AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALACHUA COUNTY & MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE CENTRAL RECEIVING SYSTEM

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter the "Agreement" or "CRS" Agreement") is made by and between Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation ("Meridian") and Alachua County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners ("County"), collectively referred to as the "Parties", regarding construction of a new facility (the "Facility") to be used for a Central Receiving System ("CRS").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, mental health impacts adults and children, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health service providers, programs, and their staff work every day to provide services to improve the lives of individuals and families and support public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Coordinating Council and its Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Oversight Subcommittee took substantial time and effort in evaluating different programs, systems, facilities, and funding opportunities regarding establishing a central receiving system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida (the "Board") heard multiple presentations at public hearings regarding the benefits of a central receiving facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that there is support from local hospitals, behavioral health care providers, law enforcement, court services, local municipalities including the City of Gainesville, and other supporters; and

WHEREAS, a central receiving facility, also referred to as a part of a larger central receiving system, can act as a helpful, single-entry point for those in need or in crisis; and

WHEREAS, a central receiving system can provide for coordination of care, information-sharing, evaluation, intervention, and other levels of care for those in need or in crisis; and

WHEREAS, a central receiving system will support and act as a response to the public health and will be an investment in our community; and

WHEREAS, Meridian's mission is to promote the health, recovery, and well-being of those affected by mental illness and substance use disorders through prevention, coordinated treatment, and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, a new central receiving system has been proposed to be located at the current Meridian campus to serve the community of Alachua County and its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends, as provided herein, to contribute other funding to Meridian for the purpose of establishment of a central receiving system; and

WHEREAS, Meridian and the County desire to enter into this Agreement to clarify or govern the disbursement of certain general funding to Meridian for this stated purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, Meridian and Alachua County enter this Agreement and agree as follows:

- **1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are correct and are incorporated herein.
- **Term**. This Agreement shall become effective ("effective date"): (1) once this Agreement is executed by both Parties and (2) Alachua County and Meridian jointly execute a separate Subrecipient Agreement (the "Subrecipient Agreement") for federal funding on same Central Receiving System in Alachua County. Entry of this Agreement is contingent upon entry of the Subrecipient Agreement between the Parties regarding the Central Receiving System. This Agreement will remain in effect for a period of fifteen (15) years from the effective date, unless earlier terminated by either Party.
- **Purpose and Scope**. In accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Meridian will utilize the funds referenced in paragraphs 5 and 6 below to establish and construct a new central receiving system and its associated capital facility, to be located on the existing Meridian campus located on NW 13th Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "CRS"). The Parties agree that the CRS, once constructed and established, will generally provide the following:
 - a) Improve the level of care for behavioral health services; and
 - b) Act as a single drop-off location for law enforcement for individuals in need or in crisis, including those who require the use of the Florida Mental Health Act ("Baker Act") and Substance Use Crisis Services ("Marchman Act"); and
 - c) Receive individuals on voluntary and walk-in basis for crisis care and emergency behavioral health services; and
 - d) Make efforts to increase collaboration among local medical and other healthcare providers; and
 - e) Provide behavioral health assessment, treatment, and care coordination; and
 - f) Provide referrals for other services.

Further, in addition to the above, the Parties agree that Meridian will operate, provide services, and complete the responsibilities list on the *Scope of Services* attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein (collectively the "Services"). Meridian shall use the funds provided for and addressed in this Agreement solely for the CRS and the Services described in this Agreement.

It is understood and agreed that the funding by County of the construction by Meridian of the Facility/CRS is partial funding for such construction and that, in order to construct the Facility/CRS, Meridian must receive additional funding from other governmental sources, with such funding from all sources totaling not less than \$1,500,000. Accordingly, Meridian's obligation to construct the CRS is contingent upon Meridian receiving commitments for funding of construction in a total amount of not less than \$1,500,000.

It is further understood and agreed that Meridian must receive sufficient annual operational funding (the "Minimum Operational Funding") from governmental sources for the operations of the Facility/CRS in order for Meridian to operate the Facility/CRS as a Central Receiving Service during the term of this Agreement. The Minimum Operational Funding shall be approximately \$2,100,000 per annum, subject to annual CPI adjustment. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, Meridian shall not be obligated to operate the Facility for the Central Receiving System or provide the Services for any year during which Meridian does not receive Minimum Operational Funding, and during that period may utilize such Facility for other purposes in its discretion upon prior notice to the County.

4. Qualifications, Designations and Contingencies.

- A. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Meridian shall remain (i) qualified and appropriately licensed to provide the Services and (ii) be designated by the State of Florida as a Baker Act Receiving Facility. Meridian will provide the above Services with skill and care exercised by qualified professionals. If Meridian loses its license, qualification, or designation making it not able to provide the Services, Meridian will notify the County and the County may terminate this Agreement.
- B. The Parties acknowledge that the CRS will not be able to operate optimally if Meridian is not able to collaborate with other local behavioral health service providers. Meridian will make every reasonable effort to enter into coordination agreements, or similar written understandings, with the other local receiving facilities designated by the State of Florida, who are currently identified as (i) North Florida Regional Medical Center and (ii) UF Health Psychiatric Hospital. It is understood that Meridian's ability to do so is subject to the collaboration and cooperation of these other receiving facilities.
- C. It is anticipated that an advisory board, council, committee, or other group (referred to for purposes of this Agreement as an "advisory board", although may be of some other name) will be formed by Meridian regarding the CRS. The parties acknowledge that such advisory board may not be a government oversight entity, but a communitive body regarding the goals, purposes and services of the CRS. If organized by Meridian, Meridian agrees to provide at least one (1) seat or membership on the advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida may appoint an individual to serve on the seat or membership. Meridian will notify the County of advisory board meetings.
- D. The County will work with Meridian regarding the transportation elements of the CRS. Any modification to the existing transportation agreement(s) between the Parties and other interested parties will not be reasonably withheld by the County.
- **Funding, In General**. In return of Meridian's agreement and dedication to provide the Services referenced in this Agreement, and subject to the term and conditions contained in this Agreement, the County agrees to provide Meridian an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 ("Funding Amount") for the construction of the Facility for the CRS. It is anticipated that such funding from the County will come from the County's general revenue. That being said, the County's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon a specific annual appropriation by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. The Parties understand that this Agreement and the Funding Amount is not a commitment by the County of future appropriations.

6. Funding, Payment and Construction.

A. <u>Scope and Specifications</u>: Subject to Section 3 above, Meridian shall construct or cause to be constructed the Facility to be located on the existing campus of Meridian in Alachua County, Florida. Meridian or its contractor(s), at its costs, will obtain, maintain, and pay for all necessary permits, permit application, fees, approvals, and licenses required for construction of the Facility. Copies of Construction Specifications and Plans for the Facility will be provided to the County at the request of the Alachua County Manager. Meridian agrees to assume all the costs for construction, labor, utility, maintenance, and insurance of the Facility. This Agreement places no obligation on the County to construct or manage the construction of the Facility.

B. Payments for Construction Costs: As generally stated in paragraph 5 above, for completion of the Services in accordance with this Agreement, the County agrees to provide designated funding to Meridian for Construction Costs of the Facility. Construction Costs are defined for the purposes of this Agreement as those directly related to: (i) the clearing, filling, excavating, grading, paving, dredging, mining, drilling, or otherwise significantly disturbing the soil or vegetation of a site; (ii) building, installing, enlarging, replacing, or substantially restoring a structure, impervious surface, or water management system on a site; and (iii) the erection, placement, alteration, remodeling, or reconstruction of any structure or building or its associated features or utilities. Construction Costs do not include any costs associated with receiving necessary development approvals such as land use approvals, zoning approvals, site plan approvals, or building permit approvals. Payment for Construction Costs will be on reimbursement basis, upon invoice from Meridian to the County. The Parties agree to following draw schedule, in the following amounts:

After full execution of this Agreement and Subrecipient Agreement for the Central Receiving System (after effective date) - \$125,000 Construction 30% - \$125,000 Construction 60% - \$125,000 Construction Complete (Final Payment) - \$125,000

Meridian will submit written invoices to the County requesting payment for the Construction Cost and Services properly rendered. The invoice shall state the amount due from the County based upon the above schedule, the description of the Construction Costs and Service rendered. The invoice shall be accompanied by such documentation and data in support of the expense for which payment is sought. Each invoice shall bear the signature of Meridian's contractor or engineer, which shall constitute representation to the County that the work indicated in the invoice have reached the level stated, have been properly and timely performed as required herein, that the expenses included in the invoice have been reasonably incurred in accordance with this Agreement, and that the amount requested is currently due and owing, there being no reason known to Meridian that payment of any portion thereof should be withheld. Submission of the invoice for final payment shall further constitute Meridian's representation to the County that, upon receipt by Meridian of the amount invoiced, all obligations of Meridian to others, including its contractors, incurred in connection with the CRS and its Facility, will be paid in full. The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by Meridian against the County. Meridian will submit invoices to the address to be provided by the County.

All applications for payment shall be processed and paid in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 218, Part VII Florida Statutes ("Local Government Prompt Payment Act"), and the County shall remit all payments to Meridian at the address provided in paragraph 11(P).

C. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>: The Parties agree that time is of the essence. It is anticipated that the Facility will be constructed approximately 12-16 months after Meridian receives the necessary development orders and approvals to allow commencement of construction, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties. Subject to paragraph 11.J below, if

Meridian or Meridian's contractor(s) or agent(s) have not commenced construction of the facility or the funds described below have not become encumbered, as defined by law or rule, on or before <u>December 31, 2024</u>, this Agreement shall terminate, with funds handled as set forth in Section 9 below.

- **Site Inspections**. Meridian agrees that authorized representatives of the County will have access to the Facility at reasonable times for the purpose of monitoring or inspecting that the Facility is being constructed and being utilized for the CRS and the purposes provided for in this Agreement; provided, however, that this entry will be subject to security and patient confidentiality requirements of Meridian. The County Manager or designee shall provide to Meridian reasonable and adequate advance notice of seeking access to the Facility site, and Meridian will have the right to have a representative present.
- 8. Audits and Accountability. Meridian hereby agrees to cooperate with the County to assure compliance with all requirements of the funding entity applicable to the use of the monies, including providing access to and the right to examine relevant documents related to the construction and operation of the CRS, including those specifically required by the Federal or State granting agency. In addition to the provisions of this Agreement, Meridian shall assist the County with reporting, whether interim, quarterly or annual, as required by any government agency related or due to the funding referenced in this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that as recipients of federal funding, the County and Meridian may be subject to a federal single audit and its related requirements. All records and accounts related to this Agreement must be retained for and be subject to, inspection, review, or audit by the County. Such review shall be during the regular working hours, following reasonable written notice. It is the responsibility of Meridian, or its successor, to retain the records related to the CRS and this Agreement for the applicable time required by both the Florida Department of State and any record requirements provided under federal rules and regulations; in any event, retain no less than retain no less than five (5) years from funds specified in this Agreement been expended or returned.. Upon request to and approval of the County, Meridian may transfer copies of these records and accounts to the custody of the County in order to ensure their accountability for such a period.
- 9. **Default and Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated upon the written agreement of both Parties. The material failure of Meridian to comply with any provision of this Agreement will place Meridian in default. If Meridian is in default or fails to perform in accordance with the terms or conditions of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by County, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to Meridian. The County Manager is authorized to provide written notice of default on behalf of County and notice may be sent electronically. The County may terminate this Agreement, for convenience or otherwise and for no damage, by providing written notice to Meridian, provided that, if such termination occurs following the commencement of construction of the Facility, the County shall pay Meridian for all construction costs incurred by Meridian prior to such termination. If funds to finance this Agreement become unavailable, as determined by the County, County may terminate this Agreement with no less than seven (7) business days' notice in writing to Meridian. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, any remaining or unspent funding distributed to Meridian from the County for the CRS or held by the County for the CRS, shall be immediately become the property of the County. In such event, Meridian shall act to transfer and assign the remaining or unspent money to the County. Upon such refund, neither Party shall have any further liabilities or obligations under this Agreement.
- **10.** <u>Hold Harmless and Indemnification.</u> County fully retains all sovereign immunity protections afforded to it as a charter county and a political subdivision of the State of Florida. This Agreement shall

not be interpreted or deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or authorization for claims by third parties. All claims against either Party that are permissible pursuant to the partial waiver of sovereign immunity set forth in §768.28, Florida Statutes, must strictly comply with the procedures found in §768.28, Florida Statutes. As between the Parties, the Parties agree to be responsible for their respective negligent acts or omissions which in any way relate to or arise out of this Agreement. Each Party agrees to be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of its officers, employees, servants, and agents thereof while acting in the scope of their employment. Meridian and County further agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as (1) denying to either party any remedy or defense available to such party under the laws of the State of Florida; (2) the consent of Meridian, the State of Florida, and their agents and agencies to be sued; or (3) a waiver of the sovereign immunity, beyond the waiver provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This provision will apply even upon termination of this Agreement.

11. Standard Clauses.

A. <u>Public Records</u>. In accordance with §119.0701, Florida Statutes, if Meridian is deemed to be acting on behalf of the County, as provided under 119.011(2), Florida Statutes, Meridian shall keep and maintain public records related to this Agreement as required by law. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, Meridian will provide the custodian(s) with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time unless exempted under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise exempt or confidential or protected as provided by federal or state of Florida law.

IF MERIDIAN HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO MERIDIAN'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT publicrecordsrequest@alachuacounty.us OR (352) 264-6906 OR 12 SE 1ST STREET, GAINESVILLE, FL 32601.

- Confidential Information. During the term of this Agreement, Meridian may claim that some, or all, of Meridian's information, including, but not limited to, software documentation, manuals, written methodologies and processes, pricing, discounts, patient records, or other considerations (hereafter collectively referred to as "Confidential Information"), is, or has been treated as confidential and proprietary by Meridian in accordance with §812.081, Florida Statutes, or other law, and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Record Act. Meridian shall clearly identify and mark Confidential Information as "Confidential Information" or "CI" and the County shall use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information properly identified by Meridian. The County will promptly notify Meridian in writing of any request received by the County for disclosure of Meridian's Confidential Information and Meridian may assert any exemption from disclosure available under applicable law or seek a protective order against disclosure from a court of competent jurisdiction. Meridian shall protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the County, its officers, employees, and agents free and harmless from and against any claims or judgments arising out of a request for disclosure of Confidential Information. Meridian shall investigate, handle, respond to, and defend, using counsel chosen by Meridian and approved by the County, at Meridian's sole cost and expense, any such claim, even if any such claim is groundless, false, or fraudulent. Meridian shall pay for all costs and expenses related to such claim, including, but not limited to, payment of attorneys' fees, court costs, and expert witness fees and expenses. Upon completion of this Agreement, the provisions of this paragraph shall continue to survive. Meridian releases County from claims or damages related to disclosure by County.
- C. <u>Laws & Regulations</u>. Each Party will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinance,

regulations, rules, and code requirements. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Florida and venue for any and all actions arising under this Agreement shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in and for Alachua County, Florida. Each Party agrees to be responsible for its own attorneys' fees and costs in the event of any dispute, mediation, or legal action, including any appeals, related to this Agreement.

- D. <u>Amendment</u>. The Parties agree that no modification, amendment, or alteration of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement are effective unless contained in a written document approved and executed by both the Parties.
- E. <u>Assignment</u>. No Party shall assign or transfer any interest, duty, or obligation contained in this Agreement without prior written consent of the other Party. The Parties each bind their respective successors, assigns, heirs, and representatives in all respects to all of the terms, conditions, covenants, and provisions of this Agreement.
- F. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement does not create any relationship with, or any rights in favor of, any third party.
- G. <u>Independent Contractor.</u> It is understood and agreed that nothing herein contained in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as in any way establishing the relationship of co-partners or a joint venture between the Parties hereto, or as constituting Meridian as agent of the County for any purpose whatsoever. Each Party remains an independent contractor.
- H. <u>Prohibition Against Contingent Fees</u>. Meridian warrants that Meridian has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee of Meridian, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that Meridian has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee of Meridian, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.
- I. <u>Conflict of Interest</u>. Meridian warrants that it nor any of its employees have any financial or personal interest that conflicts with the execution of this Agreement. Meridian shall notify County of any conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests.
- J. Force Majeure. The Parties will exercise every reasonable effort to meet their respective duties under this Agreement but will not be liable for delays resulting from force majeure or other causes beyond their reasonable control, including, but not limited to, compliance with any government laws or regulation, acts of nature, fires, strikes, national disasters, wars, riots, transportation problems, epidemic, and any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of the Parties. Any such cause will reasonably extend the performance of the delayed duty to the extent of the delay so incurred and so agreed by the Parties. In the event the CRS is damaged, destroyed, or experiences another casualty, Meridian or its successor has the right to re-build and re-pair, so long as in compliance with then existing code, rules and regulations, and this Agreement. That being said, the Parties acknowledge that time is of the essence and that there are timing obligations that must be met as set forth in this Agreement.
- K. <u>Captions and Section Headings</u>. Captions and section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be used in construing this Agreement.
- L. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of and by the different Parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Receipt via email with pdf attachment by a Party or its designated legal counsel of an executed counterpart of this Amendment shall constitute valid and sufficient delivery in order to complete execution and delivery of this Amendment and bind the Parties to the terms hereof.

- M. Severability and Ambiguity. It is understood and agreed by the Parties that if any of the provisions of the Agreement shall contravene or be invalid under the laws of the State of Florida, such contravention or invalidity shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, but it shall be construed as if not containing the particular provision(s) held to be invalid, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if jointly drafted by the Parties and no presumption, inference, or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring a Party by virtue or authorship of any or all of the Agreement's provisions. Each Party represents and agrees that it has had the opportunity to seek the advice of appropriate professions, including legal professionals, in the review and execution of this Agreement.
- N. <u>Construction</u>. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other Parties merely due to fact that it may have been prepared by one of the Parties. It is recognized that the Parties have substantially contributed to the preparation of this Agreement and have had a full opportunity to review it.
- O. <u>Electronic Signatures</u>. The Parties agree that an electronic version of this Agreement shall have the same legal effect and enforceability as a paper version. The Parties further agree that this Agreement, regardless of whether in electronic or paper form, may be executed by use of electronic signatures. Electronic signatures shall have the same legal effect and enforceability as manually written signatures. Delivery of this Agreement or any other document contemplated hereby bearing a manually written or electronic signature, by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original or electronic signature. P. Notice. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement any notice, including notice of default or
- termination, from either Party to the other Party must be in writing and delivered by hand delivery with receipt or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight express delivery service to the addresses below. Additional copy of the notice is requested via electronic mail to the additional following addresses listed for the Parties. Notices sent by mail will be deemed delivered five (5) business days after mailing. Notices sent by overnight express delivery service will be deemed delivered on the business day after deposit with the service. Each Party may change its mailing address by giving the other Party written notice of election to change the address.

To Meridian:

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. P.O. Box 141759 Gainesville, FL 32614

cc: Meridian
Attn: Donald Savoie, CEO
4300 SW 13th Street
Gainesville, FL 32608

To County:

Alachua County, Florida Attn: Alachua County Manager 12 SE 1st Street P.O. Box 2877 Gainesville, Florida 32602

cc (via e-mail):
Alachua County Procurement, Attn: Contracts
acpur@alachuacounty.us
Clerk of Court, Attn Finance & Accounting

dmw@alachuaclerk.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the respective dates under each signature: by Meridian, through its duly authorized representative, and by

Alachua County, through the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, who is authorized to sign.

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Ву:
	, Chair Board of County Commissioners
	Date:
ATTEST:	Approved as to form:
J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq., Clerk	Alachua County Attorney's Office
	MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC
	Docusigned by: Don Savoic By:
	Printed Name:
	Title: Director or CEO
	Date: 12/8/2022

Exhibit A: Central Receiving System Scope of Services

Meridian and the County agree that this Agreement is entered upon the expectation that Meridian will operate the Central Receiving System and its associated facility to be located in Alachua County, Florida ("CRS") to provide certain services and be available to serve the community, subject to the provisions of Section 3 above. In addition to those listed in paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the Parties agree that CRS will provide the following services, requirements, and responsibilities ("Services"):

- The facility for the CRS will be open 24 hours, seven days a week.
- Develop data sharing and other agreements required to have other related behavioral healthcare entities coordinate the care of each patient as appropriate;
- Make available initial crisis assessments, triage, and related services;
- Coordinate Baker Act transportation to appropriate services within the partnerships developed;
- Make available 23 hour hold for patients deemed in need of additional care, but not meeting inpatient medical criteria;
- Use best efforts to reduce the utilization of emergency rooms for individuals in a behavioral health crisis;
- Increase the quality and quantity of services through coordination of care and recovery support services;
- Implement standardized assessment tools and procedures for services;
- Improve access and reduce processing time for law enforcement officials transporting individuals needing crisis behavioral health services;
- Reduce drop-off processing time by law enforcement officers for admission to crisis services until they are maintained at an average of no greater than 15 minutes;
- Increase participant access to community-based behavioral health services after CRS engagement;
- Facilitate a telehealth evaluation or timely transfers from hospital emergency departments for medically cleared individuals to conduct an initial screening to determine if the criteria for an involuntary examination is met regardless of bed capacity;
- When the CRS lacks capacity or the capability to service the person, the CRS shall facilitate a transfer to another facility;
- Assessment Services and Intake Protocol
- Crisis Stabilization
- Crisis Support/Emergency Services
- Care Coordination
- Information and Referral

- Community Collaboration
- Data Submission
- Sustainability

Target Population

- Per section 1.6 of the RFA, the target populations for CRS projects are:
- Individuals needing evaluation or stabilization under s. 394.463, F.S., the Baker Act;
- Individuals needing evaluation or stabilization under s. 397.675, F.S., the Marchman Act; and
- Individuals needing crisis services as defined in ss. 394.67(17)-(18), F.S.

As Meridian will be the sole operator of the CRS, it is the responsibility of Meridian to ensure that the Services described above are met. In the event that Meridian or the County desires to modify, remove, or add to the Services listed above, the Parties agree that such modification or amendment can be done through a separate written document or memorandum of understanding signed by the Parties. For the purpose of modification to the above-described Services, the County Manager is authorized to consider and approve such on behalf of Alachua County and its Board of County Commissioners.