



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

CHOICES Indigent Care Surtax Use Plan October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

Approve the CHOICES Indigent Care Surtax Use Plan October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Prior Board Motions:

The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved the amended CHOICES Indigent Care Surtax Use Plan at its May 23, 2023 Board meeting

Fiscal Note:

If approved, the plan will incorporate the FY25 County Manager budget for consideration in account 010.29.2925.562

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The Community Health Offering Innovative Care and Educational Services (CHOICES) Surtax levied in accordance with Alachua County Administrative Code Chapter 39.10.02, authorized by Florida Statute Chapter 212 section 055, took affect on January 1, 2005 and continued for a period of seven years, terminating on December 31, 2011. The CHOICES Indigent Care Surtax Use Plan became effective October 1, 2008 and must be reviewed by the BoCC no less than annually. This amendment to the Surtax Use Plan shall become effective October 1, 2024.

On August 6, 2015, the BoCC unanimously approved the Indigent Healthcare Ten Year Trust. The Trust funds a health services grant program designed to help uninsured residents by working in partnership with local health care providers in Alachua County to ensure the stable provision of quality health care services.

CHOICES Trust funding for FY24 has been allocated in the amount of \$753,716 in three (3) health categories: Medical Services, Oral Health, and Mental and Behavioral Health. It includes an allocation of \$200,000 for Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Inc, leaving \$465,009 available through an RFA process for community agencies (nonprofit and governmental), and \$88,707 for Administration.

CHOICES funding helps to address health disparities for citizens throughout Alachua County.