

April 9, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CMO: Best Point Funding Agreement

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with The Children's Home of Cincinnati, Ohio dba Best Point Education & Behavioral Health ("Best Point") to provide one-time operational support for its youth mental health urgent care program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department's Cincinnati Health District Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 416x261x7200 to provide one-time operational support to Best Point for its youth mental health urgent care program; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement with Best Point Education & Behavioral Health ("Best Point") to provide one-time operational support for its youth mental health urgent care program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Cincinnati Health District Fund 416 to the Cincinnati Health Department's Cincinnati Health District Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 416x261x7200 to provide one-time operational support to Best Point. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance declares this expenditure to serve a public purpose.

The youth mental health urgent care program operated by Best Point addresses a critical gap in the mental health care system by providing immediate, specialized care for children and families experiencing mental health crises. Best Point's youth mental health urgent care program offers a compassionate and effective alternative to emergency department visits for youth experiencing mental health crises.

Providing one-time operational support to Best Point's youth mental health urgent care program is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to execute a Funding Agreement with Best Point to ensure access to youth mental health urgent care services in Cincinnati.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

