



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant Application (CJMHSAG)

Presenter:

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Description:

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is accepting applications for CJMHSAG awards. Counties are eligible to apply and may designate application authority to a 501c3 non-profit behavioral health provider. The grant program requires a 100% match (cash and/or in-kind) with application maximums of \$400,000.00 per year, for a three-year period. Funds are currently budgeted to provide a \$370,000.00 cash match.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution 24-XXX establishing the Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee. Adopt Resolution 24-XXX Authorizing Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. to submit an application on behalf of Alachua County responsive to the DCF RFA 2324 011 Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant. Authorize the Chair to sign and submit a letter authorizing Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. as the CJMHSAG applicant for Alachua County subject to confirmation by the CJMHSAG Planning Committee. Additionally, authorize the Chair to sign the required match form committing cash match as approved by the BoCC in the amount of \$370,000.00.

Prior Board Motions:

n/a

Fiscal Note:

001.36.3655.563.34.00 - \$370,000

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The CJMHSAG awards are designed to assist communities in improving treatment access for adults with substance abuse and mental health disorders. Through implementation it will avert increased spending on criminal justice activities while increasing public safety. In order to participate in this grant program each county must set up a planning committee. The Board had previously established the CJMHSAG Committee as its planning committee for prior grants. The Committee was dissolved when

the County was advised the grant program was ending. This resolution will reestablish the committee, and provide that prior members continue until new members are chosen.