

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

(hereinafter referred to as “SBBC”),
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,
whose principal place of business is
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(hereinafter referred to as “*THE UNIVERSITY*”),
whose principal place of business is
296 Champions Way
Tallahassee, FL 32306

WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY desires the students enrolled in its Graduate Social Work Program (herein referred to as the “STUDENTS”) to obtain clinical social work experience at the SBBC; and

WHEREAS, the SBBC is willing to provide the necessary facilities for such clinical social work experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - RECITALS

1.01 **Recitals.** The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2.01 **Term of Agreement.** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence upon the execution by both parties and conclude on October 17, 2021.

2.02 **UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES.** UNIVERSITY shall:

(a) Request assignment of STUDENTS approximately thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of each period of fieldwork placement. The request will specify the dates and length of training. The SBBC reserves the right to determine the number of STUDENTS accepted each quarter for fieldwork placement.

(b) Not discriminate against any STUDENT, employee, or applicant, for employment or registration in a course of study because of race, color, creed, age, disability, sex or national origin.

(c) Inform STUDENTS that they will be responsible for the payment of any transportation to an Emergency Room if they become ill or injured on assignment. Further inform STUDENTS that they must assume responsibility for their own medical care and hospitalization.

(d) Appoint an administrative faculty member for the School's Office of Field Instruction who will serve as advisor to the STUDENT and as consultant to the SBBC, as needed.

(e) Develop elective course in "School Social Work Practice: Theory and Issues" or its equivalent to form a frame of reference for this as a specialty area

2.03 **SBBC RESPONSIBILITIES.** SBBC shall:

(a) Provide, insofar as possible, appropriate social work experiences within the specified period of placement. The STUDENT will participate, under supervision in direct services to clients in schools or in home settings, and will be offered the opportunity to learn agency functions, community resources, and attend agency staff meetings and case conferences.

(b) Provide necessary orientation, administrative guides and procedures, office space (as available) and other material deemed essential to the conduct of the work experience.

(c) Maintain administrative and professional clinical supervision of STUDENTS insofar as their presence affects the operation of the SBBC, and/or the direct or indirect care of clients.

(d) Not discriminate against any STUDENT, employee, or applicant for employment or registration in the course of study because of race, color, creed, age, disability, sex or national origin.

2.04 **SBBC AND THE UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES.** SBBC and THE UNIVERSITY shall:

- a. Develop acceptable schedules and work assignments that will not interfere with the primary mission of the SBBC.
- b. Conduct an annual review of programs and policies.
- c. Reserve the right to withhold placement of STUDENTS during the planned period of field placement depending upon changes within THE UNIVERSITY's School of Social Work or SNBBC which would appear to present inadequate learning situations
- d. Acquaint the STUDENTS with policies and standards and rules and regulations of the SBBC. In the event of any inappropriate actions taken by the STUDENTS, the SBBC will notify the appropriate THE UNIVERSITY staff in order that appropriate action may be taken by THE UNIVERSITY.
- e. Reserve the right to refuse or discontinue the availability of its facilities and services to any STUDENT who does not continuously meet the professional or other requirements, qualifications, and standards of the SBBC or any appropriate authority controlling and directing SBBC.

2.05 **SBBC Disclosure of Education Records.**

(a) Individual education records will be shared with THE UNIVERSITY student intern on a need to know basis, to inform the appropriate social work interventions.

(b) SBBC will provide THE UNIVERSITY with the following education records:

- 1) Student Name
- 2) Demographics
- 3) Contact Information
- 4) Assignment History
- 5) Current Schedule
- 6) Current Grades
- 7) Academic History
- 8) Graduation Status
- 9) Daily Attendance Summary
- 10) Absence Detail
- 11) Test Score Query
- 12) Test Score
- 13) Special Programs
- 14) Discipline

(c) THE UNIVERSITY student intern is considered a "school official" with a legitimate educational interest to receive the aforementioned types of information from SBBC student education records for the purposes listed above. Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 34 CFR 99.31(a)(1), these records may be provided without prior parental consent. Prior written consent of the parent or student age 18 or over is needed for any types or purposes of disclosures of education records beyond those listed above.

2.06 **THE UNIVERSITY Confidentiality of Education Records.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this Agreement, *THE UNIVERSITY* shall:

1) fully comply with the requirements of Sections 1002.22, 1002.221, and 1002.222, Florida Statutes; the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C § 1232g (FERPA) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 99), and any other state or federal law or regulation regarding the confidentiality of student information and records;

2) hold any education records in strict confidence and not use or redisclose same except as required by this Agreement or as required or permitted by law unless the parent of each student or a student age 18 or older whose education records are to be shared provides prior written consent for their release;

3) ensure that, at all times, all of its employees who have access to any education records during the term of their employment shall abide strictly by its obligations under this Agreement, and that access to education records is limited only to its employees that require the information to carry out the responsibilities under this Agreement and shall provide said list of employees to SBBC upon request;

4) safeguard each education record through administrative, physical and technological safety standards to ensure that adequate controls are in place to protect the education records and information in accordance with FERPA's privacy requirements;

5) utilize the education records solely for the purposes of providing products and services as contemplated under this Agreement; and shall not share, publish, sell, distribute, target advertise, or display education records to any third party;

6) notify SBBC immediately upon discovery of a breach of confidentiality of education records by telephone at 754-321-0300 (Manager, Information Security), and 754-321-1900 (Privacy Officer), and email at privacy@browardschools.com, and take all necessary notification steps as may be required by federal and Florida law, including, but not limited to, those required by Section 501.171, Florida Statutes;

7) fully cooperate with appropriate SBBC staff, including Privacy Officer and/or Information Technology staff to resolve any privacy investigations and concerns in a timely manner;

8) prepare and distribute, at its own cost, any and all required breach notifications, under federal and Florida Law, or reimburse SBBC any direct costs incurred by SBBC for doing so, including, but not limited to, those required by Section 501.171, Florida Statutes;

9) be responsible for any fines or penalties for failure to meet breach notice requirements pursuant to federal and/or Florida law;

10) provide SBBC with the name and contact information of its employee who shall serve as SBBC's primary security contact and shall be available to assist SBBC in resolving obligations associated with a security breach of confidentiality of education records; and

11) securely erase education records from any media once any media equipment is no longer in use or is to be disposed; secure erasure will be deemed the deletion of the education records using a single pass overwrite Secure Erase (Windows) or Wipe (Unix).

(b) All education records shall remain the property of SBBC, and any party contracting with SBBC serves solely as custodian of such information pursuant to this Agreement and claims no ownership or property rights thereto and, upon termination of this Agreement shall, at SBBC's request, return to SBBC or dispose of the education records in compliance with the applicable Florida Retention Schedules and provide SBBC with a written acknowledgment of said disposition.

2.07 **Maintenance and Inspection of Records.** THE UNIVERSITY and SBBC agree to maintain records related to this Agreement in compliance with applicable records retention schedules under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and agree to make public records available for inspection and copying pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. In addition, THE UNIVERSITY and SBBC shall cooperate with one another in the event of any request for such records or in the course of any inspection, review, audit, or investigation related to the subject of this Agreement by an authorized governmental entity.

2.08 **Notice.** When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC: Superintendent of Schools
The School Board of Broward County, Florida
600 Southeast Third Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

With a Copy to: Director, Student Services
The School Board of Broward County, Florida
1400 Northwest 14 Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33311

To THE UNIVERSITY: FSU College of Social Work
Office of Field Education
296 Champions Way, Tallahassee, FL 32306

With a Copy to:

Ronnita Waters, South Florida Area Coordinator
296 Champions Way, Tallahassee, FL 32306

2.09 **Background Screening.** THE UNIVERSITY shall comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and all of its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds, will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of THE UNIVERSITY or its personnel providing any services under the conditions described in the previous sentence. THE UNIVERSITY shall bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to THE UNIVERSITY and its personnel. The parties agree that the failure of THE UNIVERSITY to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement.

2.10 **Public Records.** Each Party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each Party shall be responsible for compliance with any public records request served upon it pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Each Party acknowledges that this Agreement and all attachments thereto are public records.

2.11 **Liability.** Each party agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence. Nothing herein shall be construed as waiving the sovereign immunity of Florida beyond the limits established in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations..

2.12 **Insurance Requirements.** Each party acknowledges without waiving its right of sovereign immunity as provided by Section 768.28 Florida Statutes, that each party is self-insured for general liability under Florida Statutes with coverage limits of \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per occurrence, or such monetary waiver limits that may change and be set forth by the legislature.

2.13 **Equal Opportunity Provision.** The parties agree that no person shall be subjected to discrimination because of age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation in the performance of the parties' respective duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

2.14 **Annual Appropriation.** The performance and obligations of SBBC under this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual budgetary appropriation by its governing body. If SBBC does not allocate funds for the payment of services or products to be provided under this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by SBBC at the end of the period for which funds have been allocated. SBBC shall notify the other party at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to SBBC in the event this provision is exercised, and SBBC shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or any damages as a result of termination under this section.

2.15 **Excess Funds.** Any party receiving funds paid by SBBC under this Agreement agrees to promptly notify SBBC of any funds erroneously received from SBBC upon the discovery of such erroneous payment or overpayment. Any such excess funds shall be refunded to SBBC

ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.01 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.02 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any Agreement.

3.03 **Independent Contractor.** The parties to this Agreement shall at all times be acting in the capacity of independent contractors and not as an officer, employee or agent of one another. Neither party or its respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it has the authority to bind the other party unless specifically authorized in writing to do so. No right to SBBC retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of SBBC employees shall exist as a result of the performance of any duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. SBBC shall not be responsible for social security, withholding taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds or insurance for the other party or the other party's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees.

3.04 **Default.** The parties agree that, in the event that either party is in default of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall provide to the defaulting party (30) days written notice to cure the default. However, in the event said default cannot be cured within said thirty (30) day period and the defaulting party is diligently attempting in good faith to cure same, the time period shall be reasonably extended to allow the defaulting party additional cure time. Upon the occurrence of a default that is not cured during the applicable

cure period, this Agreement may be terminated by the non-defaulting party upon thirty (30) days notice. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or future exercise thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude termination for convenience pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.05 **Termination.** This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement. SBBC shall have no liability for any property left on SBBC's property by any party to this Agreement after the termination of this Agreement. Any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement agrees that any of its property placed upon SBBC's facilities pursuant to this Agreement shall be removed within ten (10) business days following the termination, conclusion or cancellation of this Agreement and that any such property remaining upon SBBC's facilities after that time shall be deemed to be abandoned, title to such property shall pass to SBBC, and SBBC may use or dispose of such property as SBBC deems fit and appropriate.

3.06 **Compliance with Laws.** Each party shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, SBBC policies, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.07 **Place of Performance.** All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida.

3.08 **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted exclusively to the jurisdiction of the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida or to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Each party agrees and admits that the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida shall have jurisdiction over it for any dispute arising under this Agreement.

3.09 **Entirety of Agreement.** This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

3.10 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3.11 **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

3.12 **Captions.** The captions, section designations, section numbers, article numbers, titles and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience, have no substantive meaning, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way affect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.13 **Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions contained in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions had never been included herein.

3.14 **Preparation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

3.15 **Amendments.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by each party hereto.

3.16 **Waiver.** The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement unless the waiver is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

3.17 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense ("Force Majeure"). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

3.18 **Survival.** All representations and warranties made herein, indemnification obligations, obligations to reimburse SBBC, obligations to maintain and allow inspection and audit of records and property, obligations to maintain the confidentiality of records, reporting

requirements, and obligations to return public funds shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.19 **Agreement Administration.** SBBC has delegated authority to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to take any actions necessary to implement and administer this Agreement.

3.20 **Counterparts and Multiple Originals.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, and may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

3.21 **Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

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FOR SBBC:

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By _____
Heather P. Brinkworth, Chair

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:

Office of the General Counsel

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FOR THE UNIVERSITY

(Corporate Seal)

Florida State University Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By *[Signature]*
James J. Clark, Ph.D.
Dean & Professor

, Secretary

-or-

[Signature]
Witness

Tawanna R. Williams
Witness

The Following Notarization is Required for Every Agreement Without Regard to Whether the Party Chose to Use a Secretary's Attestation or Two (2) Witnesses.

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Leon

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of September, 2019 by Mary Roth of _____ Name of Person
Florida State University, on behalf of the corporation/agency. Name of Corporation or Agency

He/She is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification and did/did not first take an oath. Type of Identification

My Commission Expires:

[Signature]
Signature – Notary Public

(SEAL)

Mary Roth
Printed Name of Notary

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Notary's Commission No.

