



Agenda Item Summary

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Syringe Services Program Annual Report

Presenter:

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Description:

First Annual Report on the Alachua County Syringe Services Program operated by the IDEA Exchange as required by Alachua County Ordinance 2020-20 and Florida Statutes Section 381.0038(4).

Recommended Action:

Receive report.

Prior Board Motions:

On September 8, 2020, the County issued Ordinance 2020-20, through which the County directed the establishment of a sterile needle exchange program for the health and safety of individuals presenting in Alachua County. On December 12, 2023, the Board approved entering into an agreement with the Florida Harm Reduction Collective, Inc. for the establishment of a sterile needle exchange program.

Fiscal Note:

n/a no economic impact

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

Our local Ordinance and Florida Law requires each exchange program to submit a report to its County Commission and to the Florida Department of Health by August 1st annually. The attached report was received by County staff on July 30, 2024. The report includes the required data elements like the number of participants served and the number of used needles and syringes received and distributed through the exchange. The program became operational in March 2024.