



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00960**

**Agenda Date: 11/12/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Behavioral Health Transportation Plan Revisions for 2024-2026**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Revisions are needed for the Alachua County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan as the Central Receiving System is scheduled to become operational in November 2024.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Alachua County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan, as presented.

**Prior Board Motions:**

- 6/27/2017: Approval of the 2017-2020 Plan
- 11/20/2020: Approval of the 2020-2023 Plan
- 7/13/2021: Approval of the 2020-2023 Plan
- 2/28/2023: Approval of the 2023-2026 Plan

**Fiscal Note:**

n/a

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

In accordance with Florida Statutes (F.S.) §394.462, a transportation plan shall be developed and implemented by each county in collaboration with the managing entity. The transportation plan shall describe methods of transport to a facility within the designated receiving system for individuals subject to involuntary examination under F.S. §394.463 or involuntary admission under F.S. §397.6772, F.S. §397.679, F.S. §397.6798, or F.S. §397.6957, and may identify responsibility for other transportation to a participating facility when necessary and agreed to by the facility. The current adopted Transportation Plan (2023-2026) states that law enforcement and service providers will transport patients to specific receiving facilities. The Transportation Plan is now in need of modifications to take into account the new Central Receiving System which involves coordinated entry and improved access to care. A copy of this proposed Transportation Plan was provided for review to the Central Receiving System Advisory Group, Meridian, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Police Department, and to LSF Health Systems as the managing entity. If approved by the Alachua

County Board of County Commissioners, the proposed Transportation Plan will take effect after the opening of the designated Central Receiving System. It is anticipated that the Central Receiving Facility will open in November 2024 or soon thereafter.