



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.11.

1/23/2024

Subject:

Approval, RE: Letter of Support for Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Behavioral Health Services Managing Entity Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) #223-011

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund. No match is required for the Invitation to Negotiate.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of support for Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc.'s application to the Florida Department of Children and Families Behavioral Health Services Management Entity Invitation to Negotiate (ITN # 223-011).

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), per Florida Statute 394.9082, contracts for behavioral health services through regional systems of care called Managing Entities (MEs). These entities do not provide direct services; rather, they allow the DCF's funding to be tailored to specific needs in the various regions of the State. Since June 29, 2012, Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. (CFCHS) has been the ME for the East Central Florida Region and has managed substance use and mental health services (also known as behavioral health services) for Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. Nineteen members make up the Board of Directors for CFCHS, including six members from Brevard County, with Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Department Director, serving as the Vice President.

CFCHS funds a services network comprised of many organizations offering various levels of treatment options, of which ten provide services in Brevard County. These options include prevention, interventions, crisis support, residential treatment and outpatient services for adults, children, as well as families, to include opioid and medication assisted treatment.

CFCHS' vision is to achieve a comprehensive and seamless behavioral health care system focused on the Recovery Orientated System of Care (ROSC) philosophy centered on strength-based approaches serving persons in need of mental health and/or substance use services by providing the best possible information, options, and resources available in their communities. Their primary objective is to ensure that all individuals are given their "first step towards success" by putting the person served "first" in all aspects of their operation.

Per Florida Statute 394.9082 (4. j.), once CFCHS' renewals and extensions were completed, DCF was required to issue a competitive solicitation for managing entity services (Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) #223-011). This new ITN expands the service area to all the Central Florida Region to include Brevard, Citrus, Hardee,

Hernando, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Sumter Counties and retains the core functions of an ME. CFCHS' Board of Directors unanimously voted to pursue the new ITN.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



January 24, 2024

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

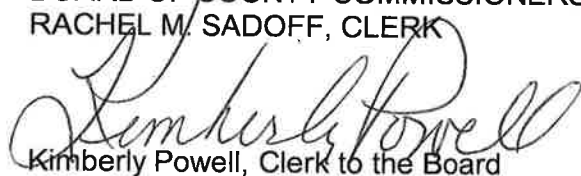
RE: Item F.11., Approval of a Letter of Support for Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Behavioral Health Services Managing Entity Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) #223-011

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 23, 2024, approved and authorized the Chair to sign the Letter of Support for Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc.'s application to the DCF Behavioral Health Services Management Entity Invitation to Negotiate (ITN #223-011). Enclosed is the original Letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Viera, Florida 32940

January 24, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Central Florida Cares Health System for DCF Behavioral Health Services Managing Entity ITN #223-011

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

On behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc.'s application for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Behavioral Health Services Managing Entity Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) #223-011.

For more than 11 years, CFCHS has been the Managing Entity for our region, whose primary focus is to contract with local agencies to serve individuals (children and adults) suffering from mental illness or substance use disorders and for those individuals to recover and maintain their recovery. CFCHS maintains relationships with behavioral health providers, local government, non-contracted providers, state agencies, schools, law enforcement, homelessness, and for-profit agencies to understand how the different community agencies' processes and resources interplay in having a behavioral health system for families.

Through CFCHS' leadership, some of Brevard's most vulnerable individuals have received behavioral health services including prevention, interventions, crisis support, residential treatment, and outpatient services for adults, children, and families. Behavioral health systems and their components are extremely complex, but CFCHS' vision to implement, maintain, and expand our local system through a Recovery Orientated System of Care (ROSC) philosophy that focuses on strength-based approaches to increase long term, community based recovery for individuals and families is to be commended.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has our endorsement to apply for the DCF Behavioral Health Services Managing Entity ITN #223-011. We look forward to expanding our collaboration with Central Florida Cares.

Sincerely,

Jason Steele, Chair
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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