



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

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

Presenter:

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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