of the denial to discuss the matter.
- B) An unplanned absence is defined as time taken off by the employee which is unscheduled and not approved in advance by the department head, supervisor, or other designee. In order to receive pay for hours not worked due to an unplanned absence, employees must provide timely notification prior to the start of the scheduled shift of work and a valid reason given to their supervisor or authorized designee as outlined in the Personnel Administrative Policy No. 358. Written documentation of illness will not be required unless a pattern of unplanned leave utilization exists. Personal leave hours accrue from date of hire.
- C) Full-time employees are eligible for paid personal leave hours after the completion of six (6) months of continuous service or, in the case of regular part-time employees, after six (6) months of equivalent service (1040 hours).
- New full-time employees may take up to a maximum of forty (40) hours of paid planned personal leave during the first six (6) months of employment. However, the number of hours taken will be deducted from the total amount of hours accrued after the employee completes six (6) months of continuous service or its equivalent. Should the employee resign or be terminated prior to the end of the first six (6) months, the dollar equivalent to the number of hours taken will be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.
- D) Full-time employees shall earn paid personal leave hours as follows:
- (1) During the first five (5) years of employment, 0.1115 hours shall be earned for each hour in pay status per pay period up to a maximum of 8.920 hours (80 hours or more in pay status). This approximates 29 days per year. However, a full-time employee shall not be eligible to receive payment for personal leave days until after the first six

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(6) months of employment.

- (2) In order to recognize longevity of service, employees with more than five (5) years of continuous service shall earn personal leave hours as follows:

Year Earned Of Employment	Per Hr. In Pay Status	Max. Hours Earned Per Pay Period	Equivalent Day* Earned Per Year
6 th	.1154	9.232	30
7 th	.1192	9.536	31
8 th	.1231	9.848	32
9 th	.1269	10.152	33
10 th -15 th	.1308	10.464	34
16 th	.1346	10.768	35
17 th	.1385	11.080	36
18 th	.1423	11.384	37
19 th	.1462	11.696	38
20 th on	.1500	12.00	39

*Calculations are based on 8-hour shifts.

- (3) Full-time employees who are assigned to work regularly scheduled ten (10) hours shifts shall earn an additional twenty-two (22) hours of personal leave per year (shorter periods of time will be prorated). Full-time employees who are assigned to work regularly scheduled twelve and a half (12-1/2) shifts shall earn an additional thirty eight and one half (38.5) hours of personal leave per year (shorter or longer periods up to the cap of time will be prorated).

E) Regular part-time employees shall earn personal leave hours based on actual hours worked:

- (1) During the first 10,400 hours (first five (5) full-year equivalents, FYE), 0.1115 hours shall be earned for every hour worked, up to a maximum accrual rate of 8.920 hours. However, part-time employees shall not be eligible to receive payment for personal leave until they have worked at least 1040 hours (six (6) month equivalent).
- (2) Employees who have worked more than five (5) full-year equivalents shall earn paid personal leave hours as follows:

Hours Worked	Hours Earned Per Hours Worked
10,401 – 12,480	.1154
12,481 – 14,560	.1192
14,561 – 16,640	.1231
16,641 – 18,720	.1269
18,721 – 31,200	.1308
31,201 – 33,280	.1346
33,281 – 35,360	.1385
35,361 – 37,440	.1423
37,441 – 39,520	.1462

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- F) Personal leave hours shall be paid at the employee's regular shift rate of pay. Personal leave hours may be accumulated up to a maximum of five hundred (500) hours.
- G) Personal leave hours shall be used during the first three (3) consecutive scheduled shifts of any spell of illness. After 3 years, 2 shifts of personal leave are used for illness and after 10 years, one shift of personal leave are used; these personal leave hours shall be defined as unplanned absences. If sufficient personal leave hours are not available to cover a spell of illness, any uncovered portion shall be without pay, until the benefits of the Extended Illness Leave Plan are in effect.
- H)
1. Employees who have at least 80 hours of unused Personal Leave/Vacation as of the election date (from December 1 through December 21) of any calendar year (the "Election Year") may voluntarily elect to receive cash instead of 20 to 80 hours (for employees with less than 10 years of continuous service) or up to 120 hours (for employees with 10 years or more of continuous service) total for the year, but for no more hours than they may accrue in the next calendar year (the "Accrual Year"). The election must be made in increments of one hour. Based on the employee's request, cash-out payments will be distributed in the last paycheck in June and/or December of the Accrual Year.
 2. An election to cash-out Personal Leave/Vacation hours that may accrue in the Accrual Year must be made before the beginning of the Accrual Year from December 1 through December 21 of the Election Year.
 3. The employee must make the election to cash-out Personal Leave/Vacation hours that he or she will accrue in the Accrual Year in writing, on a cash-out election form provided by Jackson Health. The election must state the number of Personal Leave/Vacation hours to be cashed out.
 4. All elections are irrevocable once made. Employees cannot increase or decrease the number of Personal Leave/Vacation hours they will cash out in the Accrual Year after December 21 of the Election Year.
 5. Payment of cashed-out hours will be made in the last pay period of December of the Accrual Year at the rate of pay at the time of payment. Upon employment separation for any reason before the end of the Accrual Year, all accrued personal leave hours, including hours designated as cash out, shall be paid out in accordance with Section (I) below.
 6. During the accrual year, accrued time shall be allocated on a pro rata basis between cash out and Personal Leave/Vacation time on the same percentage basis as the cash out amount is to the potential maximum accrual (Example: If an employee elects to cash out 120 hours and is entitled to accrue a maximum of 240 hours in the accrual year, personal leave accruals shall be allocated 50% toward cash out and 50% toward the leave balance).
 7. Elections to cash out leave must be made on a tax (calendar) year basis.
 8. Employees are solely responsible for assuring appropriate leave balances for their

personal needs. An employee will be without pay (out of pay status) if appropriate leave balances or other sources of payment or leave are not applicable.

- I) Upon separation of employment, the employee shall be eligible for payment of accrued personal leave account hours.
 - 1. To qualify for a 100% terminal benefit from the personal leave account, a minimum of six (6) months of continuous employment (or its equivalent for part-time employees) must be completed. Further, for job basis employees a minimum of four weeks advance notice of voluntary resignation must be given and two weeks for hourly paid employees, unless extenuating circumstances warrant a shorter time frame.
 - 2. An employee who has been discharged after a minimum of six (6) months of continuous employment shall be paid 100% of terminal benefits.
 - 3. The terminal leave benefit for accrued personal leave account shall be paid at the employee's base rate.

Section 2. Extended Illness Leave Program

In recognition of the employee's need for income protection against extended illness, an extended illness leave plan is established for each permanent employee. The number of hours earned and used by the employee shall be accounted for through the employee's extended illness leave account.

- A. To be eligible for payment of extended illness leave, the employee must fulfill the following requirements:
 - 1. A full-time employee shall have completed six (6) months of full-time employment.
 - 2. A part-time employee shall have accumulated 1040 hours worked.
 - 3. An employee shall give timely notice to the appropriate department head, supervisor, or other designee of the inability to report to work due to illness. The department head, supervisor, or other designee shall be kept informed on a daily basis (unless otherwise instructed by the supervisor) of the employee's physical condition and the expected date of return.
 - 4. A physician's certificate describing the disability and the inability to work may be required before approval will be given for payment of extended illness leave hours.
- B. A full-time employee shall accrue 0.024 hours extended illness leave for each hour in pay status per pay period up to a maximum of 1.850 hours per pay period, not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours per year.
- C. A part-time employee shall accrue 0.024 hours extended illness leave for every hour worked, up to a maximum of 1.850 hours per pay period, not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours per year.
- D. An unlimited number of days may be accumulated in the extended illness leave account.
- E. Extended illness leave shall be paid at the employee's base rate of pay.
- F. Payment for extended illness leave for employees with less than three (3) years of service

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shall begin on the fourth (4) consecutive working shift of a spell of illness.

The first three (3) consecutive shifts of illness shall be paid out in personal leave account, if available. The three (3) day shift deductible will be waived for immediate family critical illness and an employee's illness requiring hospitalization. After three (3) full years of employment, payment for extended illness shall begin on the third (3) shift of a spell of illness. After ten (10) full years of employment, payment for extended illness shall begin on the second (2) consecutive shift of a spell of illness.

Extended illness payment shall begin on the first scheduled working day of the illness under the following conditions:

1. Any illness requiring hospitalization, or
2. Employee is seen in out-patient care center for out-patient surgery, or
3. Occupational diseases or injuries sustained prior to receiving Workers Compensation, or
4. Continuing illness when employee attempts to return to work too soon.

G. For critical illness in the immediate family, an employee is entitled to five (5) shifts paid extended illness leave per leave year.

H. For payout purposes, upon ratification, an employee's years of service and the corresponding percent payout will be frozen. Bargaining unit employees employed as of October 1, 2011, will be grandfathered in for purposes of payout upon separation at the employee's then-current base rate of pay in accordance with the following schedule for all leaves in their extended illness bank up to a maximum of 1,000 hours. Employees with less than thirty (30) years full-time continuous Trust/County employment who retire or resign from the Trust will be eligible to receive payment for up to a maximum of 1,000 hours of accrued extended illness leave at the employee's current base rate of pay at time of separation, excluding any shift differential, prorated in accordance with the following schedule:

Less than 10 yrs.	-	No payment
10 yrs. but less than 11 yrs.	-	25%
11 yrs. but less than 12 yrs.	-	30%
12 yrs. but less than 13 yrs.	-	35%
13 yrs. but less than 14 yrs.	-	40%
14 yrs. but less than 15 yrs.	-	45%
15 yrs. but less than 16 yrs.	-	50%
16 yrs. but less than 17 yrs.	-	55%
17 yrs. but less than 18 yrs.	-	60%
18 yrs. but less than 19 yrs.	-	65%
19 yrs. but less than 20 yrs.	-	70%
20 yrs. but less than 21 yrs.	-	75%
21 yrs. but less than 22 yrs.	-	77.5%
22 yrs. but less than 23 yrs.	-	80%
23 yrs. but less than 24 yrs.	-	82.5%
24 yrs. but less than 25 yrs.	-	85%
25 yrs. but less than 26 yrs.	-	87.5%
26 yrs. but less than 27 yrs.	-	90%
27 yrs. but less than 28 yrs.	-	92.5%
28 yrs. but less than 29 yrs.	-	95%

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29 yrs. but less than 30 yrs. - 97.5%

Employees who retire after 30 years of full-time Trust/County employment, will be eligible to receive 100% payment of their full balance of accrued extended illness leave. Such payment will be made at the employee's current base rate of pay at the time of retirement, excluding any shift differential and will not be subject to any maximum number of hours.

Section 3. Vacation Requests

Annual Vacation Scheduling Procedure

Seniority will be a priority consideration in approving vacation requests submitted January 1 through January 31 of each year. Vacation requests will be submitted forty (40) in advance unless extenuating circumstances give rise to emergency request. Response to vacation requests will be in writing. Employees should be encouraged not to incur obligations for vacation expenses until the vacation request is approved.

No employee shall be denied vacation because such time begins, ends or includes a weekend(s) on which he/she is scheduled to work, provided the request is made prior to the schedule being posted.

No employee shall be required to make up a weekend which occurred during an approved vacation or leave, however, weekends shall be distributed as equally as practicable in accordance with Article 33 #6.

All other times during the vacation year, requests will be scheduled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Section 4. Bereavement Leave

Full-time employees who have completed nine (9) pay periods of PHT service will be granted three (3) days of emergency bereavement leave with pay in the event of death in the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as the employee's spouse, and employee's or spouse's children, mother, father, sister, brother, grandfather or grandmother, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or upon proof of any person in the general family whose ties would be normally considered immediate and living within the same household. For the purposes of this section "spouse" shall be understood to include a significant other living within the same household. Bereavement leave shall have no relationship to travel time or qualified use of any other leave time that may be due or useable by the employee.

Section 5. Military Leave

The employer is governed by Federal and State law and County Ordinances concerning military leave and all employees represented by this contract shall receive the benefits of such laws.

ARTICLE 25 DISABILITY LEAVE

Eligible bargaining unit employees shall be entitled to short-term disability leave benefits in accordance with coverage provided under the Miami-Dade County Code (Section 2-56.27.1).

ARTICLE 26 DEATH BENEFITS

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When a full-time employee dies and it has been determined that his survivors are not entitled to Trust-provided job related death benefits, in addition to compensation for accumulated annual leave, holiday leave and other monies due to the employee, the Trust will pay the employee's beneficiary in accordance with Compensation & Benefits Policy #322.

Regular part-time employees are not eligible for this death benefit.

ARTICLE 27 EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

Employees shall be granted educational leave with pay by Department Heads to attend training, meetings, educational courses or seminars provided such attendance will benefit the Trust. Such leave will include, but not be limited to, training in order to retain present positions or training for other classification specific certifications. Although the Trust encourages attendance at workshops and seminars for professional growth, departmental work needs must have primary consideration.

It is the employee's responsibility to obtain the necessary Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for re-licensure and to submit the request well in advance to ensure re-licensure before expiration.

Employees in classifications that require re-licensure and certification shall be granted the necessary educational leave to obtain CEUs' required for re-licensure or certification in accordance with the following criteria:

- A. The employee applies at least thirty (30) days in advance, in writing, specifying the course, institute, workshop or class the employee wishes to attend.
- B. The employee obtains permission from his/her supervisor to attend.
- C. Such leave does not interfere with staffing.
- D. The employee submits proof of attendance to his/her supervisor.
- E. Requests for leave will be granted based on date of request. In cases where employees submit a request for an educational leave on the same day, the employees' seniority will break the tie. If the seniority dates are tied, it will be broken by a tie breaker system in the presence of a Union representative.

ARTICLE 28 LEAVE WITH PAY

Leave with pay shall be authorized in accordance with this Collective Bargaining Agreement and the PHT/ Miami Dade County Leave Manual for the reasons listed below. If the Trust/County proposes changes to the PHT/Miami Dade County Leave Manual during the term of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Trust shall negotiate the impact of the proposed changes with the Union.

1. Jury Duty

For employees to serve on jury duty. Employees serving on Federal jury duty may retain up to a twenty dollar (\$20.00) daily jury fee and employees serving on State, County, or Circuit jury duty may retain up to a ten dollar (\$10.00) daily jury fee; however, any jury fee received in excess of these amounts shall be retained by the Trust.

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Employees who are called to serve on jury duty or to testify as witnesses under subpoena will be excused from work and will be paid their regular salary for the duration of the service. To be excused, employees should present official notice of jury duty or subpoena to their immediate supervisor at least ten (10) days prior to court date. If official notice has been provided to the employee less than ten (10) days prior to their call to service, the employee will provide notice to their immediate supervisor within five (5) working days of the employee's actual notice of the scheduled event or as soon as possible.

An employee who is subpoenaed by a private party to a suit to testify while being excused from duty with pay may accept a witness fee and transportation reimbursement from the private party, but must turn over the witness fee to the hospital properly endorsed. However, jury fees and transportation reimbursements from the private party shall be retained by the employee.

2. Meetings

Employees will be paid to be in attendance at official or educational meetings if directed by the Department.

3. Negotiations

Twenty (20) employees will be permitted, when necessary, to participate in collective bargaining negotiations with the Trust. These employees shall be designated in writing to the Director of Employee/Labor Relations for the Public Health Trust. The employees shall give reasonable notice to their supervisors.

4. Release Time

The Union President and two (2) employees will be released from duty with pay to administer this agreement. The Union shall make written application for such leaves sixty (60) days in advance. Employees granted such leave shall continue to accrue bargaining unit seniority during the term of their leave.

5. Employees Designated by the Union to Attend Union Functions

The total amount of time granted to all employees cumulatively seeking leave under this provision shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) working days for Public Health Trust bargaining unit employees in any contract year.

6. Administrative Leave

Administrative Leave shall be granted to employees to take County and Public Health Trust Civil Service exams and to appear for job interviews in connection therewith.

Upon ratification the annual holiday administrative day ("Holiday AD Day") will be discontinued.

ARTICLE 29 LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

The Division Director/ Vice President may grant a leave of absence to an employee with permanent status for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Eligible employees may be granted leaves of absence for approved Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) reasons, for sickness and disability, for religious holidays, to engage in a course of study and for other good and sufficient

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reasons in the best interest of the Trust service.

Requests for extension of a leave of absence beyond one (1) year must be approved by the Division Director/ Vice President or designee and the Human Resources Vice President.

Employees will be allowed to maintain forty (40) hours in their personal leave bank while on approved leave without pay.

ARTICLE 30 VOTING

The Trust agrees to allow each employee who meets the conditions set forth below reasonable time off with pay, not to exceed one (1) hour, to vote in each local and general election. Voting time will be scheduled in such a fashion as to not interfere with normal work production however, the Trust shall attempt to schedule this time off at either the beginning or end of an employee's work shift. The location of the employee's precinct and the employee's work schedule shall be considered in scheduling time off. Whenever possible, scheduling of such voting time will be posted as early as ten (10) working days prior to the date of the election.

CONDITIONS

1. The employee must be a registered voter; and
2. Must be scheduled for a shift of at least eight (8) hours duration on election day; and
3. More than one-half (1/2) of the hours of the scheduled shift must be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on election day.

ARTICLE 31 HOLIDAYS

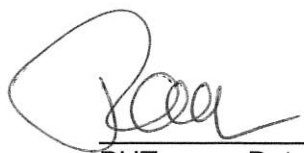
A. The following major holidays are observed by the Public Health Trust:

New Year's Day	Christmas Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Columbus Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day/July 4th	Friday After Thanksgiving
Labor Day	<u>Juneteenth</u>

B. Eligible employees working in units that are closed on holidays shall have the option either to take the day off as Personal Leave, or to work in their own/other areas of the bargaining unit if such work is available and/or needed to be completed as approved by the supervisor.

C. The Trust shall have the authority to determine and schedule the actual day on which a Trust recognized holiday will be observed.

D. Effective upon ratification, the national holiday referred to as Juneteenth, which takes place on June 19th, will be recognized as a holiday by the Trust. Employees who are granted time off for this holiday will have a Personal Leave day deducted from their paid leave account. In any given year, in the event June 19th falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the Friday before; and if it falls on a Sunday it will be observed on the next Monday.

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ARTICLE 32 OVERTIME COMPENSATION

It shall not be the policy of the Trust to have its employees work frequent or consistent overtime. However, when non-job basis employees are directed to work overtime, in addition to their regular hours, they shall be compensated as follows:

All work authorized to be performed in excess of forty (40) hours per week shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half of the employees' regular rate of pay..

For purposes of interpretation, all hours in pay status shall be considered hours worked except for unplanned personal leave days. However, employees covered by the bargaining unit may receive overtime payment for hours worked in excess of any forty (40) hour work week which includes one (1) planned personal leave day taken within any week in which there is a holiday recognized under Article 31, (the exception being Thanksgiving week when two (2) personal leave days may be taken) when both holidays count toward the calculation of overtime.

An employee who works at least two (2) hours beyond his/her regularly scheduled shift shall be allowed one-half (1/2) hour for meal time with pay. An employee who works at least three (3) hours before the regular starting time shall be allowed one-half (1/2) hour meal time with pay provided he/she completes the regularly scheduled shift. This one-half (1/2) hour meal break shall be scheduled and taken at the direction of the Trust, within reasonable proximity to the normal dinner hour. Such one-half (1/2) hour shall be considered as time worked.

If an employee's schedule is changed to meet staffing needs, the employee will be consulted. However, an employee shall not have his/her regular work schedule changed solely to avoid the payment of overtime.

In any situation requiring overtime, volunteers will be sought before the overtime is assigned. In the event that sufficient volunteers are not obtained, overtime will be assigned on a rotational basis.

Overtime worked shall be reflected on the pay stub. The Trust shall upon request provide the Union with lists of overtime distribution among the employees.

Giving consideration to organizational departments of each Division, assignments and shifts, the Trust shall distribute overtime work among employees as equally as practicable.

This Article is intended to be construed only as a basis for calculation of overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week.

Job basis employees shall not be eligible for overtime compensation.

Overtime shall not be paid more than once for the same hours worked.

ARTICLE 33 WORK SCHEDULING

It is agreed to and understood by the parties to this Agreement that:

1. The standard work week at the Public Health Trust commences at 12:00 midnight each Sunday and ends at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.
2. The standard number of working hours for full-time employees during any standard work week will normally be forty (40) hours or unless otherwise specified in the PHT Pay Plan.

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3. The standard work week shall consist of forty (40) hours. Each standard work day shall be eight and one-half (8½) hours and contain an unpaid one-half (½) hour break for meal time, which under normal circumstances will be uninterrupted.
4. Employees who are assigned to work ten and a half (10½) shifts shall be paid overtime based on a forty (40) hour work week. One (1) unpaid meal break of one-half (½) hour will be part of each shift. Every effort will be made to provide two fifteen (15) minute paid rest periods within each scheduled shift.
5. Employees who are assigned to work twelve and a half (12½) hour shifts shall be paid overtime based on a forty (40) hour week. Two (2) unpaid meal breaks of one-half (½) hour will be part of each shift. Every effort will be made to provide three (3) fifteen (15) minute paid rest periods within each scheduled shift. No individual working twelve and a half (12½) hour shifts will normally be scheduled for more than three (3) consecutive days on duty or more than seven (7) days on duty within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days.
6. The Trust shall make every reasonable effort to rotate schedules within assigned shifts to distribute weekend assignments equally.
7. If an employee's schedule is changed to meet staffing needs, the employee will be consulted. However, an employee shall not have his/her regular work schedule changed solely to avoid the payment of overtime.
8. An employee's work schedule may change with a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice to the employee and the union. The employee may agree to work the new work schedule in less than thirty (30) days. This paragraph shall not apply to work areas where the Public Health Trust has traditionally used mixed weekly work schedules on a regular work basis to meet demands for service.
9. This article is to be construed only as a basis for determination of overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of work per day or per week; nor is it a limitation upon the Trust's right to reduce the employee's hours of work in accordance with Article 23 - Layoffs, Recall and Reemployment Rights.
10. The Trust will have the authority to establish and implement employees work schedules.
11. The Trust may offer Trust Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) the same alternative schedules which Registered Nurses will be offered. Other direct patient care workers may be offered alternative schedules solely at the discretion of the Trust.
12. Where rotating shifts are required, those responsible for making work schedules will assign shift rotation on an equitable basis. Individual requests for evening and night shift assignments may continue to be approved.
 - A. The Employer will make every effort to avoid asking bargaining unit members regularly assigned to 3:00PM to 11:00PM or night shift to rotate to another shift.
 - B. Every effort will be made to refrain from rotating bargaining unit members to evening or night shift immediately preceding their weekend off.

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13. Employees working five (5) days per week schedules will not be scheduled for six (6) or more consecutive days, without prior consent of the employee. Employees working weekends will not work more than four (4) days consecutively without prior consent of the employee.
14. Except when demonstrated to be more expensive, AFSCME Local 1363 Bargaining Unit employees will be offered overtime before any agency, pool and/or temporary employees.
15. (a) In addition to the current full time status of 40 hours, for employees in the classifications of Practical Nurse 1 & 2, Nursing Assistant 1 & 2, Patient Care Associate, Patient Care Technician, Hospital Unit Secretary and Support Associate 1, 2 & 3, who mutually agree with the employer to work three (3) 12 and one half hour (12 ½) shifts per week shall also be considered full time employees with all full time benefits. Those who work these three (3) 12 and one half hour (12 ½) shifts shall be paid for 72 hours per pay period plus any overtime. For the purposes of weekly overtime, the normal work week shall be considered 40 hours.
- (b) In selected areas as identified by Management, these 3-12 hour shifts as described in paragraph (a) may be offered to individual employees in other classifications.

ARTICLE 34 CALL-BACK

Section 1. Employees called back to work shall be guaranteed at least four (4) pay, which shall be considered hours worked for the purpose of determining overtime compensation, provided such work does not immediately precede or immediately extend the employee's regularly assigned work shift. Such employees may be required to work at least four (4) hour.

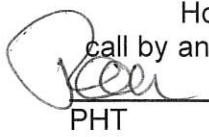
Employees who are not required by the Department to actually work the entire four (4) hour guarantee time period and are subsequently recalled during this initial four (4) hour period shall not receive an additional guarantee of four (4) hours pay.

Section 2. ~~Operating Room Technician~~ Administrative Leave:

- A. The Parties agree that ~~an Operating Room Technician employee~~ in the bargaining unit who is either called in to work or who is requested to work beyond his/her scheduled shift, and is scheduled to return to work with less than eleven and one half (11.5) hours rest break between the ending of the most recent shift or working period and the start of the next regularly scheduled shift, shall be granted Administrative Leave (AD). The ~~Operating Room Technician employee~~ will be granted AD time in this circumstance for their next immediately succeeding scheduled shift up to a maximum of 11.5 hours.
- B. Exceptions: (1) Scheduled overtime shifts are excluded from the AD time entitlement period. (2) If an ~~Operating Room Technician employee~~ is called back to commence work two (2) hours or less prior to the beginning of their next regularly scheduled shift, he/she is excluded from the AD time entitlement period provided herein.

ARTICLE 35 ON-CALL

Hourly paid employees at the Public Health Trust (PHT) in classifications that are placed on call by an authorized hospital representative for periods not contiguous to their normal work hours

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will receive \$25.00 per shift from Monday through Friday and \$45.00 per shift on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays for on-call pay irrespective of whether the employee is called back to work or not.

ARTICLE 36 JOB BASIS

Employees in classification titles designated in the Pay Plan with a plus (+) are assigned to a job basis work schedule. Employees serving in these positions are required to work varying work schedules as necessary to accomplish the required work, and if more than forty (40) hours of work are required, overtime provisions shall not apply.

Job-basis employees who were directed to and worked in excess of their normal work schedule shall be granted administrative leave. Such leave may not be granted on an hour for hour basis.

However, job basis employees shall receive adequate time off.

Consistent with the need to complete assigned tasks, a job basis employee who is required to work late on a night preceding a work day may not be held to the normal reporting time if approved by an appropriate level supervisor.

ARTICLE 37 EMERGENCY WORK

1. When an emergency is declared by the President of the Public Health Trust and all employees are generally excused from work because of the emergency, those employees required to work during an emergency will be paid in accordance with the provisions under Article 31, Overtime Compensation, for all time worked during the emergency. This shall not apply to job-basis personnel.
2. The Trust possesses the sole right and authority to take any emergency actions as determined necessary to carry out services and adjust operational requirements during any emergency or extraordinary circumstances as determined solely by the President of the Public Health Trust or his designee.

ARTICLE 38 WAGES

- A. Retroactive to January 1, 2021, all bargaining unit employees shall receive a two percent (2%) increase to their base rate of pay. Effective the first full pay period after ratification, the minimum wage for all bargaining unit members will be ~~\$14~~15.00/hour. Employees who currently have an hourly rate lower than \$15.00/hour will shift to an hourly rate of \$15.00/hour or greater. Employees on a higher step or longevity step with an hourly rate of pay higher than \$15.00/hour will shift along the step schedule, maintaining their current rate but lowering their step number along the schedule, with extended progression along the step schedule.
- B. Beginning in the pay period inclusive of September 30, 2018~~Effective the the first pay period after ratification~~, all full-time and part-time bargaining unit employees who are not otherwise receiving a market adjustment ~~as set forth in subsection C., below,~~ will receive a ~~two~~ three percent (~~23~~3%) base wage increase. Effective the pay period inclusive of April 1, 2022, all full-time and part-time bargaining unit employees will receive a three percent (3%) base wage increase. Effective the pay period inclusive of April 1, 2023, all full-time and part-time bargaining unit employees will receive a three percent (3%) base wage increase.

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- C. Effective the first full pay period after ratification, all bargaining unit members in the classifications of Central Services Technician 2 and Operating Room Technician 2 will receive step schedule market adjustments as follows: 1) the step schedule for CST 2 will be adjusted by five steps, whereby the current step 6 will become the new step 1, and five steps will be added at the back end with corresponding rate increases to maintain the same number of steps for the classification. Current CST 2 employees will stay on their current step with the corresponding higher rate of pay; 2) the step schedule for ORT 2 will be adjusted by two steps, whereby the current step 3 will become the new step 1, and two steps will be added at the back end with corresponding rate increases to maintain the same number of steps for the classification. Current ORT 2 employees will move to the new range on their current step with the corresponding higher rate of pay. Effective the first full pay period after October 1, 2017, new step schedules will be implemented for bargaining unit members in the classifications in Appendix 2. Current bargaining unit members in those classifications in Appendix 2 will be placed in the new step schedule at the same step they are currently in as of October 1, 2017. Employees transitioning to the new step schedule will not have their anniversary date changed as a result.
- D. Effective the first full pay period of January 2022, all full-time and part-time bargaining unit employees will receive a two percent (2%) one-time lump sum bonus. There will be no COLA increases during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. No later than May 1, 2019, either party may reopen negotiations regarding a potential COLA increase for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Employer-Trust agrees that there shall be no selective wage adjustments for any classifications covered by this Agreement, other than those specified, unless it shall first meet and consult with the Union concerning the amount of such adjustments and the reasons therefor.

ARTICLE 39 STEP PLAN

Effective October 1, 2014, advancement in the step plan on an annual or anniversary date basis as set forth below will be restored prospectively. All full-time and regular part-time bargaining unit members who were employed during the 2011-2014 collective bargaining agreement and who were in a longevity step during that period will receive credit for time served towards progression to the next longevity step.

Progression from step 1 to step 2 shall be six (6) months (13 pay periods) based upon satisfactory or above satisfactory job performance. Progression from step 2 to the maximum step in the pay range shall be at one (1) year (26 pay periods) intervals thereafter based upon satisfactory or above satisfactory job performance.

If the Public Health Trust should pay an entrance pay rate for a new employee with no experience above Pay Step 1 of the appropriate pay range, all other identical bargaining unit classification shall receive the same pay rate as the entrance pay rate if their pay rate is below the step of the entrance pay rate. However, the Public Health Trust may bring in an applicant above the entrance pay rate based on experience.

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Qualified internal applicants will be afforded consideration for promotional opportunities.

ARTICLE 40 TRADES ALLOWANCE

Employees with permanent status in the following classifications will receive a trades allowance amounting to one additional pay step.

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CODE	CLASSIFICATION
406	Biomedical Engineering Technician
401	Biomedical Equipment Technician I
820	Carpenter
823	Electrician
806	Maintenance Mechanic
827	Painter
828	Spray Painter
833	Plasterer
841	Plumber
844	Refrigeration Mechanic
835	Welder

Neo-Natal Transport Team

Employees in the bargaining unit who are qualified and commit to be a member of the Neo-Natal Transport Team for a two (2) year period will receive one additional pay step during the time period in which they maintain membership on the team.

ARTICLE 41 TOOL ALLOWANCE

1. Employees in the position classifications of Biomedical Equipment Technician I, Carpenter, Electrician, Hospital Audio Visual Technician, Maintenance Mechanic, Mason, Plasterer, Plumber, Refrigeration Mechanic, Locksmith and Welder who are required by the Trust to provide their own hand tools in accordance with required tool lists, established and maintained by the Trust for each classification, will receive \$435.00 net per year as a total tool allowance to be paid in two (2) equal installments on or about May 15, and November 15, of each year.
2. Employees in the position classifications of Maintenance Repairman (Automotive) and Transport Repairman who are required by the Trust to provide their own hand tools in accordance with required tool lists, established and maintained by the Trust for this classification, will receive \$210.00 net per year as a total tool allowance to be paid in two equal installments on or about May 15, and November 15 of each year.
3. Each tool list shall include only those tools that are appropriate for the safe and efficient performance by the employee of the work called for by his job classification. Reasonable substitution of tools shall be permitted with authorization of the supervisor. When changes are made in the list, or new tools required, a reasonable period of time shall be allowed each employee to purchase the tools necessary for him to comply with the tool list covering his job classification. The Trust shall make no requirements with respect to brand name or place of purchase of required tools, however; standards of quality set by the Trust must be

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met. The tool list shall not include tools or equipment heretofore considered and used as shop tools.

4. Each employee required by Trust policy to provide his own hand tools in accordance with the required tool lists shall have such tools available on the job to perform assigned tasks. Employees accept responsibility to use proper tools for particular jobs in accordance with accepted practices or instructions of supervisors. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Article shall result in the loss of the tool allowance for the pay periods in which such noncompliance occurs.
5. Employees who are unable to complete a full six (6) month period in pay status shall receive the tool allowance prorated on a biweekly basis for all pay periods completed.

ARTICLE 42 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE AND SAFETY SHOES

Full-time employees who are required by the Public Health Trust policy to wear a prescribed uniform, which is not provided by the Trust, shall receive the following uniform allowance:

- a) \$125.00 per year if required to wear a prescribed cover coat, smock or vest in addition to their normal attire.
- b) \$200.00 per year if required to wear a full uniform. The definition of what constitutes a "full" uniform shall be made by the Management Committee but shall include any combination which restricts the color or design of the employee's clothing including shirts, pants, skirts, blazers, etc. Security Services Personnel shall receive this allowance for the maintenance of their Trust provided uniform.

Uniform allowances will be paid once per year in the month of January to those employees who are required to supply their own uniform and are on the payroll at time of payment.

The Trust shall provide vouchers once, each January for the purchase of safety boots to all Equipment Operators, Maintenance Mechanics, Electricians, Plumbers, Refrigeration Mechanics, Hospital Automated Systems Technicians, Welders, Painters, Plasterers, Power Systems Technicians, Biomedical Equipment Technician I, Biomedical Engineering Technicians, Computer Operator assigned to Engineering Services and Procurement Technician assigned to Engineering Services and to all Environmental Workers who strip and wax floors. Safety boots must meet Trust requirements. The Trust shall provide vouchers once, each January, for the purposes of skid resistant shoes to all Nutrition Service employees.

ARTICLE 43 VEHICLES

The Trust shall have the sole right and authority to determine the assignment of vehicles and to remove the assignment at its discretion. The President of the Public Health Trust shall have the sole authority to determine vehicle assignments external to normal shift assignment. Vehicle assignments are understood by the parties to be based upon operational necessity as determined solely by the Trust requirements.

Vehicles assigned by the Trust to be used by bargaining unit employees shall be kept in safe running condition. Whenever the employee operating the vehicle learns of a defect or has knowledge that the vehicle needs repair, the employee shall promptly submit a job order to his immediate supervisor. Job orders will be handled as promptly as circumstances permit.

ARTICLE 44 SPLIT SHIFT PAY DIFFERENTIAL

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Employees required by their Department to work an eight (8) hour shift with interim time off which consumes more than one (1) hour will receive one (1) pay step in addition to the normal pay rate. Split shift pay differential will not be included in the payment for any accrued leave upon separation.

ARTICLE 45 LONGEVITY BONUS

Employees with fifteen (15) years of continuous full-time service shall receive a longevity bonus on their anniversary date and each year thereafter. Deferment for authorized leave of absence shall be deductible and not considered as a break in service.

The annual longevity bonus payments will be paid in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Upon completion of 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 years of full-time continuous Trust Service a 1.5% bonus payment of base salary.
2. Upon completion of 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 years of full-time continuous Trust Service a 2.0% bonus payment of base salary.
3. Upon completion of 25 years or more of full-time continuous Trust Service a 2.5% bonus payment of base salary.

Effective the beginning of the first pay period in January, 2001, amend the current annual longevity bonus payments in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Completed Full-Time Continuous Trust Service</u>	<u>Percentage Payment of Base Salary</u>
15	1.5%
16	1.6%
17	1.7%
18	1.8%
19	1.9%
20	2.0%
21	2.1%
22	2.2%
23	2.3%
24	2.4%
25	2.5%
26	2.6%
27	2.7%
28	2.8%
29	2.9%
30 or more	3.0%

ARTICLE 46 MILEAGE PAYMENTS

When it is necessary for an employee to use his private vehicle to enable him to perform assigned duties on Trust business, he shall be reimbursed in accordance with Administrative Policy # 338, Use of Private Vehicle For Trust Business.

ARTICLE 47 PHARMACY DISCOUNT

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Employees in the bargaining unit may purchase hospital formulary drugs from the Trust's Outpatient Pharmacy during its regular operating hours; pursuant to the PHS340B purchasing contract. The charge to the employee will be acquisition cost plus 10% with no minimum. All prescriptions must be paid in cash on the day they are dispensed.

ARTICLE 48 PAY ADVANCES

An employee may request his vacation pay checks in advance of any scheduled annual leave by submitting a request to the departmental payroll office at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to leaving on annual leave.

ARTICLE 49 BACK PAY/PAY CHECK ERRORS

An employee shall be entitled to recover, without penalty to the Trust, funds due him by reason of errors in the implementation or administration of the Trust Pay Plan and other applicable regulations affecting pay. Payroll errors committed by the Trust of \$50 or 15% of the employee's net pay for the pay period, whichever is greater shall entitle the concerned employee to receive a payroll voucher. Upon notification by the concerned employee, this payroll voucher shall be processed by close of business the next business day whenever possible. All other payroll errors shall be rectified with the employee's next regular paycheck whenever possible.

The Trust shall be entitled to recover, in a timely manner without interest, all funds determined by the Trust to have previously been paid in error to an employee. The Trust shall have the right to effect such recovery of funds through a stipulated biweekly paycheck deduction, at a biweekly rate equal to the biweekly rate of the erroneous payment to the employee, or at the minimum rate of fifty dollars (\$50) per pay period, whichever rate is greater. In the case of an employee demonstrated hardship, the minimum rate will be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per pay period. The specific recovery rate shall be determined through an agreement between the concerned employee and the Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance Department, upon notification to the concerned employee. The concerned employee shall have ten (10) calendar days from date of notification to contact the appropriate Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance representative and stipulate to a specific recovery rate in accordance with this contract provision. Failure by the concerned employee to make the necessary arrangements within the specified ten (10) calendar day period shall result in the necessary paycheck deductions being automatically effected by the Trust at a rate the Trust deems appropriate.

The Trust has the right to recover the full amount of erroneous payments to an employee in the event the employee separates from Trust service, including the right to make necessary deduction from the employee's terminal leave pay.

This Article shall be administered in accordance with the applicable Statute of Limitations.

ARTICLE 50 NIGHT SHIFT PAY DIFFERENTIAL AND WEEKEND DIFFERENTIAL

Employees assigned to work shifts which have the major portion of the scheduled hours of work occurring between the shift hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. shall be entitled to receive a differential of One dollar (\$1.00) per hour for the entire work shift. Employees assigned to daytime shifts, who work on an overtime basis into the time period stated above, will receive the standard time and one-half overtime rate, but not the night shift premium rate.

Employees assigned to work shifts which are equally divided before and after 3:00 p.m. will be entitled to receive a pay differential of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per hour for the entire work shift.

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Employees assigned to work a twelve (12) hour or longer shift that begins between 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. shall be entitled to receive a shift differential of One dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

Employees receiving night differential as of October 1, 1979, including employees assigned by the Trust to a rotating night shift, will receive either the above cents per hour differential or have the amount of their current shift differential frozen in cents per hour whichever is greater. Employees receiving night differential as of October 1, 1979, who are removed from a rotating night shift by the Trust and reassigned to the day shift and have the night shift differential removed and are subsequently reassigned to a night shift shall receive either the One dollar (\$1.00) or seventy- five cents (\$.75) shift differential, whichever is appropriate, or have their current shift differential frozen in cents per hour, if that differential is greater.

This night shift pay differential does not apply to the classifications shown differently in Exhibit 1B (Shift Differentials).

Night shift pay differential is not paid for hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in the work week.

Night shift pay differential is a "plus item" and not to be construed as part of base pay for purpose of terminal paid leave and payment of compensatory time or holiday leave upon separation from Trust service.

Employees will not be transferred or rotated from one shift to another by the Trust for the purpose of avoiding payment of night shift differential.

Weekend Differential

Except as shown differently for classifications listed in Exhibit 1B, (Shift Differentials), employees will be paid twenty-five cents (\$.25) per hour for each hour worked between 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Monday providing the employee's shift begins at 7:00 p.m. or later on Friday.

This weekend shift differential will be paid only for actual hours worked, in addition to the shift differential. It does not apply to payment for leave of any type.

A \$1.00 per hour premium will be paid when management floats an employee out of their home campus to another campus or a facility outside of their home campus. The premium will only be paid for hours worked away from the home campus.

ARTICLE 51 NIGHT SHIFT INCENTIVE

Licensed Practical Nurses employed at the Public Health Trust who complete four (4) consecutive and uninterrupted months of service on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift will receive five (5) days of rest and recuperation leave. Procedures for administering this plan are in accordance with those approved by the Hospital Operations Committee May 2, 1974.

Only those Licensed Practical Nurses who are assigned and working the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift as of September 30, 1986 will be eligible to receive this night shift incentive. Licensed Practical Nurses who are hired, promoted or transferred to the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift on or after October 1, 1986 shall not be eligible to receive this night shift incentive.

ARTICLE 52 TIME IN GRADE PROVISION

Employees shall receive additional pay step increments for continuous service in the same

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classification. Eligibility calculations for service in grade requirements are based on Trust service after October 1, 1957, as described below:

1. Advancement to the first "Time in Grade" step shall be made after completion of five (5) consecutive years' service at the maximum rate of the salary range. Such advancement will be one (1) pay step beyond the normal maximum rate.
2. Advancement to the second "Time in Grade" step shall be made after completion of five (5) consecutive years at the first "Time in Grade" step of the salary range. Such advance will be one (1) pay step beyond the first "Time in Grade" step.

ARTICLE 53 SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

An employee who drives or operates mobile equipment fifty percent (50%) of the time in performance of their duties, and possesses a valid driver's license shall receive awards for safe driving, including a pin, annually, with the number of safe driving years thereon.

After the fifth year, the employee will receive an award of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) for each consecutive year of safe driving completed.

Should the employee have a preventable accident, the employee starts over the first day after the accident.

ARTICLE 54 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

~~The Trust's contribution for group health insurance shall not exceed the amount it contributes toward single employee coverage and no contribution shall be made for dependent coverage.~~

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The parties agree that bargaining unit employees will be offered the opportunity to become members of a qualified Health Maintenance Organization and a Point of Service Plan pursuant to law and in accordance with all rules, regulations, and procedures pertaining thereto prescribed by the employer and the qualified Health Maintenance Organization.

The Trust's flexible benefits program will remain in effect during the term of this Collective Bargaining Agreement. The parties agree that bargaining unit employees will be offered the opportunity to participate pursuant to law and in accordance with all rules, regulations, and procedures pertaining thereto prescribed by the employer and the Internal Revenue Code.

1. The Trust's Group Health Insurance will be a Point of Service/Managed Health Care Group Insurance Plan.
2. Copies of the plan designs and cost structures are attached to this Agreement as appendix A. Part time employees with benefits who consistently work 30 or more hours per week, and part time employees assigned to a 3/2 schedule that average 57 ½ hours bi-weekly, are eligible for participation in the PHT's health plans. In addition to

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the POS and HMO-Plan, the PHT will continue to provide the Select Network/Managed Health Care and Jackson First Group Insurance Plans for the 2018 plan-year.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the employee cost of the biweekly dependent premiums for the Select Network/Managed Health Care Group Insurance Plan and the POS will increase by 10% of the current premium rate. Beginning January 1, 2022, single coverage for select will increase to \$50.00 biweekly and single coverage for POS will increase to \$150.00 biweekly.

Beginning January 1, 2022, copays for non-Jackson Urgent Care Centers will increase to \$50.00, and copays for Emergency Department visits will increase by \$50.00 (excluding pediatric emergency department visits) on all plans. Also, the co-pays for outpatient procedures will increase to \$200.00 and the copays for inpatient service will increase to \$100.00 for POS and the Select Network/Managed Health Care Group Insurance Plan.

Beginning January 1, 2023, the employee cost of the biweekly premiums, dependent and single coverage, for the Select Network/Managed Health Care Group Insurance Plan and the POS will increase by 10% of the premium rate.

Beginning on January 1, 2022, insurance coverage for all plans will be limited to the following four (4) pharmacy retail outlets: 1) CVS, 2) Target, 3) Navarro, and 4) Publix. 2018, the PHT will provide a two-tiered premium option which will allow the bargaining unit member to continue coverage under the POS, Select Network/Managed Health Care, and Jackson First Insurance Group Insurance Plans. Bargaining unit members who complete a required annual wellness visit in the 2018 and 2019 plan years, respectively, shall be eligible to continue coverage at the 2017 rates for those Plans for the following plan year, except as follows:

For plan year 2019, the employee cost of coverage for the POS and Select Network/Managed Health Care will increase by 5% over the 2018 rates.

For plan year 2020, the employee cost of coverage for the POS and Select Network/Managed Health Care will increase by 5% over the 2019 rates.

Bargaining unit members who elect not to participate in the annual wellness visit for any reason will also have their cost of coverage increase by \$50 per pay period for the following plan year.

Beginning January 1, 2018, the employee cost of coverage for the HMO Plan will be adjusted as set forth in the attached Schedule. Bargaining unit members electing the HMO Plan who also elect not to participate in the annual wellness visit will have their cost of coverage increased by \$50 per pay period over the

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~~rates in the attached Schedule. Thereafter, beginning January 1, 2019, the HMO Plan will be discontinued, and bargaining unit members who had elected the HMO Plan for the 2018 plan year will have the 2018 plan year will have the option of electing coverage under the POS, Select Network/Managed Health Care and Jackson First Group Insurance Plans for the 2019 plan year in accordance with the two-tiered premium option set forth, above.~~

~~Beginning January 1, 2018, the employee cost of coverage for the HMO Plan will be adjusted as set forth in the attached Schedule. Bargaining unit members electing the HMO Plan who also elect not to participate in the annual wellness visit will have their cost of coverage increased by \$50 per pay period over the rates in the attached Schedule. Thereafter, beginning January 1, 2019, the HMO Plan will be discontinued, and bargaining unit members who had elected the HMO Plan for the 2018 plan year will have the 2018 plan year will have the option of electing coverage under the POS, Select Network/Managed Health Care and Jackson First Group Insurance Plans for the 2019 plan year in accordance with the two-tiered premium option set forth, above.~~

3. JACKSON FIRST PLAN OPTION

Eligible Jackson Health System employees will continue to be given the option of enrolling in the Jackson First health insurance plan, in addition to the current available options. This Plan is voluntary and available to any benefits-eligible employee and their dependents. There will be no co-pays and/or deductibles for services performed at Jackson facilities (except urgent care, emergency care and Pharmacy Services), or by any physician with admitting privileges at Jackson Health System. For individual employees electing the employee only option there will be no premium contribution for the term of the agreement.

Jackson First plan participants and Select Plan participants electing to use Jackson services shall also have access to a concierge service as described in the attached addendum that is a dedicated telephone line for scheduling appointments for Jackson Health System providers. It is the intent of the parties that employees selecting the Jackson First plan have access to an urgent primary care physician within forty-eight (48) hours of requesting an appointment, access to a routine primary care physician within ten (10) days of requesting an appointment, and access to outpatient diagnostic imaging within five (5) days of requesting an appointment.

Beginning on January 1, 2022, the premiums for the voluntary dental coverage will be increased by 10%. Beginning in January 2023, the premiums for the voluntary dental coverage will be increased an additional 10%.

4. The parties will create a Health Care Committee comprised of two (2) members appointed by Management and two (2) members appointed by the Union. The Committee will meet monthly, and shall be provided any and all available information necessary to monitor utilization, cost, and effectiveness of the plans.


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5. Telehealth

The parties agree that there is a need for the PHT to implement Telehealth, a voluntary program which allows employees to contact a physician on a 24/7 basis for convenient low cost medical care. This program will reduce our employees from seeking immediate health care for low intensity health concerns in urgent care centers and emergency rooms and provide immediate high quality access to care.

In an effort to encourage employees to participate in the Telehealth program, a co-pay of only ten (\$10) dollars will be charged for employees or dependents who use the services provided by telehealth.

Employees can access Telehealth via mobile app, visit the website or call toll free for physician to diagnose, treat, and prescribe with no additional charge.

6. Covid-19 Non-Vaccinated Employee Surcharge

Beginning January 1, 2022, employees who have not been fully vaccinated with an FDA-approved (emergency or full approval) Covid-19 Vaccination will be assessed a surcharge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pay period. Full vaccination includes receiving all follow-up booster shots. Employees may apply for a medical or religious accommodation under this section. Employees who want to remove the surcharge may do so upon providing proof of full vaccination.

ARTICLE 55 TRAINING AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Trust and the Union agree that the training and development of employees within this Bargaining Unit is mutually beneficial. The Union will be kept informed of all training programs. The Union may make recommendations to the Trust relative to the training of employees within this Bargaining Unit. The Trust will consider recommendations and improvements submitted by the Union. The parties agree to meet at the request of either party for the purpose of exchanging information concerning the overall training of employees within this Bargaining Unit.

Non-job basis employees required by their department to attend classes or training programs, within the geographical limits of Miami-Dade County, in order to retain their present jobs or position, shall receive the applicable rate of pay for all hours exceeding their regularly scheduled work week. However, at their sole discretion, the Department shall have the option to change, modify or adjust employee's work schedules to allow for training to comprise the normal work week or work day in place of the regularly assigned shift and in this case overtime provisions shall not apply.

ARTICLE 56 SAFETY AND HEALTH

Section 1

It is the responsibility of the Trust to provide reasonable safe and sanitary working conditions in all present and future installations and to develop a safe working force. The Union will cooperate with and assist management to live up to this responsibility. Nothing in this agreement shall imply that the Union has undertaken or assumed any legal liability to provide a safe work place.

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The Trust and the Union insist on the observation of safe rules and safe procedures by employees and supervisors and insist on the correction of unsafe conditions. Failure of employees to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Section 3

If an employee believes he is being required to work under unsafe conditions, he shall (1) notify his/her immediate supervisor who will immediately investigate the condition and take corrective action if necessary; (2) the Union Steward may immediately notify the Department Safety Officer and Trust's Risk Management Division; (3) file a grievance if no corrective action is taken during that day's work.

Section 4

Employees who work at jobs or in areas deemed by the department or Risk Management Division to be dangerous shall be required to wear safety devices and/or equipment designated by Risk Management or the department as necessary for their protection. Such devices and equipment will be provided by the Trust. When such equipment has been prescribed by the department or Risk Management Division, it shall be furnished by the Trust at no cost to the employee. Failure or refusal of an employee to wear safety devices and/or equipment shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

Section 5 - Protection from Respiratory Hazards and Infectious Diseases

A. Infectious Diseases

The Employer shall provide the strongest feasible protection to employees from occupational transmission of blood borne and airborne infectious diseases, including but not limited to Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, through the use of engineering controls, work practice controls, personal protective equipment, training and education and the development of a comprehensive blood borne and airborne infectious disease program.

B. Asbestos

The Employer shall inform all employees about all known materials that contain asbestos in their work areas. The Employer shall notify all employees of asbestos removal in work areas where asbestos removal is scheduled to take place; supply copies of asbestos air monitoring for that area; and ensure the strongest feasible protection is provided to employees in the area where removal procedures are being performed.

The Employer shall provide a contact person and phone number for questions regarding asbestos-containing materials and to report any damage to asbestos-containing materials. The Employer must post the name and number of the contact person throughout the hospital.

C. Security

The Employer will provide secure, limited access to all PHT facilities to protect bargaining unit employees and patients. Ongoing issues of security shall be addressed in Hospital – Wide Committee Meetings.

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D. On the Job Assault

The Employer has a responsibility to take all reasonably practical steps to protect employees from physical assault on the job. No employee shall be disciplined for using reasonable measures to protect himself/herself from assault.

AFSCME may make recommendations on policies to prevent on the job physical assault, manage violent situations and provide support to workers who have experienced or face on the job assault.

E. Safe Patient Handling & Minimal Lift Team

Consistent with the hospital commitment to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and to ensure the highest quality care, the parties agree to form a multi-disciplinary team to develop the plan. The team shall consist of equal members of direct care providers and Employer representatives necessary to develop an effective plan.

ARTICLE 57 BLOOD BANK AND DONORS

Employees wishing to donate blood shall be granted reasonable leave, with prior approval of their supervisor, without loss of pay for the purpose of donating blood.

ARTICLE 58 ON-THE-JOB INJURY REPORTS

An employee shall receive a copy of the "on-the-job injury" report after it has been read to him and he has signed a copy. The supervisor shall not refuse to report an injury or attempt to dissuade an employee from reporting an injury, whether or not such report is timely or untimely.

ARTICLE 59 BULLETIN BOARDS

The Trust will furnish the Union with sufficient bulletin board space for up to four (4) Union notices, size 8 1/2" x 14" at each of the agreed locations. The Union shall submit items, other than meeting and election notices, to the Director of Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance Department prior to posting. It is intended for purpose of interpretation that bulletin boards shall be provided primarily for employee information and internal communications and not for the primary purpose of communicating with the general public.

The time clock boxes, as long as they are used by the Trust, may be used for distribution of Union literature, as defined above. The Trust agrees not to destroy or discard the Union literature contained in the time clock boxes

ARTICLE 60 ORIENTATION

The Trust orientation program for Employees upon initial hire shall continue. The Union and the Employer shall work cooperatively to ensure that the Union representatives shall have an opportunity to address/contact new employees about the Union and to provide them with a copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and a list of the Union officers and representatives.

When an employee is asked to perform duties of a different kind but still within his/her job classification, an orientation should be given as soon as practical.

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Employees shall not refuse an order to perform those new duties unless the employee can demonstrate that a safety or health consideration exists and that the employee has notified his/her immediate supervisor of his/her concerns. If the employee and the supervisor do not agree on the matter, the employee will direct his/her concerns to the Management personnel designated by the Employer to resolve the possible danger hazards. The decision of this designated Management personnel shall be final. The employee/Union maintains the right to file a grievance in accordance with Article 56, Safety and Health.

ARTICLE 61 PARKING FACILITIES

The Trust will make every effort to provide adequate security in all parking facilities owned by the Public Health Trust especially during change of shifts.

The Employer will provide one (1) month free parking for all employees whose cars are vandalized or stolen, provided that all security protocols are followed.

Employees are encouraged to contact the Security Department for after-hours escort to and from the parking facilities.

ARTICLE 62 CHILD CARE & ELDERLY CARE

~~The parties agree that the provision of quality, non-profit child care facilities on-site at the Public Health Trust can have a beneficial impact on employee morale, absenteeism and turnover. Therefore, it is agreed that, if either party requests it during the six (6) months prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the parties shall establish a joint Child Care Committee or Elderly Care Committee to study the feasibility of on-site child care centers, including their costs and the degree of employee interest. The Committee shall present its findings and any recommendations to both parties at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement.~~

ARTICLE 63 SERVICES TO THE UNION

1. Quarterly, the Employer will provide the Union with an electronic copy of the job title, department, Lawson ID, badge number, position, name, job code, pay rate, annual pay rate, FTE, pay grade, pay step, shift, work schedule, union code, union name, union membership status, job status, status description, hire date, adjusted hire date, anniversary date, exempt or hourly, supervisor name, union dues by individual, PEOPLE contributions by individual, process level, work phone, work email, and termination date for unit and salaries of all employees in the bargaining unit. With written authorization from the employee, the Employer shall provide addresses and phone numbers.
2. The Trust agrees to notify the Union within a reasonable period of time and whenever possible within thirty (30) days prior to any public hearing in which personnel matters, relative to this Bargaining Unit, are to be the subject of discussion.
3. The Trust agrees to provide the Union with the following documents and publications (one (1) copy, unless otherwise indicated):

Public Health Trust Agendas and Minutes
Public Health Trust Committee Agendas and Minutes
Public Health Trust Personnel Policies and Procedures
Administrative Orders and Personnel Policy Procedures
Training and Benefit Bulletins

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5. Special conferences for important matters will be arranged between the Union President and the Director of Employee/Labor Relations, or their designated representatives upon request of either party. Such meeting shall be between at least two (2) representatives of the Trust and at least two (2) representatives of the Union. Arrangements for such special conferences shall be made in advance and an agenda of the matters to be taken up at the meeting shall be presented at the time the conference is requested. Matters taken up in special conferences shall be confined to those included in the agenda.
6. The Trust, upon written request, will provide the Union, at no cost, one (1) set of labels per calendar year containing the names and work location of bargaining unit employees. Any additional requests for labels shall be paid for by the Union.

ARTICLE 64 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS AND SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT

1. The Union recognizes that management possesses the sole right, duty, and responsibility to operate and manage the Trust and direct the work force, and the rights, authority, and discretion which the Trust deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities and missions shall be exercised consistently with these terms. Any term and condition of employment other than wages and benefits not specifically established or modified by this Agreement shall remain solely within the discretion of the employer modify, establish or eliminate. The rights contained in this Article shall be exercised consistently with Article 67 -Prevailing Benefits.
2. The Trust reserves the right and authority to establish, implement, revise or modify policies, procedures, and all other rules and regulations including but not limited to, Administrative Orders, Personnel Rules, Pay Plan, and Department Rules or Regulations, not in conflict with the express written provisions of this Agreement. This right and authority shall include but is not limited to the Trust's right to revise promotional criteria and the duration of promotional eligibility lists.
3. These rights and powers include, but are not limited to the authority to:
 - a. Determine the missions and objectives of the Trust;
 - b. Determine the methods, means and number of personnel needed to carry out Departmental responsibilities;
 - c. Take such actions as may be necessary to carry out services during emergencies declared by the President of the Public Health Trust;
 - d. Direct the work of the employees, determine the amount and type of work needed, and in accordance with such determination relieve employees from duty because of lack of funds or lack of work;
 - e. Discipline or discharge employees for just cause;

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- f. The right to make reasonable rules and regulations. The Trust will inform the Union of any changes in the existing rules and regulations and the establishment of new rules and regulations before such changes are made effective;
 - g. Schedule operations and shifts;
 - h. Introduce new or improved methods, operations and facilities;
 - i. Hire, examine, classify, promote, train, transfer and assign employees;
 - j. Schedule and assign overtime work as required;
 - k. Contract out for goods or services provided that the Trust give the Union at least sixty (60) days written notice in contracting out for services currently being performed by bargaining unit employees. The notice will be provided as soon as is practicable but in no event later than members of the general public are notified. Upon request by the Union, the Trust will provide to the Union copies of Requests for Proposals that specifically pertain to the contracting out for services that are currently being performed by bargaining unit employees. The Trust agrees that, when a department submits a written recommendation to contract out for services currently being performed by bargaining unit employees, a copy of such recommendation shall be sent forthwith to the Union.

This clause shall not be construed as a waiver of any other right either party may have under this Agreement or applicable law.
 - l. Determine the utilization of technology;
 - m. Such other rights, normally consistent with management's duty and responsibility for operation of Trust services; provided, however, that the exercise of such rights does not preclude the Union from conferring about the practical consequences that decisions may have on terms and conditions of employment.
4. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to the subject or matter and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement, including its supplements and exhibits attached hereto, concludes all collective bargaining between the parties during the term hereto, and constitutes the sole, entire and existing Agreement between the parties hereto.
5. The Trust, in exercising its rights, will not preclude the Union from raising a grievance for an act which is alleged to violate this Agreement.

ARTICLE 65 TOXICOLOGY AND ALCOHOL TESTING

The employer and the Union recognize that employee substance and alcohol abuse can have an adverse impact on Miami-Dade County government, The PHT's operations, the image of employees and the general health, welfare and safety of the employees, and the general public.

The Employer shall have the authority to require employees to submit to toxicology and alcohol testing designed to detect the presence of any controlled substance, narcotic drug, or

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alcohol. The Employer agrees that requiring employees to submit to testing of this nature shall be limited to circumstances that indicate reasonable grounds to suspect that the employee is under the influence of such substances, suffers from substances or alcohol abuse, or is in violation of the Personnel Rules or departmental Rules and Regulations regarding the use of such substances. Employees reasonably believed to suffer from substance abuse may be referred, at the Departments' discretion, to the Employee Assistance Program. An employee who voluntarily seeks assistance for substance abuse may not be disciplined for seeking assistance. However, voluntary participation in a substance abuse program shall not preclude discipline for the employee should job performance or employee conduct issues arise.

It is further understood by the parties that the aforementioned authority to require that employees submit to such testing be approved by a division director, or higher authority within the Department to ensure proper compliance with the terms of this article. An employee who is to be tested in accordance with the provisions of this article, will be permitted to make a phone call to the Union. This phone call shall not prevent, inhibit, or unreasonably delay the testing of such employee.

The results of such test or the employees' refusal to submit to toxicology or alcohol testing as provided for in this article, can result in appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the applicable provision of the County Code, the Personnel Rules, Departmental Rules and Regulations and this Collective Bargaining Agreement. The parties agree that toxicology and alcohol testing are an acceptable part of regularly scheduled Employer required physical examinations.

ARTICLE 66 COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF BARGAINING

It is agreed and understood that this Agreement constitutes the complete understanding between the parties, terminating all prior agreements and Memoranda of Understanding and concluding all collective bargaining during its term, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Article entitled Term of Agreement and Reopening. The Parties specifically waive the right to bargain during the term of this Agreement with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this Agreement, or to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered even though it may not have been in the knowledge or contemplation of the parties at the time this Agreement was negotiated.

ARTICLE 67 PREVAILING BENEFITS

Unless specifically provided for or abridged herein, all wage and economic fringe benefits, break times and other benefits of a similar nature currently in effect shall remain in effect under conditions upon which they have previously been granted.

Nothing in this article shall prevent the Trust from making reasonable changes in work rules or methods, provided that such changes do not reduce the benefits referred to above.

The Trust will provide the Union with a copy of written work rules affecting employees covered by this Agreement that are instituted or modified during the term of this Agreement.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to modify or eliminate the concept of past practice.

ARTICLE 68 APPLICABILITY OF AGREEMENT

The general provisions herein contained are mutually agreed to by the County and Trust and the Union. The specific provisions of this Agreement are mutually agreed to by the Trust and

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the Union and shall be binding on the Trust and the Union, or each, as the context may require. Provisions binding upon the Trust shall be interpreted as binding upon all administrative Trust officials to abide by and perform as specified.

Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to prevent or restrict the Trust from entering into agreement with other organizations of the Trust employees for benefits the same, in addition to, greater than, or different from those contained herein.

ARTICLE 69 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Should any part of this Agreement or any portion therein contained be rendered or declared illegal, legally invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or by the decision of any authorized governmental agency, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions thereof. In the event of such occurrence, the parties agree to meet immediately, and, if possible, to negotiate substitute provisions for such parts or portions rendered or declared illegal or invalid. The remaining parts and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 70 STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

There will be no strikes, work stoppages, sick-outs, picketing while working, slowdowns or other concerted failure or refusal to perform assigned work by the employees or the Union, and there will be no lockouts by the Trust for the duration of this Agreement. The Union guarantees to support the Trust fully in maintaining operations in every way.

Any employee who participates in or promotes a strike, work stoppage, picket line while working, slowdown, sick-out or concerted failure or refusal to perform assigned work may be discharged or otherwise disciplined by the Trust.

It is recognized by the parties that the Trust is responsible for and engaged in activities which are the basis of the health and welfare of our citizens and that any violation of this Article would give rise to irreparable damage to the Trust and to the public at large. Accordingly, it is understood and agreed that in the event of any violation of this Article, the Trust shall be entitled to seek and obtain immediate injunctive relief and all other relief as provided by law. Provided, however, in any action brought by the Trust, it is agreed that the Union shall not be responsible for any act alleged to constitute a breach of this Article if the Union did not instigate or support such action.

In the event of a strike, work stoppage or interference with the operation and accomplishment of the mission of the Trust, the Union shall promptly and publicly order the employees to return to work and attempt to bring about a prompt resumption of normal operations.

ARTICLE 71 TIME LIMITS

For purposes of interpretation, all time limits contained in this Agreement shall be considered met so long as the postmarked date on a certified letter is in compliance with the specified time limit, when the postal service is utilized.

ARTICLE 72 GENDER REFERENCE

All pronouns used in this Agreement shall be deemed to apply to both sexes, regardless of the particular gender of the pronoun actually used.

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ARTICLE 73 SENIORITY

To the extent feasible in fulfilling its mission and responsibilities and where job performance and job skill factors are equal among affected employees, the departments will give full and fair consideration to employees' seniority based on an employee's date of hire when determining vacation scheduling, shift assignments, overtime work assignments on a holiday, and training programs.

If requested by the Union, decisions and determinations made under this Article will be a proper subject for a consultation meeting between representatives of the Union, the affected department, and the Trust Employee/Labor Relations & Workforce Compliance Department.

ARTICLE 74 SPECIAL WAGE PROVISIONS

Effective the first full pay period in October 2014, full time bargaining unit employees will receive a sixty dollar (\$60.00) biweekly pay supplement.

ARTICLE 75 TERM OF AGREEMENT AND REOPENING

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Public Health Trust and the Dade County Public Employees Local 1363, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, shall be effective October 1, 2017 and continue to September 30, 2020.

This contract represents a fair and equitable agreement with a very critical bargaining unit and is the product of good faith negotiations between the parties. It recognizes the services provided by these important public servants by addressing their economic concerns while ensuring the continued delivery of quality public safety services in a fiscally responsible manner.

Either party may require by written notice to the other between June 1, 2020 and not later than June 30, 2020, negotiations concerning modifications, amendments, and renewal of this Agreement to be effective October 1, 2020. If neither party shall submit such a written notice during the indicated period, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

ARTICLE 76 ANESTHESIA TECHNICIANS

Anesthesia Technicians who work double shifts and are scheduled to return to work within eight (8) hours of the time the shift ends will be allowed four (4) hours administrative leave time at the beginning of the next scheduled shift. The employee will have an option of using PL time to cover the remainder of the shift. This will allow the employee not to report back to work until after eleven and a half (11½) hours have elapsed.

ARTICLE 77 ~~CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS ASSISTANTS NURSING SUPPORT~~ ~~LADDER AND PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CLINICAL LADDER~~

~~1. While nothing shall prevent a suitably qualified CNA I from promotion to CNA II at any time, all CNA I's shall automatically be promoted to CNA II pay status at the end of twenty four (24) months from their date of hire, only providing that the CNA I's evaluation has met standards.~~

~~2. CNA I's will be promoted to CNA II at any time earlier than twenty four (24) months if the~~

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~~CNA I "exceeds standards" in the performance evaluation. While nothing shall prevent a suitably qualified CNA I from promotion to CNA II at any time, all CNA I's shall automatically be promoted to CNA II pay status at the end of twenty four (24) months from their date of hire, only providing that the CNA I's evaluation has met standards.~~

~~2. CNA I's will be promoted to CNA II at any time earlier than twenty four (24) months if the CNA I "exceeds standards" in the performance evaluation.~~

A. Nursing Support Ladder: PHT has created a Nursing Support Ladder to assist in the retention of these specialized nursing support professionals, as well as encourage, promote and reward excellence in this clinical practice. The following describes the five levels of the nursing support ladder:

Level 1:

The only classification in this level is the newly created classification of Patient Observer. The creation of this level will result in the elimination of the classification of Sitter and all employees in this classification will be reclassified to the classification of Patient Observer and move to the newly created step plan of the Patient Observer at the same step that they held as a Sitter.

Level 2:

The only classification in this level is the classification of Patient Care Technician. The creation of this level will result in the elimination of the classifications of Support Associate 2, Support Associate 3, Support Associate Float Pool, Special Care Associate, Emergency Special Care Associate, and Intensive Care Unit Assistant. The employees who held the aforementioned positions will be reclassified to the classification of Patient Care Technician and will be moved into the newly created pay step plan of this classification based on their experience, certifications, licenses and their competency on meet or beat pay rate method. Any employees moving to higher levels will be considered as a promotion and moved according to our promotional formula.

Level 3:

The following classifications will be in this level: Patient Care Associate 1, Certified Nursing Assistant, Mental Health Specialist and Medical Assistant. The creation of this level will result in the elimination of the classifications of Patient Care Associate, Mental Health Hospital Specialist, and Medical Assistant Transplant, as well as the retitling of the classification of Nursing Assistant 2 to a modified title of Certified Nursing Assistant. All existing Patient Care Associates will be reclassified to the classification of Patient Care Associate 1. All existing Mental Health Hospital Specialists will be reclassified as Mental Health Specialists and they will keep their current pay step schedule. All employees who are in the classification of Medical Assistant Transplant will be reclassified to the classification of Medical Assistant and move to the same step in the pay step plan of the Medical Assistant. All employees in affected jobs at this level will be moved to the new step/ rate on a meet or beat method.

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The only classification in this level is the classification of Patient Care Associate 2. The creation of this level will result in the elimination of the classifications of PCT Pedi Special Procedures, Emergency Medical Technician, ER Technician, Sr. ER Technician and Patient Care Associates in cost codes 66017 (main recovery room); 74406 (GI Station) and 66307 (Pre- Anesthesia Testing). The employees in the aforementioned classifications will be reclassified as a Patient Care Associate 2. These employees will be moved to the pay step plan of the Patient Care Associate 2 based on their experience, certifications, licenses, and their competency on a meet or beat pay rate method.

Level 5

The classifications of Patient Care Associate 3, Paramedic and Telemetry Technician will be in this level.

Each nursing support level will have one consolidated step schedule, corresponding to each level. Employees initially moving to a reclassified position on a lateral basis will not be considered as a promotion, and no probationary period will apply. Any employees moving to higher levels within the support ladder will be considered as a promotion and the applicable probationary period will apply according according to our promotional formula.

B. Pharmacy Technician Clinical Ladder: PHT has created a Pharmacy Technician Clinical Ladder to recognize the levels of competency, education, licensure, certification, and experience of PHT's Pharmacy Technicians, to assist in the retention of these specialized professionals, as well as encourage, promote, and reward excellence in this clinical practice.

Effective upon ratification, the Pharmacy Technician classification will be eliminated, and all current employees in the classification will be assessed by pharmacy administration and based on qualifications, experience, and the work they currently perform they will be moved to one of three newly created classifications: Pharmacy Technician I, Pharmacy Technician II, and Pharmacy Technician III.

The following sets forth the required competency, education, licensure, certification, and experience required for movement into each of the newly created classifications, respectively:

<u>New Structure</u>					
<u>New Title</u>	<u>Competency</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Licensure</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Experience</u>
<u>Pharmacy Technician I</u>	<u>On all areas of Pharmacy, including but not limited to: Omnicell, Customer Service, Prepacking, Logistics, Narcotics, and Inspections</u>	<u>High School diploma is required.</u>	<u>Registered and Board certified RPhT or hold a Pharmacist Intern license (PSI)</u>	<u>PTCB Certification Required</u>	<u>Generally, - requires 0 to 3 years of related experience.</u>

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<u>Pharmacy Technician II</u>	<u>Proficient on all areas of the Pharmacy Tech and 2 of the following areas: Operating room/Procedural, Pediatrics, Logistics, Sterile Products.</u>	<u>High School diploma is required.</u>	<u>Registered and Board certified RPhT or hold a Pharmacist Intern license (PSI)</u>	<u>PTCB Certification Required, Specialty Certification Preferred</u>	<u>Generally, requires 3 to 5 years of related experience.</u>
<u>Pharmacy Technician III</u>	<u>Proficient on all areas of the Pharmacy Tech and 3 of the following areas: Operating room/Procedural, Pediatrics, Logistics, Sterile Products. Trained and proficient on 2 of the following areas: Research Administration, Workflow & Schedule Administration, Drug Dispensing Automation Administration.</u>	<u>High School diploma is required. Bachelor's is degree preferred.</u>	<u>Registered and Board certified RPhT or hold a Pharmacist Intern license (PSI)</u>	<u>PTCB Certification Required, Specialty Certification Preferred</u>	<u>Generally, requires 5 to 7 years of related experience.</u>

C. The new step schedule for Pharmacy Technician I will be one step higher than the current range for Pharmacy Technician. The new step schedule for Pharmacy Technician II will be three steps higher than the current step schedule for Pharmacy Technician. The new step schedule for Pharmacy Technician III will be five steps higher than the current range for Pharmacy Technician.

D. Employees assessed to be in the classification of Pharmacy Technician I will move to the same step that they occupied as a Pharmacy Technician on the newly created step schedule. All current employees in the classification of Pharmacy Technician will be assessed to determine if they are qualified to be in the classifications of Pharmacy Technician II or Pharmacy Technician III. Qualified employees will move to the same step that they occupied as a Pharmacy Technician on the newly created step schedule of Pharmacy Technician II or Pharmacy Technician III, respectively.

ARTICLE 78 CORRECTIONS HEALTH SERVICES/WARD D PAY SUPPLEMENT

Employees working in Corrections Health Services and Ward D will continue to receive a one-step pay supplement as long as they work in these areas. The one step will be removed in the event the employee transfers from Corrections Health Services/Ward D.

In conjunction with this pay supplement, Ward D employees may be assigned to other Corrections Health Services facilities on an as need basis.

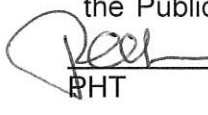
ARTICLE 79 EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION BONUS

All full-time employees who obtain a specific certification in their area of practice shall receive a one (1) time bonus of \$150.00 following receipt of the certification or recertification.

This bonus is for certification received in addition to the certification required for the classification. Employees who currently have an additional certification shall receive the bonus effective the third pay period following final ratification of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 80 GRANT POSITIONS

Grant positions are defined as positions that have alternate funding from sources outside of the Public Health Trust. Grant positions are typically funded for specific periods of time and for

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specific amounts of money that cover wages and benefits. Grant positions can be full-time (scheduled for 40 hours per week) or part-time (scheduled for 30 to 35 hours per week or scheduled for under 30 hours per week). The seniority and status of employees in classifications covered by this collective bargaining agreement shall be unaffected by the source of funding, whether by grant or otherwise. As such, grant funded employees shall be provided with the same rights as all other employees covered by this collective bargaining agreement.

Permanent full-time employees who have been voluntarily or involuntarily assigned to grant positions that are later eliminated due to loss of funding shall be transferred to comparable positions in accordance with Public Health Trust policy and this collective bargaining agreement. Such employees shall not be required to serve a new probationary period.

ARTICLE 81 MEAL CARDS

Effective the beginning of the first pay period immediately following ratification and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, employees working in Nutrition Services will be provided a meal card with a value of \$7.50 per scheduled work shift.

The meal card shall be useable at the Jackson cafeteria, as well as at any other eating establishments on the PHT complex operated by the same providers who manage the cafeteria and have card readers available.

ARTICLE 82 REST PERIODS, MEALS, AND LOUNGE AREAS

The Trust agrees that every effort shall be made to provide two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods within the eight (8) hour work schedule or three (3) fifteen (15) minute rest periods for twelve (12) hour work schedules. At the discretion of the Supervisor, two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks may be taken in conjunction with the mid-shift meal.

The Employer agrees to provide adequate lounge space, or equivalent lounge space in all new or acquired facilities. In the event of relocation of this space due to remodeling/construction, every effort will be made for alternate lounge space provided patient care and business needs are not compromised. The Employer and the Union will agree in writing that the alternate lounge space is acceptable.

Consistent short staffing shall not be considered sufficient reasons for constant denial of the two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks or denial of the mid-shift meal break.

ARTICLE 83 TRAINING PAY

If employees are called upon to train another employee for three (3) or more days, the employee performing the training will be given a one (1) step pay increase for the additional duties being performed for the length of the training period. This pay step will cease at the end of the training period.

ARTICLE 84 CONSECUTIVE SHIFTS

No employee will be scheduled for more than two (2) different shifts in any one (1) work week unless the employee gives consent, except in emergency situations.

Employees will not be required to work consecutive shifts except in emergency conditions. There will normally be at least a minimum of an eleven and one-half (11½) hour break between

work shifts except in emergency circumstances. For purposes of this section only, staffing deficiencies which cannot be reasonably anticipated by the Employer shall be considered as emergency circumstances.

ARTICLE 85 CROSS TRAINING PROGRAMS

When an employee is cross-trained, an initial assessment of competence will be done and an organized, documented training program using tools such as checklists, will be provided in order to ensure the safe delivery of quality patient care. The employee and the person responsible for the cross-training shall mutually acknowledge in writing when the cross-training has been successfully completed. Attainment and maintenance of necessary skills and competency needed to practice in the intended unit will be documented.

When cross-training programs are available or necessary, the employer will first seek volunteers. Selection from volunteers shall be made by seniority unless specific criteria is required as pre-established by Management. Criteria will be shared prior to posting of vacancy when opportunity is available. If there are insufficient volunteers to meet departmental needs, employees shall be assigned in inverse order of seniority. Volunteers must meet licensure requirements of the position. The Employer agrees to make cross-training programs and opportunities available to employees in the same classification and same department on an equitable basis.

ARTICLE 86 PENSION

The PHT shall have the option to offer a defined contribution 401A retirement plan as an alternative to the PHT defined pension benefit plan to bargaining unit employees hired after the ratification date of this agreement. Enrollment in such plan will be voluntary. These employees will continue to have the option to enroll in the defined benefit plan.

- A. Effective upon ratification, the pension benefits of the Public Health Trust Retirement Plan shall be amended to reflect the following changes to the pension benefits of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) which became effective July 1, 2011: cost-of-living adjustments; changes to the definition of retirement age for new hires, other than the increase of the minimum years of service requirement; and changes to the calculation of average final compensation for new hires. Similarly, effective upon ratification of this Agreement, employee contribution levels shall also be amended to reflect the FRS employee contribution levels in effect as of July 1, 2011 (3% of pensionable earnings on a pre-tax basis, other than per diem pool).
- B. The Summary Plan Description for the PHT Retirement Plan shall be amended to conform to this Agreement, and a copy shall be provided to the Union upon its completion.

ARTICLE 87 CONTRACTING AND SUBCONTRACTING

During the term of this Agreement, the PHT will not contract out, subcontract and/or outsource any positions that are included in the bargaining unit. This provision does not apply to those services or bargaining unit positions currently contracted out, subcontracted and/or outsourced as of the date of ratification of this Agreement, and shall not limit the PHT's ability to hire contract workers for any work performed at facilities acquired by the PHT during the term of this Agreement.

Effective September 30, 2020, if the PHT solicits bids or proposals from the public to contract

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out services currently being performed by members of the bargaining unit, the PHT will notify the union. Notice of the solicitation will be provided as soon as practicable but in no event later than members of the general public are notified. If the County Commission solicits bids or proposals from the public to contract out services currently being performed by members of the bargaining unit, the PHT will provide the Union with notice as soon as it receives notice of the County Commission's solicitation.

Effective September 30, 2020, upon request by the Union, the PHT shall make available for inspection any and all documents publicly available relating to the services contemplated for contracting out, prior to action being taken by the Employer to accomplish the contracting out. The Union may, within thirty (30) days or less if possible, propose an alternative plan by which the work may be done economically and efficiently by appropriate members of the bargaining unit. If the PHT receives such a proposal from the Unions it will give such proposal reasonable consideration.

ARTICLE 88 ASSIGNABILITY OF CONTRACT

The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and upon their successors and assigns (as those terms are defined by state or federal labor law, including but not limited to a taxing district or 501(c)(3) designated entity) for the full term of this Agreement. The parties agree that the terms and obligations herein contained shall not be affected, modified, altered or changed in any respect by the transfer or assignment by the Employer of any or all of its property, control, ownership or management or by any change in the legal status of the Employer or any part thereof. The parties further agree that:

A. In the event of a sale, merger, assignment, or other transfer of operations of the Hospital, prior to the sale, merger, assignment or transfer the Hospital shall:

1. Inform the prospective purchaser, merger party, assignee, transferee or other relevant acquiring or surviving entity ("New Employer") of the existence of this Agreement and of its terms and conditions;
2. Provide a copy of this Agreement to the New Employer;
3. Require as a condition of the same, merger, assignment or transfer that the New Employer shall recognize the Union as the collective bargaining representative;
4. Require as a condition of the same, merger, assignment or transfer that the New Employer shall assume (by written instrument executed with the Union) this Agreement between the Hospital and Union [subject to the modification that the New Employer shall offer comparable benefit plans in lieu of benefits plans that are specifically administered by and available only through the Hospital, for the remainder of its term];
5. Including the foregoing terms and conditions in a binding, written agreement between the Hospital and the New Employer, which states that the Union and the bargaining unit employees covered by this Agreement are the intended beneficiaries of these terms and conditions with the legal right to enforce them; and
6. Provide the Union satisfactory documentation of compliance with the foregoing terms and conditions prior to the sale, merger, assignment or transfer.

ARTICLE 89 FULLTIME WEEKEND SHIFT

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The Employer may offer employees full-time weekend positions with such employees working twelve and one-half (12 ½) hour shifts every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, or Saturday, Sunday and Monday, at the rate appropriate for their shift position and experience. These employees will be paid for forty (40) hours and will accrue and receive all benefits, and rights as full-time employees. Employees who work the weekend schedule are expected to do so for at least six (6) continuous months and on at least twenty-four (24) weekends. It is understood and agreed that applications for all full-time weekend positions shall initially be limited to employees currently employed, and newly-hired employees should not be oriented into these positions as long as there are qualified employees who have applied for them.

The parties have agreed on the following guidelines for the full-time weekend shift:

- a. If an employee wishes to work the modified Weekend plan, the employees request should be made in writing to Management.
- b. Request to work the modified Weekend plan will be approved based on the date the request is received by Management with seniority prevailing where date of application is equal.
- c. The availability of weekend shifts will be determined based on staffing and retention needs. Employees request to implement the full time weekend shift will not be unreasonably denied. Available positions will be offered and filled based on unit seniority.
- d. Both day and night shifts will be available. The numbers of Employees permitted to work the plan will be determined by Management based on staffing needs.
- e. Any Employee, who is currently working three 12-hour shifts on the same weekend shifts specified in the plan, will automatically be placed on the weekend plan as a full-time employee.
- f. The Employee will not be required to sign a contract. The Collective Bargaining Agreement language defines the time frame in which the employee is expected to work the Modified Weekend Plan.
- g. Overtime will start after 36 hours. (The work week of the weekend plan employee)
- h. Staff meetings may be held on the weekend as determined by the Supervisor.
- i. Employees working the Modified Weekend Plan will only receive the weekend shift differential for hours worked between 7:00 am on Saturday and 7:00 am on Monday.
- j. If both Holidays (Christmas and New Year's) fall on a weekend, the employee will receive one holiday off, upon request, providing staffing permits. If the holiday falls on the employee's day off, the employee will have the choice of taking the day off or volunteering to work.
- k. Employees will be subject to all applicable contract provisions, policies, procedures, practices, administrative orders and personnel rules unless specifically excluded.
- l. For purposes of payment and use of all leave time, the actual weekend shifts will be 13.3 hours for each of the weekend days/nights and 13.3 for the 3rd weekday or night

shift.

ARTICLE 90 EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

Section 1. Labor-Management Partnership Agreement

A. Purpose

Health care services and the institutions that provide them are undergoing rapid change. Advances in health care and ensuring the well-being of the Miami-Dade County community present challenges as well as opportunities for the Public Health Trust (PHT), the public, AFSCME, Local 1363, and the members they represent. The PHT and the Union believe that now is the time to enter into a new way of doing business. Now is the time to unite around our common purposes and work together to most effectively deliver high quality health care.

Founded on the common principle of making life better for those we serve, it is our common goal to make Jackson Health System (JHS) a prominent deliverer of health care in the United States. It is further our goal to demonstrate by any measure that labor management cooperation produces superior health care outcomes, leading performance, and a superior workplace for PHT employees.

In this spirit and with this intent, the PHT and the Union agree to establish a Partnership in pursuit of our common goals to:

- Improve quality health care for the communities we serve;
- Assist the PHT in achieving and maintaining leading performance;
- Make the PHT a better place to work;
- Provide PHT employees with the maximum possible employment and income security within the PHT; and
- Involve employees and their union in operational, clinical, and business decisions

B. Process and Structure

Senior Partnership Committee

The parties will establish a Senior Partnership Committee (SPC) consisting of an equal number of (but not less than four (4) each) PHT executive level staff and Union leadership. The SPC may expand the Partnership to include representatives of other parties as necessary, as agreed to by the labor and management representatives on the SPC. The responsibilities of the SPC are to establish, consistent with the terms and scope outlined in this agreement, targets, goals, objective, time lines and other Partnership initiatives. The SPC will meet as often as necessary but no less than twice per quarter to discuss strategic issues of the Partnership, and implement, review and oversee initiatives at all levels.

The initial initiatives of the Partnership shall be:

1. Patient Experience (e.g. HCAHPS)
2. Accountability and Service Behavior: Labor and management will assume a leadership role in the design and implementation of the Jackson service promise or credo. Individuals, teams and leaders are accountable for service quality at Jackson Health System. Accountability will be enhanced by establishing and monitoring service quality metrics

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Section 2. Empowerment and Efficiencies Funds

The Union and the Employer recognize that it is in the interest of all parties and the public to ensure the stability, efficiency, and improvement of the Jackson Health System. To that end, upon ratification of this Agreement, the Employer shall provide five hundred thousand dollars annually to AFSCME to work on ways to achieve these goals (the "Empowerment and Efficiencies Funds").

~~The parties agree that the Union will provide the SPC with a routine and detailed report of the utilization of the Empowerment and Efficiencies Funds. Accordingly, the Union will submit quarterly statements reflecting all expenditures. Purchases and/or payments to individuals or organizations shall be listed. The Employer has the right to conduct an audit of these expenditures. Should any issue be raised concerning any expenditure(s) the matter will be addressed by the SPC. The parties expressly agree that an accurate, on-going accounting of the Empowerment and Efficiencies Funds will be provided on a quarterly basis. In that regard, AFSCME will send to the Employer a quarterly accounting of all moneys expended and the current balance of the funds. The accounting will include all purchases and/or payments to/from individuals or organizations, with invoices submitted by such individuals or organizations related to the expenditures. The accounting will be provided quarterly to the SPC. It is further agreed that if funds are used to pay salaries or stipends to employees of AFSCME and/or the PHT, each recipient will detail their activities which must involve direct representational actions on their part on behalf of bargaining unit employees. No more than 10 percent of the funds can be paid out in salaries to employees of AFSCME and/or the PHT annually. AFSCME will oversee any such payments to ensure these activities comply with law.~~

Any expert or consultant hired by the Union shall have access to all AFSCME requests for data, financial records (including underlying primary documents), financial analyses, models, computer runs, contracts, billing, audits and other records. The document shall be provided at no charge. Such experts or consultants shall be provided access to the employer facilities and shall be provided suitable working space at the facility.

ARTICLE 91 AFSCME RATIO TASK FORCE

Effective upon ratification, the parties agree to create a ratio task force, the purpose of which will be for management and the Union to study issues concerning and surrounding staffing ratios that include, but are not limited to, areas of potential need and affordability and feasibility considerations. The structure and scope of the task force will be determined by the parties.

ARTICLE 92 HEALTH AND WELLNESS CULTURE

The Public Health Trust has implemented health and wellness programs which benefit employees and promote an optimal state of wellness.

Section 1. Introduction

Jackson Health System, in collaboration with the Union, is committed to the optimal health of every employee. The purpose of the wellness program is to create an emphasis on wellness from a perspective that promotes overall balance, awareness, and well-being such that employees can thrive in work and life.

The top motivators for offering a program are to reduce healthcare costs, improve the health of employees, reduce absenteeism/presenteeism, improve employee morale, increase productivity,

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and provide an example to the community.

Section 2. Pillars of Wellness

1. Role model of health
2. Culture of healthy living
3. Provide variety of programs
4. Provide positive incentives
5. Track participation with outcomes
6. Measure for Return On Investment (ROI)
7. Sustainability

Section 3. Goals & Objectives

- Primary Goals:
 - Nutrition coaching
 - Physical activity
 - Stress management
- Secondary Goals:
 - Weight management
 - Smoking cessation
 - Biometric screening – PCP visit
 - Diabetes
 - HTN (hypertension)
 - Cardiovascular disease markers, such as cholesterol
- Tertiary Goals:
 - Existing health problems
 - Reduce and/or control symptoms
 - Chronic illness management:
 - Hypertension
 - Diabetes
 - Obesity
 - Tobacco

Section 4. Implementation and Recommendations:

- Create Wellness Taskforce of equal parts JHS Management and the Union (3 and 3) for the purpose of further maturing and developing the wellness program.

Recommendations to be considered by the Wellness Taskforce:

- Nutrition with counseling
 - Permanent designated areas for lactating employees in each building
 - Nutrition Specialist/coaches included in our benefit
 - Nutrition Specialist counseling on campus (Employee Health Services.) to help employees with food addictions
 - Partner with Sodexo:

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- Color code high calorie foods versus medium and low calorie food on glass panels in cafeteria. Should be visible
 - Discounts for low calorie foods
 - More healthy food available at all hours in cafeteria and vending machines
 - Healthy food station in cafeteria including juice bar
 - Cafeteria should offer weight watchers program with a selection of meals on a daily basis. Should also provide flyers, classes, and education.
 - "Healthier Hospital Initiative" - multiple hospitals participates
 - Bring back farmer's market at the Alamo and introduce it at all campuses
 - Spouse eligibility for all programs to boost motivation for continuous wellness especially on off-hours
- Physical activity
 - Outdoor and indoor walking paths (all campuses)
 - Stairs/motivational signs
 - In-house gym or gym discounts (more gyms added to list), trainer discounts, and gym classes/programs discounts
 - Biometric/wellness screenings quarterly in house (all campuses)
 - Online wellness profiles for employees
 - Incentives for community walks/runs/etc.
 - Current UM wellness center discount or tiered program for participation and free Jackson employee trainers
 - Access to water in each unit
- Stress management
 - Chair massage
 - Email newsletter for ideas for: Stretch breaks, Yoga breaks, Meditation breaks, etc.
 - 15min sleeping breaks after lunch
- Tracking and Sharing:
 - Department of Nutrition/Employee Services Nutrition Specialists team
 - Offer employees to buy "Step Counters", "Fitbits", or other trackers at discount
 - Using badge IDs or Calorie/step count Score Cards to keep track of wellness programs' success
 - Platform where employees can participate and offer not only each other help and share ideas and stories but can also provide ideas for the Department of Nutrition/Employee services Nutrition Specialists team
 - Offer scheduled counseling, lectures, and newsletter on Jackson Media
 - Newsletter should include healthy eating meals, for employees who reached goals, made improvements in their lifestyle, and other success stories
 - Provide Return On Investment (ROIs) for the employees, employee-groups, and overall hospital

Section 5. Join the Movement (Wellness Incentive Plan)

All bargaining unit members currently enrolled in PHT health insurance will be eligible to participate in the Jackson Health System Wellness Program. This program will allow bargaining unit members to earn and accumulate wellness reward points. In order to begin earning reward points, bargaining unit members must first complete a Personal Health Assessment and their annual wellness visit.

Below is a sample breakdown of the activities available for bargaining unit members to participate

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in, and the corresponding value of reward points. These activities and points are subject to change on an annual basis.

- Disease Management – 20 reward points
- Weight Watchers – 10 reward points
- Biometric Screening – 5 reward points
- Flu shot – 10 reward points
- Complete the CHIP Journey – 15 reward points
- Wellness Challenge – 5 reward points each, 25 points max
- Be Smoke Free – 5 reward points
- Emotional Wellbeing – 5 reward points each
- Maintain a Healthy BMI- 10 reward points
- Elect a JHS primary Care Physician – 15 reward points

An accumulation of 50 reward points will be worth Fifty (\$50.00) dollars; 75 reward points will be worth Seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars and 100 reward points will be worth One hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars. The deadline to complete the program and submit any required documentation is December 1st, with incentive to be paid out in January of the following calendar year.

All forms, websites, and an updated activity list can be found on www.JacksonBenefits.org.

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