



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-1084

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: December 16, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with North Broward
Hospital District d/b/a Broward Health to Implement a Whole Blood
Exchange Program - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North Broward Hospital District d/b/a Broward Health to implement a Whole Blood Exchange Program in Partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale, through Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR), is initiating a collaborative Whole Blood Exchange Program in partnership with Broward Health. This innovative initiative is designed to enhance pre-hospital emergency care by enabling FLFR personnel to administer whole blood to critically injured trauma patients in the field. Early administration of whole blood has been shown to significantly improve survival rates in patients experiencing hemorrhagic shock.

Whole blood, which contains red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, and plasma, provides a comprehensive and immediate resuscitative solution for patients suffering from severe blood loss. Through secured grant funding, FLFR will be equipped with the necessary resources and equipment to administer whole blood in the pre-hospital setting, a major advancement in trauma response capabilities.

Throughout the term of the MOU, subject to limitations, Broward Health will be responsible for restocking and replenishing FLFR with blood components (whole blood) on a one-for-one basis, at no cost, following FLFR's prehospital and emergency use of blood components on patients requiring Emergency Medical Services who are subsequently transported to Broward Health. As proposed, the MOU contemplates a one (1)-year term, which renews automatically unless otherwise terminated by either party.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action to the City, for the implementation of this program. The City has been awarded funding from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) through the EMS Matching Grant and the Scope of Practice Funds. A portion of these funds will be utilized to acquire the essential equipment and supplies required to establish the Whole Blood Exchange Program.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – MOU

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