



Agenda Item Summary

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Memorandum of Understanding between Alachua County Coordinated Opioid Recovery Network of Addiction Care Partners and Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. d/b/a LSF Health Systems

Presenter:

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Description:

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Recommended Action:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Alachua County Coordinated Opioid Recovery Network of Addiction Care Partners and Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. d/b/a LSF Health Systems

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 \$1,006,384.00 (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).

On August 26, 2025, the Board approved the FY25/26 Agreement for \$1,006,384.00 (2025-00585).

On October 28, 2024, the Board approved Amendment 100 to Agreement PO049 with Lutheran Service of Florida (2025-00839).

Fiscal Note:

There is no fiscal impact related to the memorandum of understanding

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

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 (LSF) has awarded funding to Alachua County for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program (MIH) and the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program (CORE). To provide comprehensive and cohesive programs, LSF has partnered with law enforcement, other fire rescue departments, hospitals, and treatment centers. LSF has requested a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the partners to establish a formal partnership for the implementation and ongoing operation of the CORE Network of Addiction Care. The CORE Network establishes a recovery-orientated continuum of care and support for those seeking treatment and recovery support services for substance use disorders.

The MOU defines each entity's role within the CORE Network of Addiction Care. The rescue response services include:

- treatment by fire responders (fire/rescue/emergency medical services personnel)
- use of specialized emergency medical services protocols for overdoses, acute withdrawal, and can include Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
- warm handoff to the emergency department or receiving clinic/long-term medication assisted treatment provider
- coordinate with other emergency medical service agencies and follow up with patients who overdose and receive care from a non-CORE Network provider

LSF agrees that funds will be paid to the partners for the purpose of performing the work related to the MOU.