



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Lutheran Services of Florida Amendment 117 funding for 988 and Opioid Program

Presenter:

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Description:

Lutheran Services of Florida Amendment 117

Recommended Action:

Approve Amendment 117 and Resolution for Unanticipated Revenue

Prior Board Motions:

New Agreement was approved on 8/11/2020, Amendment 100 approved 11/2/2020, Amendment 113 approved on 7/11/2023, Amendment 114 approved on 7/11/2023, Amendment 115 approved on 8/22/2023, and Amendment 116 approved on 12/12/2023

Fiscal Note:

Provides an additional \$8,111 to support 988 implementation and \$1.3m of Opioid Settlement funding to implement a Coordinated Opioid Recovery Team.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

States are in the process of implementing administrative structures to disburse an expected \$50 billion awarded to states and localities from opioid-related lawsuits, which includes \$26 billion awarded to 46 states as part of National Opioid Lawsuit.

Florida's part of the settlement is an estimated \$3.2 billion. The amount will vary each year, with the first payment likely being the largest. The money from the settlement is to be used solely for the purpose of remediating and abating the impact of the opioid crisis.

Alachua County Program Goals:

Increase access to recovery services for citizens at -risk for overdose. Recovery services include social program benefits to increase stable housing, employment support, access to primary care, access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), as well as mental health services. Provide outpatient counseling and support as well as peer coaching and mentoring. Increase harm reduction services available to the community to include distribution of free Narcan and Fentanyl Testing Strips (FTS) and provision of community outreach and education. Reduce the number of drug overdoses in the County. Become a best-practice site for CORE planning and implementation.

988 is the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, offering 24/7 access to hotline services for callers around the country. The Alachua County Crisis Center answers calls to 988 for the 352 area code.