

<<On Board Stationary>>

March 12, 2024

Mr. Don Savoie, President/CEO
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
4300 SW 13th Street
Gainesville, FL 32608

Dear Don,

I am writing concerning the grant application being prepared by Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. for submission to the Department of Children and Families under its Request for Applications for the new Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program (Grant RFA2324 011). This letter confirms that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners acted on March 12, 2024, to approve a resolution that authorizes Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. to act specifically in the capacity of applicant agency on behalf of Alachua County under the identified CJMHSAG Request for Applications prepared by the Department of Children and Families. An executed copy of the Resolution is attached. At the March 12, 2024 meeting, the Board also adopted a Resolution re-establishing the CJMHSAG Planning Committee under Florida Statute 394.657 to act as the planning committee for the CJMHSAG Reinvestment Grant Program for Alachua County.

We recognize that Meridian is a well-established community provider agency with extensive experience in the grant application and grant administrative processes required under the CJMHSAG Reinvestment Grant Program. This has been evident through the organization's delivery of such services to the County during the previous four CJMHSAG Reinvestment Grants received by the County, and the Board fully endorses providing this capacity to Meridian.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Alford, Chair
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney