

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ALACHUA COUNTY AND MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC.  
TO BENEFIT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS  
PROGRAM SERVICES**

THIS **First** AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20\_\_\_\_, by and between Alachua County, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "County", and **MERIDIAN Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as "MERIDIAN". Collectively the hereinafter the County and Meridian are referred to as the "Parties"

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Parties hereto previously entered into an agreement dated December 12, 2017 for the provision of services to benefit homeless individuals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to amend the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

A. SECTION # 2.7 of the Agreement , (*Service Definition*), *is amended in entirety to read*:

2.7. Service Definitions:

2.7.1. Assessment is the systematic collection and integrated review of individual-specific data, such as examinations and evaluations. This data is gathered, analyzed, monitored and documented to develop the person's individualized plan of treatment and to monitor recovery. Assessment specifically includes efforts to identify the person's key medical, social, and psychological needs, competency to consent to treatment, history of mental illness or substance use and indicators of co-occurring conditions, as well as clinically significant neurological deficits, traumatic brain injury, organicity, physical disability, developmental disability, need for assistive devices, and physical or sexual abuse or trauma.

2.7.2. Case management services consist of activities that identify the recipient's needs, plan services, link the service system with the person, coordinate the various system components, monitor service delivery, and evaluate the effect of the services received.

2.7.3. Case Staffing is consulting or meeting with service providers and other partners to review a client's service needs and progress. The purpose is to assist in developing, implementing, or modifying care plans. Staffing may refer to an intra-agency multidisciplinary team meeting or an interagency case conference, and may include the client and his/her support persons. Before inviting partners or sharing information, Care Coordinator shall obtain client consent.



2.7.4. Incidentals are expenses incurred to facilitate continuing treatment and community stabilization when no other resources are available. Incidental funds are intended to provide short-term assistance while Care Coordinators identify and engage longer-term benefits or support. All incidental expenses shall be authorized by the County. Allowable uses of this service include: Transportation, childcare, clothing, educational services, vocational services, medical care, utilities, food, and other expenses as approved by the County, in conformance with SAMHSA requirements and limits.

2.7.5. Medical Services means primary psychiatric care, therapy, and medication administration provided by an individual licensed under the State of Florida to provide the specific service rendered. Medical services are designed to improve the functioning or prevent further deterioration of persons with mental health or substance abuse problems, including psychiatric mental status assessment. Medical services include follow up services with a registered nurse, including but not limited to, health education, medication education, medication administration, and prevention.

2.7.6. Outpatient Therapy is designed to improve the functioning or prevent further deterioration of persons with mental health and/or substance abuse problems through application of clinically appropriate interventions based on diagnosis and treatment plan. These services are usually provided on a regularly scheduled basis by appointment, with arrangements made for non-scheduled visits during times of increased stress or crisis. Outpatient services may be provided to an individual, a couple or family, or in a group setting. Services shall be provided by a professional qualified by degree, licensure, certification, or specialized training.

2.7.7. Outreach services are provided through a formal program to both individuals and the community. Community services include education, identification, and linkage with high-risk groups. Outreach services for individuals are designed to: encourage, educate, and engage prospective individuals who show an indication of substance abuse and mental health problems or needs.

2.7.8. Recovery Support services are designed to support and coach an adult, youth, or family to regain or develop skills to live, work and learn successfully in the community. Services include substance abuse or mental health education, assistance with coordination of services as needed, skills training, mentoring, and coaching.

2.7.9. Residential treatment is a structured rehabilitation-oriented group facility that has twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, supervision. Residential treatment serves persons who have significant deficits in independent living skills and need more intensive support, behavioral interventions, and supervision. Residential services shall not exceed 6.5% of the total amount of grant funding.

2.7.10. Detoxification utilizes medical and clinical procedures to assist persons with substance abuse problems in their efforts to withdraw from the physiological and psychological effects of substance abuse. Detoxification provides emergency screening, evaluation, short-term stabilization, treatment, and discharge planning for longer-term treatment as clinically indicated. Detoxification may be provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting based on clinical necessity, but for purposes of this agreement, only outpatient detoxification shall be reimbursable.

2.7.11. Crisis Support/Emergency means non-residential care that is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, to intervene in a crisis or provide emergency screening and brief intervention on a telephone or walk-in basis.

2.7.12. Supportive Housing means an evidence-based approach to assist persons with substance use, mental, or co-occurring disorders to maintain permanent housing of their choice through necessary services and supports to assure their continued successful living in the community and transitioning into the community.

B. SECTION #6 of the Agreement, (Consideration and Method of Payment for Services) is amended in its entirety to read:

6.1. MERIDIAN shall be paid for those services required by this Agreement not to exceed the sum of \$658,572 for the initial Agreement term. Payment shall be made based on units of service as follows:

Assessment	\$175.00 per assessment
Case Management	\$ 59.31 per hour
Case Staffing	\$200.00 if over an hour \$100.00 if 30 to 60 minutes \$ 50.00 if 15 to 30 minutes
Medical Services	\$406.50 per hour if provided by MD/DO \$389.47 per hour if provided by ARNP/PA \$ 26.75 per fifteen minute unit, if provided by RN
Outpatient Therapy	
Individual	\$ 79.60 per session
Family	\$ 79.60 per session
Group	\$ 19.90 per hour
Outreach	\$ 45.72 per hour
Recovery Support	
Individual	\$ 35.18 per hour
Group	\$ 8.80 per hour
Supportive Housing	\$ 65.10 per hour
Residential Treatment	\$224.49 per day
Detoxification	
Outpatient	\$ 78.45 per hour
Crisis Support	
Outpatient	\$ 47.58 per hour

C. SECTION #4 of the Agreement, (Term) is amended in its entirety to read:

This Agreement is effective upon execution and continuing through September 30, 2019 unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement may be renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year period under the terms and specifications contained herein.

This First amendment shall take effect upon the date of execution by the Parties



SAVE and EXCEPT as expressly amended herein, all other terms and provisions of the original agreement between the Parties, dated December 12, 2017, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this First Amendment to Agreement to be executed for the uses and purposes therein expressed on the day and year first above-written.

**ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Pinkoson, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq., Clerk

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Alachua County Attorney's Office

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**VENDOR**

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: WANDA AYLES  
Title: Asst. to Pres./CEO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: Margarita Labarta, Ph.D.  
Title: President/CEO  
Date: 9/7/18