



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Agreement with the Florida Harm Reduction Collective, Inc. for a Sterile Needle Exchange Program

Presenter:

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Description:

Agreement with the Florida Harm Reduction Collective, Inc. for the operation of a Sterile Needle Exchange Program in Alachua County, no County funding is being provided.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Agreement with the Florida Harm Reduction Collective, Inc.

Prior Board Motions:

On October 24, 2023 the Board heard a presentation from the Florida Harm Reduction Collective and representatives of Out of Harms Reach and Rebel Recovery and approved the Syringe Exchange Program oversight and reporting plan.

Fiscal Note:

Not applicable, no funding is being provided.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

Florida Statutes Section 381.0038(4) providing that a county commission may authorize a sterile needle and syringe program under the provisions of a county ordinance for the free exchange of clean, unused needles and hypodermic syringes for used needles. The goal of the program is to prevent the transmission of HIV, AIDS, viral hepatitis, or other blood-borne diseases. State, county, or municipal funds cannot be used to operate an exchange program. Grants and donations from private resources and funds may fund such programs. On September 8, 2020 the Board adopted Ordinance 2020-20 to allow for the operation of a Syringe Exchange Program in accordance with Florida Statute.