

Alachua County, FL

Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Lutheran Services of Florida Agreement for the FY2025-26 Mobile Integrated Health Clinic Program Agreement-request to increase Mobile Response Team Peer Specialist from .5 to 1.0 FTE Effective July 1, 2025

Presenter:

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Description:

Lutheran Services of Florida Agreement for the FY2025-26 Mobile Integrated Health Clinic Program for \$1,039,975.00 grant funds, estimated \$1,156,334.00 prior year grant fund rollover, and the increase of a Mobile Response Team Peer Specialist from .5 to 1.0 FTE effective July 1, 2025.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Resolution and approve the Agreement and Budget Amendment, authorize the increase from .5 to 1.0 FTE for Mobile Response Team Peer Specialist effective 7/1/2025, and authorize an interfund loan not to exceed \$1M for cash flow purposes.

Prior Board Motions:

On March 26, 2024, the Board approved Amendment 117 which provided for the Opioid Settlement funding (Item #2024-242)

On May 14, 2024, the Board approved the addition of 4.5 FTEs for the program (Item #2024-343)

On September 10, 2024, the Board approved the FY24/25 Agreement PO049 for \$1,006,384 (Item #2024-792)

On January 14, 2025, the Board approved Amendment 100 to Agreement PO049 to revise the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) language and Attachment IV-HIPAA (Item #2025-00016)

Fiscal Note:

The FY2025-26 Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) Agreement for the Mobile Integrated Health Clinic program provides \$1,039,975.00 of funding for the Mobile Integrated Health Clinic (MIHC) (138.54.5413.334.6900 State Grants Other Human Services). There are an estimated \$1,156,334.00 unspent grant funds from Year 2 to rollover for a grant total of \$2,196,309.00. The County allocated funds will provide an increase from .5 to 1.0 FTE for the Mobile Response Team Peer Specialist which

is included in \$704,149.00 for Personal Services of 7.0 FTEs (138.54.5413.569.12.10 Reg Salary Adj for Budget Only) and \$1,492,160.00 for Operating equipment and supplies (138.54.5413.569 Various Operating line items). An interfund loan in an amount not to exceed \$1M is necessary for cash flow purposes.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

States are in the process of implementing administrative structures to disburse an expected \$50 billion awarded to states and localities from opioid-related lawsuits, which includes \$26 billion awarded to 46 states as part of the National Opioid Lawsuit. Florida's part of the settlement is an estimated \$3.2 billion. The amount will vary each year with the first payment being the largest. The money from the settlement is to be used solely for the purpose of remediating and abating the impact of the opioid crisis.

Lutheran Services of Florida has awarded Alachua County \$1,039,975.00 for Year 3 FY25-26. In addition, there is an estimated \$1,156,334.00 of rollover grant funds from Year 2 for a total of \$2,196,309.00.

Program goals include:

- Increase access to Recovery Services.
- Increase stable housing, employment support, access to primary care, access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), as well as mental health services.
- Provide outpatient counseling and support, peer coaching and mentoring.
- Increase harm reduction services available to the community to include distribution of free
 Narcan and Fentanyl Testing Strips (FTS) and provision of community outreach and education.
- Reduce the number of drug overdoses in the County.
- Become a best-practice site for CORE planning and implementation.

Staff recommend the FY2025-26 funds be used to increase a Mobile Response Team Peer Specialist from .5 to 1.0 FTE effective July 1, 2025, additional medical equipment, medical supplies, and operating supplies for a total program budget of \$2,196,309.00. An interfund loan in an amount not to exceed \$1M is necessary for cash flow purposes.