



Alachua County Central Receiving System

Progress Report

May 10, 2022

Court Services: David Johnson

Community Support Services: Tom Tonkavich

August 12, 2021 Alachua County BoCC Motion

- 1.** Direct County staff to find and organize the funding to move forward with a Central Receiving Facility (CRF) for Alachua County and surrounding areas.
- 2.** Authorize the Chair to transmit a letter of invitation to the City of Gainesville and area hospitals to participate in this program both operationally and financially.
- 3.** Staff to develop an operational and oversight committee for the CRF and bring back to the Board.
- 4.** Request staff and Meridian work to produce a 3-5 year plan that shows potential partners and funding sources with the goal that the program is not supported by the County's General Fund in 3-5 years.

Executive Summary: Continued

The Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) was created to reduce the Jail population due to overutilization. A former Commissioner suggested the PSCC be used to facilitate discussions surrounding the Central Receiving System (CRS).

The primary goal of the PSCC is to identify, explore, and implement initiatives which reduce the burden on the Jail and, as a result, improve the quality of life for those that can be safely managed in the community by supporting diversion and deflection efforts.

The CRS aims to address the overutilization of the Jail, Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU), and Emergency Departments through a Coordinated System of Care.

June 2020: Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Strategic Plan presented

Developed Oversight Sub-Committee to further the concept of a
Central Receiving System

Includes PSCC members and Community Stakeholders

PSCC meetings: 6/18/20, 10/22/20, 2/4/21, and 11/17/21

Oversight: 9/29/20, 11/5/20, 12/10/20, 2/10/21, 4/14/21, 6/9/21,
8/10/21, 10/13/21, 12/8/21, 2/9/22, and 4/13/22

Apalachee Center Central Receiving System

Fact Finding Investigation Site Visit: 8/4/21

Central Receiving System Options

- 1. Brick and Mortar Collocated** on the campus of a Public/Private Psychiatric Receiving Facility with a CSU/Hospital.
- 2. Brick and Mortar Standalone site.** Achieved by identifying location to renovate or purpose built to meet the CRS needs.
- 3. Virtual triage model** - use devices to connect individuals experiencing crises to behavioral health professionals via Law Enforcement.

Option #1: Collocated with a CSU/ Hospital

Costs:	Capital/ Renovations	\$1.5 million
	Operations	\$2.5 million
		Reduced by insurance, Medicaid, and Low Income Pool (LIP) = \$1.7 million

Advantages:

1. Reduced capital & operations costs - sustainable funding potential
2. Co-located adjacent to a Crisis Stabilization Unit
3. Reduced number of people transported

Disadvantages:

1. Not downtown
2. Concerns from other Receiving Facilities regarding patient transfers

Option #2: Stand Alone

Cost:	Capital	Unknown
	Operations	\$4.6 million estimate
		Reduced by insurance and Medicaid = \$3.6M

Advantages:

1. Could be centralized geographically
2. Could be located in a place easily accessible by Law Enforcement
3. Operator could be selected by RFP

Disadvantages:

1. 2 times the operational costs, largely in part to 100% of clients being transported
2. Inability to license prior to building

Option #3: Virtual Triage in partnership with LEO

Cost: Licensing virtual product	Up to \$100,000 annually
Hardware	\$1000/Officer + ~\$60 per month mobile ~\$500,000 annual
Staffing	~\$75,000/Clinician (~22.5 FTE = \$1.68M)

Advantages:

1. Immediate connection with a Behavioral Health professional with Law Enforcement in vehicles
2. Assist Law Enforcement in advising of options to resolve the call

Disadvantages:

1. Law Enforcement concerns about safety and increased time on scene
2. High cost of purchasing equipment and possible upgrades
3. Does not provide for full assessment or treatment options as in a quality coordinated care model

Funding Identified

Revenue

Capital

Alachua County	\$250,000	
City of Gainesville	\$250,000	
City of Gainesville (2022 LBR)	<u>\$496,500</u>	
Total	\$996,500	(Short \$503,500)

Operations

Lutheran Services Florida	\$500,000*
Alachua County (ARP – 1x)	\$2 million

* Short \$1.2M annually

Sustainability tied to a collocated CSU consistent with the State model.
Currently, 9 CRS's in Florida are funded by DCF through Managing Entities.

Per DCF Program Guidance document 27 for Contract Deliverables, to qualify for funding, CRS facilities must include:

- Licensing/ Credentials/ Designations for the delivery of services
- Crisis Stabilization/ Detox
- Inpatient and Residential Services
- Outpatient Services

Lutheran Services Florida (Managing Entity)

Potential recurring funds will be announced once budget is approved

Staff Recommendations

In efforts to improve the quality of life and connections to appropriate treatment options for Alachua County's citizens living with Behavioral Health concerns who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System:

It is recommended that a Central Receiving System be implemented to provide a means to divert from hospital Emergency Department and Jail incarceration as well as expedite Law Enforcement transport time. This will improve the system level Care by developing a coordinated, quality system of care for those affected.

Staff recommends that, a Central Receiving System be implemented as a brick and mortar location on the campus of a Public Receiving Facility with a CSU; award designated construction and operation funds to Meridian.

QUESTIONS?