



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00412**

**Agenda Date: 6/23/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections on behalf of the Victim Services Rape Crisis Center**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

This Amendment is to extend by three years the original Memorandum of Agreement that describes how the Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center provides services to inmates of the New River Correctional Institution as required by PREA including the availability of telephone hotline counseling and in person services for forensic exam accompaniment, counseling, and emotional support.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Amendment to extend the Memorandum of Agreement

**Prior Board Motions:**

n/a

**Fiscal Note:**

n/a

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center (VSRCC) is the certified rape crisis center for Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. Prisons and jails are required to address the needs of incarcerated sexual assault victims as mandated by (PREA). The Department of Justice established standard practices for correctional settings and recommends institutions provide services via the local rape crisis center. The Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center (VSRCC) provides services to inmates in custody in the same manner as it does with the general population. Currently we have a similar PREA agreement with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and had prior agreements with several Department of Corrections facilities including New River.

In December 2022, the Memorandum of Agreement was signed for a three-year duration. This Amendment is to extend the MOA by three years.