



Agenda Item Summary

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Behavioral Health Transportation Plan Revisions for 2026 - 2029

Presenter:

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Description:

To ensure that the Alachua County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan is kept up to date, Court Services, Meridian, Lutheran Services Florida and other Community Partners reviewed the current Plan (2024-2026). No updates were needed except to reflect the effective dates to be 2026 through 2029.

Recommended Action:

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

Prior Board Motions:

June 27, 2017 - Approval of the 2017-2020 Plan
November 10, 2020 - Approval of the 2020-2023 Plan
July 13, 2021 - Approval of the 2020-2023 Plan (modified)
February 28, 2023 - Approval of the 2023-2026 Plan
November 12, 2024 – Approval of the 2024-2027 Plan

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

In accordance with Florida Statutes (FS) §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 FS §397.6772, FS §397.679, FS §397.6798, or FS §397.6957, and may identify responsibility for other transportation to a participating facility when necessary and agreed to by the facility.

The 2020-2023 Transportation Plan, approved in November 2020, was amended in July 2021 to reflect additional bedspaces available at UF Health Shands Hospital.

The 2023-2026 Transportation Plan was revised late last year (2024), to include the newly created Central Receiving System, which involves coordinated entry and improved access to care for our citizens.

The proposed 2026-2029 Transportation Plan was reviewed by Meridian, Lutheran Services, Court Services, and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, and no updates were identified, due to the recent approval of the updated Plan in 2024. At this time, the only change is the effective dates of the Plan.