



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**

Agreement with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., for the provision of mental health and substance abuse outreach, treatment, and rehabilitative services for FY 21/22

**Presenter:**

Claudia Tuck, 231-0058

**Description:**

This is the annual agreement between Alachua County and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. for FY 21/22 to assist citizens in need of mental health and substance abuse services.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the FY21/22 Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Consideration:**

FY22 Budget

Fund 001.29.2904.563.34.00 - \$695,556

Fund 010.29.2925.562.34.00 - \$200,000

**Background:**

Beginning with FY2007/08 the BoCC made the decision to fund Meridian Behavioral Healthcare on an annual basis, outside of requiring an application or competitive process. The funds are used for the provision of adult and child acute care and inpatient services, residential treatment, outpatient services and outreach and prevention services in the areas of mental health and substance abuse. Beginning in 2017-18, an additional \$100,000.00 of funding was provided for Senate Bill 12 related support to eliminate/reduce the waiting time for Alachua County residents for detoxification and residential treatment beds. Funds provided under this agreement, in part help Meridian meet the State of Florida requirements for local match.