



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Meridian Healthcare, Inc. Annual Report and Funding Request

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation of the Meridian Healthcare, Inc. Annual Report and Request for FY 25/26 Funding in the Amount of \$895,556.00

Recommended Action:

Receive and Hear Presentation, Approve Funding Request

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

Requesting for FY 26 Budget:
Fund 001.29.2904.563.34.00 - \$695,556 and
Fund 010.29.2925.562.82.20 - \$200,000

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

Meridian Healthcare, Inc. is a publicly funded 501c3 non-profit organization providing a wide range of behavioral healthcare services for people with substance abuse and/or mental illness. Alachua County has provided funding to Meridian for many years to partly meet a state required local match requirement. As part of the contractual agreement that provides this funding, Meridian is required to make an annual presentation to the Board of Commissioners. In addition to providing a summary of services provided and a review of emerging local issues regarding behavioral healthcare needs, Meridian also presents its annual request for funding.