



January 27, 2021

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Bryan Lober, Commissioner District 2

**RE:** Item L.4., Waiver of Review for Qualification Expenses for District 2 Small Business Grants

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 26, 2021, approved modifying the District 2 Small Business Grant Program procedures by waiving additional review of the 364 businesses, located in District 2, that previously received \$10,000 in grant funding by the Countywide Small Business Grant Program, and providing them with an additional \$5,000, if one or more of the business owners reside in Brevard County.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK**

Kimberly Powell, Deputy Clerk

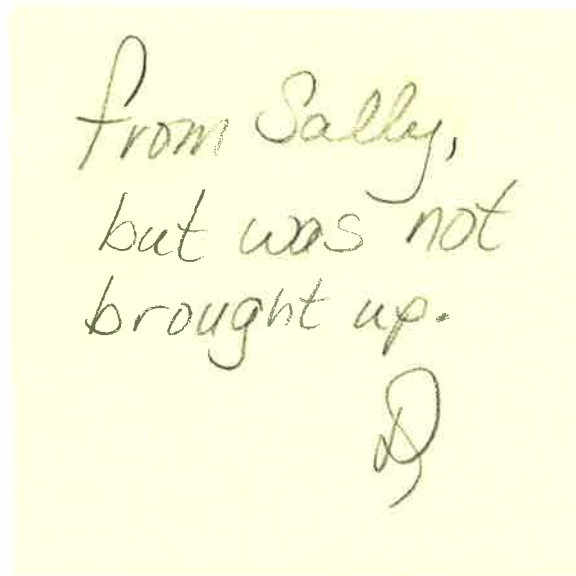
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**cc:** County Manager  
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Commissioner Rita Pritchett  
Commissioner Bryan Lober  
Commissioner John Tobia  
Commissioner Curt Smith  
Commissioner Kristine Zonka  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940



Dear Mr. Abbate and Commissioners:

Since March 2020, OMNI Healthcare has been on the forefront of battling the Coronavirus pandemic in Brevard County. Very early on, in advance of the Florida Department of Health and the Brevard County Health Department, OMNI Healthcare began offering Coronavirus testing to its patients and identifying patients who were positive for Coronavirus, using the gold standard nasopharyngeal RT-PCR test. OMNI Healthcare went on to provide 50,000 Coronavirus tests to residents of Central Florida. At no time did OMNI Healthcare encounter any supply chain challenges that it could not overcome, and with rare exceptions, was able to provide results to patients within 24-48 hours of the receipt of the test in the laboratory. All patients who received these tests were scheduled by telephone and at no time did patients wait more than 5-10 minutes at OMNI's mobile testing locations in Brevard County. Long before others, OMNI made these tests available to first responders and any Brevard County resident wishing to be tested, including employees at Publix, members of the Brevard County Sheriffs' Department, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Brevard County Fire Department and local police departments. OMNI contracted with several large employers and provided tests to employees at L3 Harris, DRS and other companies who provide essential services. Additionally, OMNI Healthcare served as a resource for Brevard County residents and Central Florida residents during this pandemic. With regard to testing, OMNI Healthcare has provided rapid testing using the Abbott ID NOW platform, RT-PCR nasopharyngeal tests, rapid antigen tests, rapid antibody tests, and antibody tests using ELISA technology. OMNI Healthcare has also participated in numerous clinical trials with companies such as Abbott and BD Biosensor, allowing these tests to receive EUA's from the FDA.

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More recently, OMNI Healthcare has been on the forefront of administering vaccine to residents of Brevard County. As a result of frequent communication with the White House, members of the Coronavirus taskforce including Admiral Giroir and Dr. Fauci, Florida's Surgeon General Dr. Scott Rivkees, the CDC, and Director Jared Moskowitz of the Florida's Division of Emergency Management, OMNI Healthcare has worked diligently to secure vaccine for the residents of Brevard County. OMNI Healthcare has also worked to secure vaccine trials and is hoping that in the near future it will receive approval to participate in a vaccine trial.

Several weeks ago, OMNI Healthcare was provided with 2,000 doses of vaccine from the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health and administered these vaccines in just over 2 days at its Vaccine Administration Center in Melbourne. All patients were provided with appointments by telephone, and no patient waited more than 10 minutes to receive their evaluation and their vaccine. The Moderna vaccine was administered to health care providers with direct patient contact and seniors including many patients over the age of 90, veterans, holocaust survivors and patients with disabilities. Based on commitments provided by the State of Florida, OMNI Healthcare has used a dedicated team of schedulers, - to schedule more than 10,000 appointments for patients for vaccine. We have also provided patients the opportunity to schedule electronically through OMNI Healthcare's portal, and OMNI Healthcare has been contacted and is in daily communication with large employers in our county who provide essential services for the purposes of vaccinating their employees.

For several months, OMNI Healthcare has worked on plans to utilize the 250 team members that are employed and managed by OMNI to provide mass vaccinations at its 5 vaccination sites in Titusville, Cocoa, Palm Bay, Melbourne and North Melbourne. OMNI is capable of administering 1,000 doses of vaccine per day at these locations.

We understand that the County Commission is exploring options to enhance its ability to vaccinate Brevard County residents. We are requesting that OMNI be considered as an alternative to provide this life saving vaccine. We are interested in sharing our plans with the Commission at your next meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Deligdish", written over a horizontal line.

Craig Deligdish, MD

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