

## **EMERGENCY**

**IMD**

**- 2025**

**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.

WHEREAS, the youth mental health urgent care program operated by The Children's Home of Cincinnati, Ohio dba Best Point Education & Behavioral Health ("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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center reports that up to 45 percent of the approximately 7,500 annual psychiatric assessments conducted in its emergency department do not result in hospital admission, highlighting a need for alternative mental health resources like the youth mental health urgent care program; and

WHEREAS, 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); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized 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.

Section 2. That 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 is authorized to provide one-time operational support to Best Point for its youth mental health urgent care program.

Section 3. That providing one-time operational support to Best Point for its youth mental health urgent care program is declared to serve a public purpose because it promotes public health by supporting access to mental health care and offering an alternative resource to emergency room visits for youth in Cincinnati.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. 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.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk