



# Alachua County Central Receiving System

## Joint City and County Status Update & Timeline

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## Central Receiving System: What is it?

- Single Point of Entry for Behavioral Health crisis care for assessment, stabilization and coordination
  - ◆ Law Enforcement drop off
  - ◆ Family members bring those in crisis
  - ◆ Individuals may self-refer and walk-ins allowed
- BoCC voted on May 10<sup>th</sup> to co-locate the CRS on the campus of a licensed public/private psychiatric receiving facility with a CSU
  - ◆ Capital funds awarded to Meridian BHC

## ■ How did we get here?

### ◆ Community Efforts and Collaboration

- ★ Alachua County
- ★ Alachua County Sheriff Office
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Department of Jail
- ★ City of Gainesville
- ★ Gainesville Police Department
- ★ UF Police Department
- ★ Public Safety Coordinating Council
- ★ 8th Judicial Circuit
- ★ State Attorney Office
- ★ Public Defender
- ★ Lutheran Services of Florida
- ★ Meridian Behavioral Healthcare
- ★ UF Health
- ★ North Florida Regional Medical  
Center
- ★ Malcolm Randall VA
- ★ NAMI

## ■ Advantages/Benefits:

- ◆ Increased coordination of care
  - Systems level, far greater quality of care as a result of enhanced coordination
  - Reduced trauma for those in crisis and family
- ◆ LE: significantly reduced drop off times (< 5 mins. often)
  - Result: LE is able to focus on public safety, crime
- ◆ Reduction of ER visits
  - Documented hospital system cost savings
  - Enhance focus on medical care

# Budget/Finances: Two Elements

- Capital/New Construction/Renovations: a total of \$1.5 Million needed.

- ◆ Budget for capital based on:

- Value Driven Architectural drawings; and
- Formal cost estimates for construction

- ◆ Sources of Funding: Commitments Made To Date

Alachua County	\$500,000
City of Gainesville	\$500,000
City of Gainesville (LBR)	<u>\$496,500</u>
	\$1,496,500

# Budget/Finances: Two Elements

- Operations: a total of \$2.5 Million needed per year
  - ◆ Operations Budget (Gross) \$2.5 million
  - ◆ Lutheran Services Florida -\$500,000
  - ◆ Less Revenue from Medicaid, Insurance and Low-Income Pool (LIP)\*  
-\$800,000
  - \$1.2 Million
  
- Alachua County American Rescue Plan (18 months) \$1,750,000
  - ◆ AC BoCC consent agenda 8/23/22 to commit ARPA funds formally (DOT requirement)

- Joint County-City Strategy is rooted in the belief that the best opportunity for securing ongoing operating funds lies with the selection of an existing Public Receiving Facility, licensed by the State.
- Approach is consistent with the State model, which is used with 9 other CRS' in Florida.
- These have been created and supported the past 5 years with the State providing recurring funding for operations.

# Operations & Timeline

- MBHC was selected at the May 10 meeting, identified as lead organization for construction of physical facility and for operation of the CRS program services.
- Current Status: Series of Contracts to Include:
  - ◆ City of Gainesville (Capital & State LBR funds)
  - ◆ Alachua County (Capital & ARPA operating funds)
- Alachua County draft agreements now under review by Meridian
- Formal Advisory Council to be developed for oversight of operations of CRS



## ■ Facility

- Adding approximately 6000 square feet as well as renovating approximately 2000 square feet for use as Central Receiving
- 24/7 welcoming reception and walk-in entrance
- Comfortable waiting areas and additional space to accommodate multiple clients awaiting triage and families
- Dedicated Law Enforcement entrance
- 2 sally ports for Law Enforcement and EMT arrival

## ■ Community Partnerships

- Will begin to work with HCA Florida North Florida Hospital and UF Health on agreements required for data sharing, including real time bed availability, and transportation between facilities.

## ■ Timeline

- August 2022 MBH Board to approve construction contract and sign contract with Architect Brame Heck
- September 2022 Review and sign aforementioned contracts; work with Architect on final design/plans
- December 2022 Begin construction pending permitting
- December 2023 Anticipated project completion

*Will work to begin services during the construction as the construction progresses and earlier phases are completed*

QUESTIONS?