

Meeting Date
January 9, 2018



AGENDA	
Section	Consent
Item No.	<i>II. 8.1.</i>

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	APPROVAL, RE: DESIGNATION LETTER IDENTIFYING CENTRAL FLORIDA CARES HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. AS THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION TO SUBMIT A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT FOR BREVARD
DEPT/OFFICE:	Community Services Group / Housing & Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter designating Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the official organization to submit, on behalf of Brevard County, a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant and delegating the local Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Planning Council for the grant.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Reinvestment Grant Program (Program) was created by the 2007 Florida Legislature (394.656, F.S.), and is housed within the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. (CFCHS) is interested in applying under this grant program to focus on planning within Brevard County in accordance with Program requirements. Currently Brevard is the only County within CFCHS' service area without a Reinvestment Grant. Pursuant to 394.657, F.S., the Board of County Commissioners must also designate a county Public Safety Coordinating Council (established under 951.26, F.S.) as the planning council or committee for this Grant Program.

CFCHS is a not-for-profit organization contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to oversee state-funded mental health and substance abuse treatment services in Circuits 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). As a managing entity they are a behavioral health administrative and management organization, and their primary focus is to promote a comprehensive, seamless system of recovery and resiliency to those individuals in the community who are in need of these services.

This Planning Grant will seek to develop strategies that will focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending on criminal and juvenile justice systems, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system.

The target population are adults, who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal justice system and who have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, such as: homelessness and other unstable living conditions, a history of victimization or abuse, significant transitions (recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or a forensic facility, etc.), or a history of involvement in the justice system.

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Clerk to the Board Instructions: None

Exhibits Attached: (1) Designation Letter

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	BR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Manager	Interim Assistant County Manager	Department Director / Extension					
Frank Abbate <i>FAB</i>	Jim Liesenfelt <i>JL</i>	Ian Golden / 52007 <i>IG</i>					

The grant will include community strategic planning, the development of collaborative partnerships to address the target population, and Sequential Intercept Mapping. Sequential Intercept Mapping is a process for reviewing a local community's mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice, and related systems and identifying points of interceptions where interventions may be implemented to prevent an individual with a mental illness or substance use disorder from entering further into the criminal justice system.

Fiscal Impact: FY 17/18 – There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.
FY 18/19 - There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Contact: Ian Golden, Director (633-2007)



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January 10, 2018

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

RE: Item II.B.1., Approval for Designation Letter Identifying Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the Official Organization to Submit a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 9, 2018, approved and authorized the Chair to execute the letter designating Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the official organization to submit, on behalf of Brevard County, a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant and delegating the local Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Planning Council for the grant. Enclosed is the fully-executed letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

for Donna Scott
for Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32940

January 9, 2018

Ms. Maria Bledsoe, CEO
Central Florida Health Care Systems, Inc.
707 Mendham Blvd., Suite 201
Orlando, FL 32825

Re: Authorization to apply for a Criminal justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant on behalf of Brevard County

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

On January 9, 2018, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners designated Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. (CFCHS) as the official organization authorized to apply for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant planning funds on behalf of Brevard County.

CFCHS' proposed effort to assess our current criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse systems and to develop a strategic plan to increase public safety, avert increased spending on justice systems, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults with behavioral healthcare needs is an important undertaking and is in alignment with the mission of the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Additionally, the County Commission delegated the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) as the Planning Council for the grant. The members of the PSCC will actively participate in the assessment and planning activities coordinated through the grant project and will receive a formal presentation of the resulting Strategic Plan, for recommendation to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 321-633-2076.

Sincerely,

Rita Pritchett, Chair
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners