



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00491**

**Agenda Date: 8/22/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Presentation of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Annual Report and Funding Agreement Approval**

**Presenter:**

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, 352-231-0058; Don Savoie, Meridian CEO

**Description:**

Presentation of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare's Annual Report of People Served, Benefits to Alachua County Residents, and Emerging Trends and Issues in Behavioral Healthcare and approval of the annual funding agreement. The annual funding agreement in the amount of \$895,556.00 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (FY 23/24) assists Meridian in meeting a portion of its local match requirement and supports the provision of services to Alachua County residents.

**Recommended Action:**

Hear Presentation, Receive Annual Report, and Approve the Annual Funding Agreement

**Prior Board Motions:**

n/a

**Fiscal Note:**

Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 24) Budget

Fund 001.29.2904.563.34.00 - \$695,556.00

Fund 010.29.2925.562.34.00 - \$200,000.00

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

Alachua County provides funding to Meridian in part to meet the State local match requirement. As part of this agreement Meridian provides a wide array of services to Alachua County residents including residential substance abuse and mental health treatment, outpatient services, medication assisted treatment, etc. The agreement requires that Meridian provide an annual presentation on the services provided and other issues impacting the behavioral health needs of Alachua County residents.

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2007/2008 (FY2007/08) the Board of County Commission (BoCC) made the decision to fund Meridian Behavioral Healthcare on an annual basis, outside of requiring an

application or competitive process. The funds are used for the provision of adult and child acute care and inpatient services, residential treatment, outpatient services and outreach and prevention services in the areas of mental health and substance abuse. Beginning in 2017-18, an additional \$100,000.00 of funding was provided for Senate Bill 12 related support to eliminate/reduce the waiting time for Alachua County residents for detoxification and residential treatment beds.