

## Grants & Contracts - Transmittal Memo

DATE: September 30, 2019

FROM: Procurement, Contracts

TO: Tom Tonkavich

CONTRACT #: 10768

VENDOR: Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Third Amendment to Benefit Homeless Individuals  
Cooperative Agreement to benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) Grant  
Application Submitted to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
Administration (SAMHSA)

APPROVED BY: Board of County Commissioners

APPROVAL DATE: September 24, 2019

RECEIVED ON: September 30, 2019

TERM START: September 24, 2019

TERM END: September 29, 2020

AMOUNT:

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(ENCUMBERANCE): N/A

ACTIONS REQUIRED: Please forward a copy to the vendor & retain a copy for your files.

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

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 2019, 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, hereinafter referred to as "Meridian", and collectively the County and Meridian are hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2017 the County was awarded a Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) Grant (the "Grant") in response to an application submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parties hereto previously entered into the *Cooperative Agreement between Alachua County and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.*, dated December 12, 2017 (the "Agreement") utilizing funds from the Grant for the provision of provision of providing benefit to Homeless Individuals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parties hereto previously entered into the First Amendment to the Agreement (the "First Amendment") dated September 25, 2018, through which the parties agreed to adjust the reimbursement unit rates for the services provided to ensure compliance with the Grant and to extend the term of the Agreement through September 30, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parties hereto previously entered into the Second Amendment to the Agreement (the "Second Amendment"), dated December 11, 2018, through which the County agreed to reimburse Meridian for allowable administrative and startup activities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to exercise its option to renew the Agreement through September 29, 2020 and to permit Meridian to utilize Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in lieu of Registered Nurses as allowed by license,

**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 further amend the Agreement as follows:

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

This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement through September 29, 2020 unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

B. All references within the Agreement which stipulate the use of Registered Nurses (RNs) by Meridian to provide services may be considered to also permit the use of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) as allowed by applicable licenses

C. This THIRD amendment shall take effect upon expiration of the original agreement.

**SAVE and EXCEPT** as expressly amended herein, all other terms and provisions of the original Agreement, as amended by the First and Second Amendment, shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this THIRD 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: Chris S. Christensen

Chair Board of County Commissioners

Date: 09/24/2019

ATTEST:

J.K. "Jess" Irby

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq. Clerk  
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]

Alachua County Attorney's Office

ATTEST

By: Alan Paulin

Print: ALAN PAULIN

Title: SVP Clinical & Comm. Services

Meridian

By: [Signature]

Print: Margarita Labarta, Ph.D.

Title: President/CEO

Date: 5-Sept-2019



**Agenda Item Name:**

Third Amendment to the Agreement with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. to Benefit Homeless Individual Program Services

**Presenter:**

Tom Tonkavich, 264-6738

**Description:**

Alachua County and Meridian previously entered into an agreement for services as part of the Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) project. This Third amendment to the agreement extends the term for another (third) fiscal year and permits the use of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) to provide medical services within the scope of licensure.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Third Amendment to the agreement with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc..

**Prior Board Motions:**

On December 12, 2017 the BoCC approved the original agreement, on September 25, 2018 the BoCC approved the first amendment, and on December 11, 2018 the BoCC approved the second amendment.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

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**Background:**

Alachua County was awarded a federal Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that provides funding in part for behavioral healthcare services. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare provides these services by creating an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team which includes therapists, nursing services, and care coordination to help people with substance abuse and/or mental health diagnoses. It is difficult to recruit a part time Registered Nurse and Meridian has determined the needed medical services can be provided by a Licensed Practical Nurse