



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Consent

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12/17/2019

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### Subject:

Approval, Re: Designation letter identifying Central Florida Cares Health Systems as the Official Organization to submit a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard.

### Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

### 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 designating Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the official organization to submit, on behalf of Brevard County, Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Implementation Grants and continue the delegation of the local Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Planning Council for the grants.

### Summary Explanation and Background:

The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program was created by the 2007 Florida Legislature (394.656, Florida Statutes), and is housed within the Florida Department of Children and Families. On January 9, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved Central Florida Care Health Systems, Inc. to apply on behalf of Brevard County for a Planning Grant, which is focused on creating a strategic plan for systemic change in the identification, intervention, and treatment for adults with behavioral healthcare needs. The Commission also appointed the Brevard County Public Safety Coordinating Council as the planning council for the grant. The Planning Grant was subsequently awarded on July 1, 2019 and after several stakeholder meetings the following priority areas were identified for strategic planning: (1) creation of a dedicated Community Re-Entry Process and Team, (2) expansion of a Mobile Response Team and Crisis Intervention Team, (3) Permanent Supportive Housing and Supported Employment, (4) development of a Short-Term Residential Treatment facility for co-occurring disorders, and (5) development of a Central Receiving System.

Central Florida Cares Health Systems 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.

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Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. (CFCHS) is interested in applying for the next phase of grants under the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program to focus on implementation of activities which support the identified priority areas.

The target population continues to be 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.

The grants will seek to establish public-private partnerships and apply evidence-based programs and practices. Any match requirements will be acquire outside of the General Fund utilizing cash and in-kind sources from partner agencies or through other grant expenditures. For example, if the Housing and Human Services Department creates a unit of affordable housing for a special population (disabled, mental health, or substance abuse) using state or federal funds it could be considered an in-kind match.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

None



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December 18, 2019

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

**RE:** Item F.8, Approval of Designation Letter Identifying Central Florida Cares Health Systems 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 December 17, 2018, authorized the Chair to execute the attached letter designating Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc., as the official organization to submit, on behalf of Brevard County, Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Implementation Grants; and continued the delegation of the local Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Planning Council for the grants. Enclosed is an executed copy of the Letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Rowe*

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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December 17, 2019

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

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

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

On December 17, 2019, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners designated Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the official organization authorized to apply for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant implementation funds on behalf of Brevard County.

Central Florida Cares Health Systems proposed effort to implement the local stakeholder driven strategic plan priorities for adults with behavioral healthcare needs is an important undertaking and is in alignment with the mission of the County and the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Additionally, the County Commission continued the delegation of the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) as the Planning Council for these grants. The members of the PSCC will participate in the activities coordinated through grant awards and will continue to receive formal presentations regarding implementation. The Public Safety Coordinating Council will make reports and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding implementation efforts, barriers, successes, and additional community needs which impact the target population.

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

Sincerely,

Bryan Lober, Chair

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners