

Tab 1: Cover Page and Certified Designation Letter

APPENDIX C – COVER PAGE FOR GRANT APPLICATION

Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant

PROPOSAL INFORMATION		
Type of Grant:	Planning Grant <input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation and Expansion Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project Title:	Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Team (MRT)	
County(ies):	Brevard	
Preferred Project Start Date:	7/1/2022	
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Type of Applicant	County Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Consortium of County Governments <input type="checkbox"/>
	Managing Entity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NFP Community Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Agency <input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant Organization Name:	Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc.	
Contact Name & Title:	Maria Bledsoe	
Street Address	707 Mendham Boulevard, Suite 201	
City, State and Zip Code:	Orlando, FL 32825	
Email:	mbledsoe@cfchs.org	
Phone:	407-985-3561	
ADDITIONAL CONTACT		
Participating Organization Name:	Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc.	
Contact Name & Title:	Trinity Schwab	
Street Address	707 Mendham Boulevard, Suite 201	
City, State and Zip Code:	Orlando, FL 32825	
Email:	tschwab@cfchs.org	
Phone:	407-985-3561	
FUNDING REQUEST AND MATCHING FUNDS		
	Total Amount of Grant Funds Requested	Total Matching Funds:
Program Year 1	\$383,274.10	\$467,784.65
Program Year 2	\$380,276.60	\$417,784.65
Program Year 3	\$380,276.60	\$417,784.65
Total Project Cost	\$1,143,827.30	\$1,303,353.95
CERTIFYING OFFICIAL		
Certifying Official's Signature:		
Certifying Official's Name (printed):	Maria Bledsoe	
Title:	Chief Executive Officer	
Date:	3/5/2021	



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32940

January 9, 2018

Ms. Maria Bledsoe, CEO
Central Florida Health Care Systems, Inc.
707 Mendham Blvd., Suite 201
Orlando, FL 32825

Re: Authorization to apply for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant on behalf of Brevard County

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

On January 9, 2018, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners designated Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. (CFCHS) as the official organization authorized to apply for a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant planning funds on behalf of Brevard County.

CFCHS' proposed effort to assess our current criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse systems and to develop a strategic plan to increase public safety, avert increased spending on justice systems, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults with behavioral healthcare needs is an important undertaking and is in alignment with the mission of the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Additionally, the County Commission delegated the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) as the Planning Council for the grant. The members of the PSCC will actively participate in the assessment and planning activities coordinated through the grant project and will receive a formal presentation of the resulting Strategic Plan, for recommendation to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 321-633-2076.

Sincerely,

Rita Pritchett, Chair
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Phone (321) 633-2000
Website: www.Brevardfl.gov.us

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January 10, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

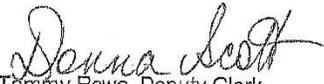
RE: Item II.B.1., Approval for Designation Letter Identifying Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the Official Organization to Submit a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 9, 2018, approved and authorized the Chair to execute the letter designating Central Florida Cares Health Systems, Inc. as the official organization to submit, on behalf of Brevard County, a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant and delegating the local Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Planning Council for the grant. Enclosed is the fully-executed letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

for 
Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

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APPENDIX D – STATEMENT OF MANDATORY ASSURANCES

		Initial
A.	Infrastructure: The Applicant shall possess equipment and Internet access necessary to participate fully in this solicitation.	MS
B.	Site Visits: The Applicant will cooperate fully with the Department in coordinating site visits, if desired by the Department.	MS
C.	Non-discrimination: The Applicant agrees that no person will, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed or religion be excluded from participation in, be refused the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination pursuant to the Act governing these funds or any project, program, activity or sub-grant supported by the requirements of, (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended which prohibits discrimination in employment or any program or activity that receives or benefits from federal financial assistance on the basis of handicaps; (d) Age Discrimination Act 1975, as amended which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, (e) Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEO) must meet the requirements of 28 CFR 42.301.	MS
D.	Lobbying: The Applicant is prohibited by Title 31, USC, Section 1352, entitled "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," from using Federal funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the federal government in connection with a specific grant or cooperative agreement. Section 1352 also requires that each person who requests or receives a Federal grant or cooperative agreement must disclose lobbying undertaken with non-Federal funds if grants and/or cooperative agreements exceed \$100,000 in total costs (45 CFR Part 93).	MS
E.	Drug-Free Workplace Requirements: The Applicant agrees that it will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76.	MS
F.	Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements: Public Law 103-227, Part C-Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library projects to children under the age of 18, if the projects are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's projects provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.	MS
G.	Compliance and Performance: The Applicant understands that grant funds in Years 2 and 3 are contingent upon compliance with the requirements of this grant program and demonstration of performance towards completing the grant key activities and meeting the grant objectives, as well as availability of funds.	MS
H.	Certification of Non-supplanting: The Applicant certifies that funds awarded under this solicitation will not be used for programs currently being paid for by other funds or programs where the funding has been committed.	MS
I.	Submission of Data: The Applicant agrees to provide data and other information requested by the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center at the Florida Mental Health Institute to enable the Center to perform the statutory duties established in the authorizing legislation.	MS
J.	Submission of Reports: The Applicant agrees to submit quarterly progress reports and quarterly fiscal reports, signed by the County Administrator, to the Department.	MS

Tab 4: Match Commitment and Summary Forms

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Appendix I - MATCH SUMMARY
(for the entire grant period)

Date - 3/5/2021

County - Brevard County

Type of Grant - Implementation/Expansion

Match Requirement Percentage - 100%

Total Match Required for the Grant \$ 1,303,353.95

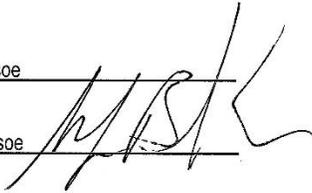
Match Committed:

Cash	\$ <u>0.00</u>
In-Kind	\$ <u>1,303,353.95</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,303,353.95</u>

Comments: The cash and in-kind for the Brevard County Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Team (MRT) is provided by Space Coast Health Foundation, Melbourne Police Department, and Brevard Family Partnership. The cash match is for direct administrative services for the program. The in-kind match includes meeting space, volunteer hours, equipment, and salary.

Prepared By Maria Bledsoe

Approved By Maria Bledsoe



**Appendix H (cont.)
BASIS OF VALUATION**

Building/Space

1. Donor retains title:

- a. Fair commercial rental value - Substantiated in provider's records by written confirmation(s) of fair commercial rental value by qualified individuals, e.g., Realtors, property managers, etc.
- b. (1) Established monthly rental of space \$ _____
 (2) Number of months donated during the contract _____
 Value to the project [b.(1) X b.(2)] \$ _____

2. Title passes to the County:

Depreciation

- a. Cost of Fair Market Value (FMV) at acquisition (excluding land) \$ 0 _____
- b. Estimated useful life at date of acquisition _____ yrs.
- c. Annual depreciation (a./b.) \$ 0 _____
- d. Total square footage _____ sq. ft.
- e. Number of square feet to be used on the grant program _____ sq. ft.
- f. Percentage of time during contract period the project will occupy the building or space _____ %
 Value to project (e./d. X f. X c.) \$ 0 _____

Use Allowance

- a. To be used in the absence of depreciation schedule (i.e., when the item is not normally depreciated in the County's accounting records).
- b. May include an allowance for space as well as the normal cost of upkeep, such as repairs and maintenance, insurance, etc.

Equipment

1. Donor retains title: Fair Rental Value

2. Title passes to County:

- a. FMV at time of donation \$ 0 _____
- b. Annual value to project (not to exceed 6 2/3% X a.) = \$6,000 X 3 X 3 years \$ 72,000

Goods or Supplies

FMV at time of donation

Personnel Services

- 1. Staff of another agency or organization:
 In-Kind Cash Donation for executive assistance functions
 Refer to details below = \$ _____
- 2. Police Officer X4 for 3 years-- annual salary \$ 41,003 X4 X3 = \$492,036
- 3. Police Supervisor X1 for 3 years - annual salary \$55,440 = \$ 166,320

APPENDIX H – COMMITMENT OF MATCH DONATION FORMS

(FOR THE ENTIRE GRANT PERIOD)

TO: (name of county) Brevard
FROM: (donor name) Brevard Family Partnership
ADDRESS: 2301 W Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32935

The following space, equipment, goods or supplies, and services, are donated to the County _____ permanently (title passes to the County) temporarily (title is retained by the donor), for the period 2022 to 2025.

Description and Basis for Valuation (See next page)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
(1) <u>Occupancy and Conference Room Space</u>	<u>\$25,518.00</u>
(2) <u>Salaries and fringe</u>	<u>\$283,698.00</u>
(3) <u>Contracted Services</u>	<u>\$29,250.00</u>
(4) <u>Goods and Supplies</u>	<u>\$8,640.00</u>
<u>TOTAL VALUE \$347,106.00</u>	

The above donation is not currently included as a cost (either direct or matching) of any state or federal contract or grant, nor has it been previously purchased from or used as match for any state or federal contract.

 3/5/2021
(Donor Signature) (Date)

 3/5/2021
(County Designee Signature) (Date)

**APPENDIX H – COMMITMENT OF MATCH DONATION FORMS
(FOR THE ENTIRE GRANT PERIOD)**

TO: (name of county) Brevard County
 FROM: (donor name) Space Coast Health Foundation
 ADDRESS: 1100 Rockledge Boulevard, Suite 100, Rockledge, FL 32955

The following space, equipment, goods or supplies, and services, are donated to the County _____ permanently (title passes to the County) temporarily (title is retained by the donor), for the period 2022 to 2025.

Description and Basis for Valuation (See next page)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>
(1) <u>Meeting Space</u>	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
(2) <u>Community Needs Assessment (Year 2022)</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
(3) <u>Task Force Planning Council (Volunteers)</u>	<u>\$152,332.80</u>
(4) <u>Cash Donation</u>	<u>\$19,959.57</u>
	<u>TOTAL VALUE \$225,892.37</u>

The above donation is not currently included as a cost (either direct or matching) of any state or federal contract or grant, nor has it been previously purchased from or used as match for any state or federal contract.

<u>Johnette Bindling</u>	<u>3/4/2021</u>		<u>3/4/2021</u>
(Donor Signature)	(Date)	(County Designee Signature)	(Date)

Appendix H (cont.)
BASIS OF VALUATION

Building/Space

1. Donor retains title:
 - a. Fair commercial rental value - Substantiated in provider's records by written confirmation(s) of fair commercial rental value by qualified individuals, e.g., Realtors, property managers, etc.
 - b.

(1) Established monthly rental of space	\$100.00
(2) Number of months donated during the contract	<u>36</u>
Value to the project [b.(1) X b.(2)]	\$ 3,600.00

2. Title passes to the County:

Depreciation

- a. Cost of Fair Market Value (FMV) at acquisition (excluding land) \$ 0
 - b. Estimated useful life at date of acquisition _____ yrs.
 - c. Annual depreciation (a./b.) \$ 0
 - d. Total square footage _____ sq. ft.
 - e. Number of square feet to be used on the grant program _____ sq. ft.
 - f. Percentage of time during contract period the project will occupy the building or space _____ %
- Value to project (e./d. X f. X c.) \$0

Use Allowance

- a. To be used in the absence of depreciation schedule (i.e., when the item is not normally depreciated in the County's accounting records).
- b. May include an allowance for space as well as the normal cost of upkeep, such as repairs and maintenance, insurance, etc.

Equipment

1. Donor retains title: Fair Rental Value
2. Title passes to County:
 - a. FMV at time of donation \$ 0
 - or
 - b. Annual value to project (not to exceed 6 2/3% X a.) = \$ 0

Goods or Supplies

FMV at time of donation

Personnel Services

1. Staff of another agency or organization:

In-Kind Cash Donation for executive assistance functions	
Refer to details below	= \$ 6,653.19
2. Volunteer -- Comparable annual salary \$ 50,777.46

Task Force/Planning Council monthly meetings	
Refer to details below	= \$ 152,332.80

Space Coast Health Foundation

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Building/Space					Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Meeting Room, Rent and Utilities	1100 Rookledge Blvd. Suite 100 Rookledge, FL 32955	\$100 per meeting	12 meetings @ 2 hrs.		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$3,600.00
Quantitative Community Needs Assessment	Spring 2022				\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00
Cash Donation					\$ 6,653.19	\$ 6,653.19	\$ 6,653.19	\$19,959.57
Volunteer					\$ 50,777.46	\$50,777.46	\$ 50,777.46	\$152,332.80
Total					\$108,630.65	\$58,630.65	\$ 58,630.65	\$225,892.37

Behavioral Health Task Force

BHTF Participant:	Organization	Salary	In-kind salary per meeting	12 meetings a year @ 2 hours
Mark Broms	Brevard Homeless Coalition		\$68.51	\$1,644.24
Donna Larson	Space Coast Health Foundation	\$ 99,700.00	\$57.69	\$1,384.56
Jean Bandish	Brevard County Courts		\$25.30	\$607.20
Jeanie Raciti	Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard	\$ 75,160.00	\$57.69	\$1,384.56
Jeanne Pierce	Coastal Ambulance		\$64.90	\$1,557.60
Joanna Siegel	Brevard County Sheriff's Office		\$54.70	\$1,312.80
Johnette Gindling	Space Coast Health Foundation	\$ 273,500.00	\$151.44	\$3,634.56
Joy Blazek	Space Coast Health Foundation	\$ 122,100.00	\$72.12	\$1,730.88
Kelly Saria	Brevard County Schools		\$30.00	\$720.00
Libby Donoghue	2-1-1 Brevard	\$ 64,740.00	\$54.70	\$1,312.80
Lisa Conway	One Senior Place		\$40.00	\$960.00
Lori Parsons	Lifetime Counseling Center	\$ 87,360.00	\$64.90	\$1,557.60
Kevin Carraro	Palm Point Behavioral Health		\$75.00	\$1,800.00
Victoria Follatte	Florida Institute of Technology		\$150.00	\$3,600.00
Alicia Moore	Brevard Health Alliance		\$36.54	\$876.96
Catherine Galda	Catholic Charities		\$75.00	\$1,800.00
Linda Graham	Brevard County		\$37.43	\$898.32
Barry Hensel	Circles of Care	\$ 233,800.00	\$112.40	\$2,697.69
Cory Jackson	Brevard County Sheriff's Office		\$54.70	\$1,312.80
Jayna Jenkins	Brevard County Schools		\$30.00	\$720.00
Michelle Wiersma	Kinder Consulting		\$55.00	\$1,320.00
Christine Williams-Kelly	Brevard Cares	\$ 140,000.00	\$67.31	\$1,615.38
Michael Corley	The Corley Company	\$ 12,000.00		\$12,000.00
Patti Smith	NAMI		\$57.69	\$1,384.56
Melody Marler	Space Coast Health Foundation	\$ 63,960.00	\$30.75	\$738.00
Wayne Price	Space Coast Health Foundation	\$ 63,960.00	\$30.75	\$738.00
Valerie Holmes	Brevard Family Partnership	\$ 127,308.00	\$61.21	\$1,468.94
TOTAL:				\$50,777.46

Tab 5: Statement of the Problem

The expansion for an Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Team (MRT) will focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending on criminals, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems. If awarded, the impact of the implementation grant will serve as a catalyst for change, data gathering, implementation of best practices, community collaboration, etc.

The target population are adults who are “at-risk” of involvement in the criminal systems that have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

To determine the projected number to be served, CFCHS utilized data of adults served with criminal justice indicators for FY1920 and year-to-date FY2021. The table below reflects the projected number to be served for the grant period. As an expansion of the Children’s MRT to Adults, a baseline of number served will be established in year 1 of the grant. This data will be used to determine the true projected numbers for years 2 and 3 and the capacity of the MRT program.

MRT Projected Numbers Served			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
A projected number of the broader category of persons served	100	150	200
A projected number of any subset of persons served during their involvement in the MRT program	50	100	150

In 2018 Brevard County was awarded a Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Planning Grant to facilitate a collaborative strategic assessment of intercept points for adults at-risk of becoming or involved in the criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse systems. The two-day (October 3-4, 2019) Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) process was an insightful community collaboration that enabled community leaders to conduct an in-depth assessment and develop a strategic plan for Brevard County that identified diversion opportunities and gaps/needs of services for the target the population.

This application seeks to implement the SIM Priority #2 recommendation for expanding both Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) and Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Team (MRT). Since the 2019 SIM process the Planning Council has continued to meet to implement the strategies identified as priorities. The CIT priority recommendation was implemented and continues to be facilitated through a partnership between the Melbourne Police Department (MPD) and the Florida Sheriff’s Association, as well as implemented in the Brevard County Police Academy training for new officers. Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. (CFCHS) was awarded a foundation grant to coordinate Law Enforcement Mindfulness Training with CIT Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) enhancement. CIT ECHO is a means to support MPD’s on-going efforts to engage law enforcement and support personnel in a continuous case-based

learning system and partnering with mentors at an academic medical center through their virtual platform. ECHO began in New Mexico but has expanded throughout the United States.

These two strategies provide a wraparound approach to the CIT trainings and mental health awareness.

Brevard County's social economic landscape has an impact on the mental health, substance abuse, and criminal justice systems. The 2019 per capita income for Brevard County was \$47,911 versus State of Florida \$52,426, a difference of \$4,515 lower than the average for other counties in the state (Brevard County Profile, Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, August 2016). Due to the size of the total population in Brevard (585,507), Brevard County is not considered a fiscally constrained county in the State of Florida (Population Estimates for Florida Counties) and Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida (2015).

According to the 2019 Brevard County Profile, Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, the median household income for Brevard County is \$56,775 slightly above the states at \$55,660. Brevard County Poverty Level (BPL) of persons below 100% is 11.8% compared to Florida Poverty Level (FPL) at 14.0% (source 2019 Florida Charts). According to the 2019 Florida Health Charts, the percent of uninsured persons in Brevard County was 10.2% as compared to the state at 12.8%.

Brevard County continues to see a decline in local funding allocated for community-based services, but need has been exacerbated by impacts from Coronavirus (COVID-19). The County's Community-Based Organization (CBO) funding is being discontinued as of September 30, 2021. The current year funding level (\$102,040) represents a 90.6% reduction from the program's high in 2007 of \$1,088,772. Additionally, 50% (approximately \$185,000) of the funding for Emergency Services (ES) was eliminated during a previous budget cut and has not been restored. ES is direct assistance for residents who would otherwise "fall through the cracks" and is administered by the Community Action Agency in Brevard.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. (CFCHS), Managing Entity, manages behavioral health services in Brevard County for the uninsured and underinsured populations. CFCHS funds a network that offers various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support to residential treatment to outpatient services for adults, children, and families. These treatment options help to reduce admission and re-admission of persons with behavioral health issues to jails, crisis emergency services, and state hospitals.

CFCHS' data reflects 30,657 individual persons received services in FY 1718 for our region; as compared to 31,575 in FY1819; an increase of 918 persons. COVID-19 effected the number served this previous fiscal year, as a decrease to 29,744 persons was recorded in FY1920. It important to note that a distinct individual may receive multiple services, such as crisis services followed by residential to outpatient services, indicating that the individual served is not a true reflection of the services provided. Table 1 highlights CFCHS' data by FY for adult served in Brevard County and those with criminal justice indicator.

Table 1

Total Adult Served				
	FY1718	FY1819	FY1920	FY2021
Mental Health	4843	5325	4653	2537
Substance Use	5167	6142	5682	3750
Adult Served with Criminal Justice Indicator from Number Above				
Mental Health	152	90	67	25
Substance Use	1212	1036	741	484

Due to the high number of persons with mental health disorders committed to Florida’s State Hospital from Brevard County in 2017, CFCHS reallocated funding to implement the Brevard Forensic Multidisciplinary Team (FMT). As indicated by the numbers in the Table 2 below, CFCHS has seen a decrease in the number of commitments each year since FY1718, which is attributed to the implementation of FMT in Brevard. It is important to note that admissions ceased in March 2020 due to COVID-19 and slowly picked up this FY2021, which is why FY2021 appears low.

Table 2

State Hospital Commitments				Forensic Multidisciplinary Team		
FY1718	FY1819	FY1920	FY2021	FY1819	FY1920	FY2021
50	37	34	19 YTD	23	48	16 YTD

According to the FY1819 Baker Act Annual Report for CFCHS’s region (Circuits 9 and 18), there were 25,609 involuntary examinations, an increase of 1988 from FY1516. In Brevard County alone there were 6,419 Baker Acts. The initiator percent breakdown for the CFCHS Region are: 52.13% Law Enforcement, 45.96% Mental Health Professional, and 1.91% Ex-Parte; compared to Brevard County: 53.68% Law Enforcement, 44.12 % Health Professional, and .20% Ex-Parte. Table 3 shows the percentage change from 1 year to 5 years for involuntary examinations and population change for Brevard County residents as compared to the state. Table 4 shows the involuntary examinations for Brevard County.

Table 3:

	% Change			
	1 YEAR		5 YEARS	
	Baker Act Exams FY1718 to FY1819	Population 2017 to 2018	Baker Act Exams FY1415 to FY1819	Population 2014 to 2018
Brevard	2.58%	1.54%	7.00%	5.72%
State	2.53%	2.31%	12.23%	7.43%

Table 4: Involuntary Examinations by Brevard County Receiving Facilities

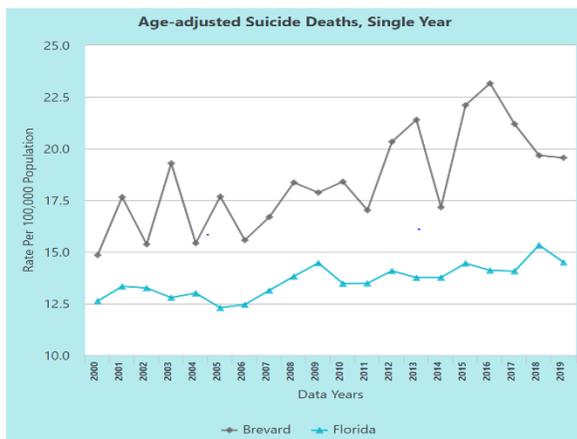
Receiving Facility	Type	City/County	% of Total
Circles of Care	Public	Melbourne/Brevard	61.44%
Wuesthoff Medical - Rockledge	Private	Rockledge/Brevard	18.77%
Palm Point Behavioral Health	Public	Melbourne/Brevard	8.51%
Aggregated 25 or Less	N/A	N/A	96.40%

The majority of the examinations were conducted by Circles of Care. It is important to note the involuntary examinations for Circles of Care increased from 58.50% to 61.44% as reported in the 2019 Baker Act Report as compared to the FY1516 report. As noted above the FMT funding reallocation is helping to reduce the admission rates.

COVID-19 has had an impact on mental health disorders across the nation. More than 2 in 5 US residents report struggling with mental or behavioral health issues associated with the coronavirus pandemic, including anxiety, depression, increased substance use, and suicidal thoughts, according to new findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Jama Network, 2020). Approximately 4 in 10 adults in the U.S. have reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, a share that has been largely consistent, up from one in ten adults who reported these symptoms from January to June 2019 (KKF.org 2020). The pandemic and the resulting economic recession have negatively affected many people’s mental health and created new barriers for people already suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders.

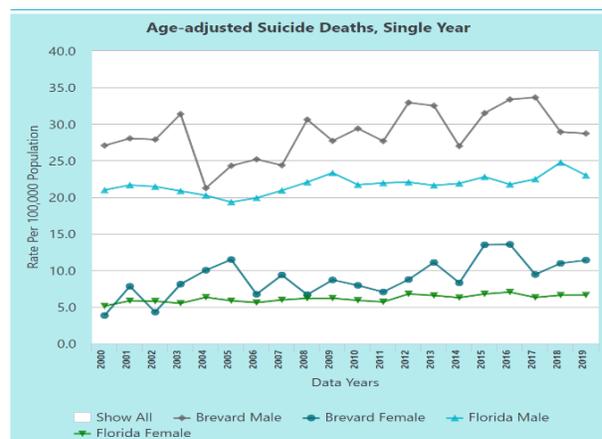
Brevard County suicide rates have decreased between 2017-2019. Florida Charts State Age-adjusted Suicide Deaths, Single Year rates per 100,000 Population (Table 5) reflects the Brevard Suicide rate 19.5 as compared to Florida 14.1 in 2019. During the same timeframe Brevard County male suicide rates were 28.7 as compared to females 11.4, as reflected in Table 6. Florida rates for males were 23.0 and females 6.6 indicating that Brevard County males are more likely than females to die by suicide.

Table 5



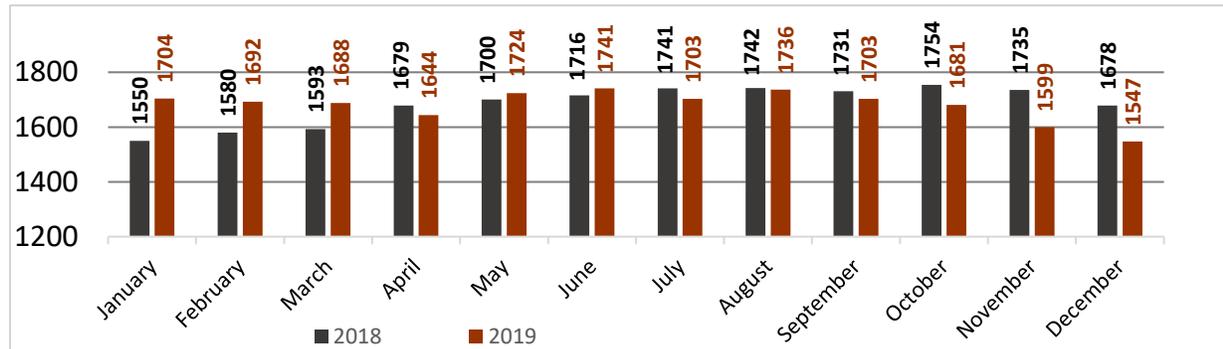
Source: Florida Health Charts

Table 6



The Brevard County Jail has experienced a decrease in inmate population between years 2018-2019; however, the inmate population with mental health indicators has increased. Table 7 highlights the Brevard County inmate population between 2018-2019. In 2018 the inmate population was higher than 2019. This is attributed to the COVID-19 statewide stay at home mandate; however, the decrease is not significant.

Table 7: Brevard County Jail Inmate Population between 2017 - 2019



A description of the screening and assessment process used to identify the Target Population(s)

All adults entering the Brevard County Jail (BCJ) are given a medical assessment by Armor Correctional, a contracted medical services provider. Referrals to the Mental Health Unit at the jail can come from the assessment, correctional officers, or other sources. The Brevard County Sheriff Office (BCSO) contracts with a psychiatrist that conducts the assessments and writes prescriptions as necessary. The Mental Health staff, employed by BCSO, follow up with routine monitoring of the clients. Adults released from BCJ are provided 3-days’ worth of medication and a referral (telephone number) to contact the local mental health provider, Circles of Care (CoC).

CoC provides the inmate an appointment for a psychiatric evaluation within 3 days. Once the appointment is established, CoC contacts the jail by phone and notifies the BCJ contact of the appointment. The BCJ then releases the medication record to CoC. This process is nearly always completed by the time the patient comes to the appointment within the 3-day period. If appropriate, the patient is also referred to the Forensic Case Management Department for applicable services.

Referrals from the Department of Corrections (DOC) follow a similar path, with the access department handling the referral. These referrals are provided via an online referral system. There is frequent contact with the Managing Entity during this process. The DOC provides 30 days of medication upon release, and CoC provides a follow-up appointment within 1-2 weeks.

The percentage of persons admitted to the jail that represent people who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorders.

The prevalence of Brevard County adults with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs in the criminal justice system is difficult to quantify with the available county-level data. This is an opportunity for improving on expanding the collection methodology in the system. Anecdotal reports indicate that there is an increase in the number of service delivery and the type of services

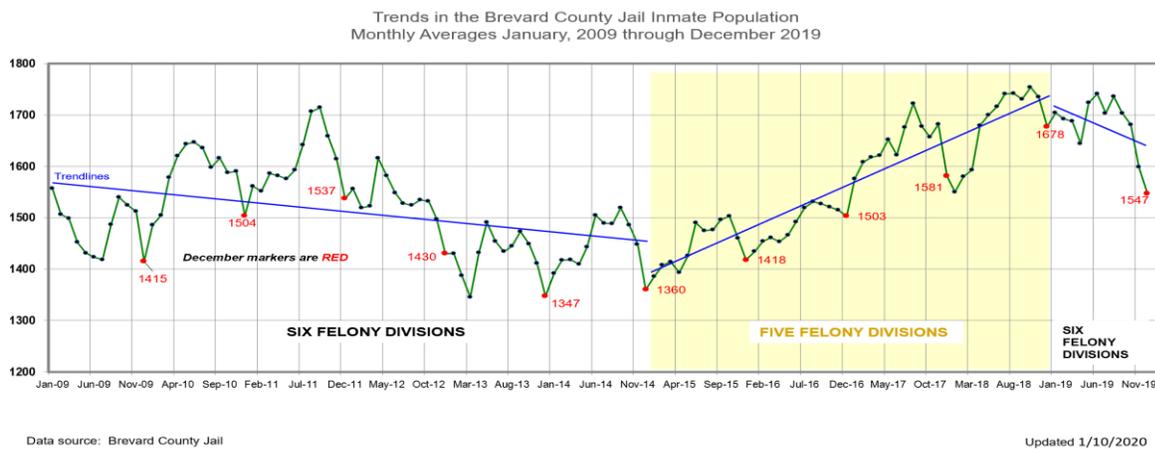
needed by individuals in the BCJ. The table below offers a small glance into the BCJ population with mental health indicators.

Brevard County Jail Population with Mental Health Referrals

Calendar Year	Population	Description
2019	17,151	Individual inmates received: (may include the same person if inmate was received multiple times in the same calendar year)
2020	13,899	
2019	6,682	Individual inmates who had an initial mental health referral assessment: (does not include follow-up visits but may include the same person if inmate was received multiple times in the same calendar year)
2020	5,077	

An analysis of observed contributing factors that affect population trends in the county jail; and data and descriptive narrative delineating the specific factors that put the Target Population at-risk of entering or re-entering the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

Brevard County is not foreign to the challenges faced by a criminal court system that seeks to find available resources for the treatment of addiction and develop strategies to address the target population. In January 2015, Brevard County Court system found it necessary to reduce the number of felony court divisions from 6 to 5. The yellow highlighted portion in the table below covers the four years Brevard County had only five felony divisions. The impact essentially eliminated 1500+ hours of Felony Court time each year for resolving felony cases. 65% of the BCJ inmate population had a pending felony case, which negatively affected the ability to resolve the criminal cases of the felony inmate population.



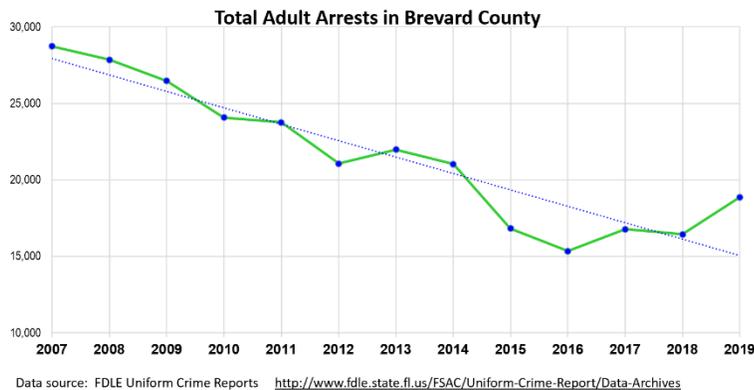
Based on the data from the Florida Department of Health, all drug overdose deaths (provisional) are up 43% from 2019, 55% from 2018, and overdose deaths are projected to be 60% higher by the end of 2020 (based on FDOH trend analysis and Project Opioid’s 2020 Report). The table below compares the overdose deaths for Brevard County in 2019 and 2020 for the same period.

Brevard County Overdose Death			
Brevard County	March – June 2019	March – June 2020	% Change
	107	126	18%

When looking at the BCJ inmate population, it is not enough to focus solely on the jail’s total capacity of 1,757 beds but rather the discussion should be expanded to include classification concerns. For instance, while most of the beds are located in the medium-to-high-risk adult-male confinement areas of the jail, close to 20% are located in an area dedicated to the female population, and other beds are located in the tents and used for the low-risk population. Within these parameters, the jail is required to house, in an area that is separate from the adult population, those juveniles whose felony charges have been directly filed into the adult court system. Due to these expectations, the BCJ operates best when the average daily population does not exceed 85% (1,493 inmates). Since January 2017, the BCJ population has been fluctuating between 95% and 99% capacity.

Another way to look at the composition of the inmate population is through the perspective of the criminal court system. Although the numbers fluctuate slightly, approximately 70% of the BCJ inmate population has a pending felony case. Included in the remaining 30% of the population are those who have a pending misdemeanor case and those who are serving out a sentence. Moreover, within the overall inmate population are defendants who have been arrested for violating the conditions of their probation. A recent review of BCJ inmates who are in custody on a violation of probation (VOP) charge, showed that the court event referred to as VOP Arraignments was effective at resolving *technical* VOP charges in a timely manner. Out of the 84 inmates who had been in custody 90 days or more with a pending VOP, 73 had violated condition five of their probation, which involves committing a new criminal offense.

In their Jail Capacity Planning Guide, the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, maintains that the inmate population of a jail is driven by policies of the criminal justice system. Arrests have little, if any, impact on a jail’s inmate population (DOJ, 2009). For example, in Brevard, the inmate population decreased in 2013, although arrests increased that year; and then, in 2016, the inmate population increased while arrests decreased. Arrests increased in 2019.



The Brevard County Mental Health Court Program (MHC), an evidence-based practice (EBP), is a diversionary/anti-recidivism program for our criminal justice system. MHC has been very successful in diverting persons from criminal justice system. For a defendant to qualify for the program, the defendant must agree to participate and the victim (be it a person, agency, or institution) MUST agree for the defendant to participate. The charges must be misdemeanor, but felony charges may be reduced to a misdemeanor for this program. If a defendant with felony charges does not successfully complete the program, the felony charges are reinstated, and the case(s) proceed(s) through the criminal justice system as originally charged.

The defendant must have a qualifying mental health diagnosis. Mental illness is defined for the purposes of the court as an Axis I diagnosis as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders, Fourth Edition, TR. These are illnesses such as schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, and major depression with psychotic features.

In 2017, an efficacy study was conducted by Julie S. Costopoulos, Ph.D., Florida Institute of Technology. Defendants enrolled in the Brevard MHC program on or before the year 2010, were included in this study. According to the study, defendants whose records indicated their graduation status from MHC and with adequate detail to obtain re-arrest data (NCIC & STAC) were included in the recidivism study (N=118; 80 graduated, 38 dismissed). The results of the study on the effectiveness of MHC on lowering future criminality indicates the program is successful.

The study included 3 months of arrest data, 6 months, 1 year, and 3 years after discharge from the program. The re-arrest rates are persons who completed the MHC program reduced at each interval. The arrest avoidance for:

- 90% avoidance at 3 months with an N=72
- 81% avoidance at 6 months with an N=65
- 71% avoidance at 1 year with an N=57
- 54% avoidance at 3 years with an N=32

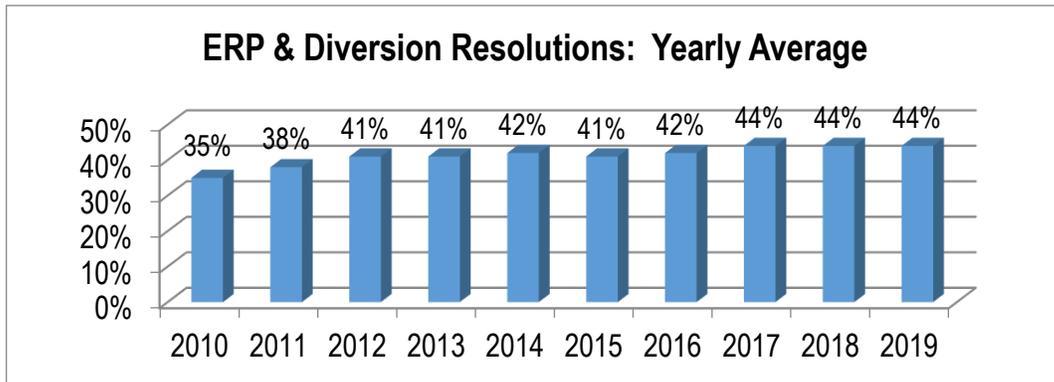
A greater proportion of those who graduated MHC avoided re-arrest at each time interval (3 months = 90%, N=72; 6 months = 81%, N=65; 1 year = 71%, N=57; 3 years = 54%, N=32). Graduating from MHC predicted more days free without re-arrest. The longer defendants participated in MHC, the longer they stayed out of jail, regardless of their criminal history. Once passing or failing was included in the model, most severe prior crime no longer predicted number of days free without arrest.

Participating in MHC, even if ultimately not graduating, also positively impacted later arrest records. The number of days spent in MHC for those who were dismissed predicted a change in future offenses to less severe crime types (moving from more severe types such as interpersonal violence to less severe types at re-arrest, such as property offense) at 3 years after exiting MHC.

Pretrial release has also provided some relief. In Brevard County, arrested individuals, who do not bond out of jail prior to Initial Proceedings (IP's), may be court-ordered to Pretrial Release (PTR), which is a program that provides various levels of supervision to those deemed appropriate for the program. There is no cost to defendants for regular PTR supervision; however, there is a weekly \$10 fee for Community Supervision, which provides a higher level of supervision,

including monthly face-to-face meetings with their correctional officer. This weekly fee often creates a hardship for the individual due to inability pay which leads to violation.

Brevard County also has an Early Resolution (ER) Program, which is used to resolve suitable felony cases early in the court process. Defendants, both in and out of custody, are considered for the ER Program prior to entering the trial phase. If the case is not resolved at ER, it is placed on a felony docket, where it can be scheduled for trial. The following chart contains yearly averages of the percentage of newly filed felony cases resolved through the ER and Diversion Programs. During the first 6 months of 2019, Brevard has averaged an ER and Diversion resolution rate of 44%.



Data Source: Office of State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit

Many of the post-released individuals have several other logistical problems which interfere with the aftercare. It is not uncommon for the individuals to be impoverished during this period, experience transportation barriers to get to/from appointments, lack the ability to apply to have their benefits restored, and have other logistical concerns in consistently acquiring their medication.

Transportation to appointments is an issue in several communities across Florida, and particularly so in Brevard County. Brevard County, on Florida's east coast, is a 72 mile stretch of land, north to south, with an average of 25 miles east to west, with most of the population living within a few miles of the coast. While this geographic feature provides easy access to recreation and a small community feel, access to health care, especially medical or behavioral health specialists, transportation north and south through the county presents many challenges.

For example, while Brevard County has a reasonably well-developed bus transportation system, a consumer who lives at the northern end of the county may experience a 4-hour commute, one-way, to get to their medical appointment. Their journey may require numerous stops and transfers through several neighborhoods. In many instances, the time involved for some commuting via the bus system means taking the whole day off from work to make their medical appointment. According to one consumer, not only did it take the whole day to go to the psychiatrist, but the consumer would also have to wait until the following weekend to take the bus to the pharmacy to pick up the prescription, otherwise, the consumer would not be able to make the connecting bus home.

In 2018, The Space Coast Health Foundation funded a Transportation Pilot (TP) study in Brevard County. The TP identified persons with mental health disorders, who experienced multiple admissions for crisis stabilization, who have an established provider, but who also identified as having a transportation barrier that impacts their ongoing care. These persons were offered access to free transportation for their on-going treatment post-hospitalization through the TP (for example, free transportation to and from appointments for ongoing mental health and/or substance use treatment). The goal was to show that by eliminating the transportation barriers, there is a decrease in readmission rates, increase in community-based treatments, and successful medication management in the persons participating in the pilot. To control this, a study was performed with data from persons who already had an established relationship with a provider at an outpatient clinic prior to the admission into crisis care. The baseline show rate was 53% for follow-up appointments post discharge (N=2084).

After 3 months, transportation was offered to 10 unique people, with 9 people successfully attending their follow-up appointment (90% show rate) multiple times per week or month. This included stopping for medication. While the TP is still ongoing, the results appear to reflect a substantial increase from the baseline of 53%.

Another population included in the TP are persons with opioid use disorder. Many persons with opiate use disorders have numerous socio-economic challenges. These challenges can include housing, vocational, impoverishment, lack of helpful social support, among others. For some, transportation is a major concern, so much so, that it is a major treatment barrier. The group in the pilot are currently participating in Vivitrol injection treatment with CoC. Vivitrol works by blocking the effects of opiates and alcohol, and when combined with drug counseling, is an effective treatment option for opiate use disorders. In a typical program, missing a Vivitrol injection yields a near certainty of relapse.

Six individuals, who were identified as having no reliable transportation, were offered the free transportation services while participating in the pilot. All six attended the scheduled monthly injection appointments. Of the eleven-counseling session scheduled, seven were attended. Of the four missed counseling appointments, all had unique reasons not related to transportation. Of the six individuals offered the transportation service, five continued in the program (83%). This exceeds the overall success rate of the program, which was 50%.

This pilot operated for 3 months, but the results showed that by eliminating transportation barriers, persons can achieve success in their on-going treatment as it relates to mental health and/or substance use disorder. This success transfers into decrease use of emergency departments, law enforcement/EMS response, and in the criminal justice system.

Tab 6: Project Design and Implementation

In 1990, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) established a Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) consistent with s.951.26, F.S. There are no deficiencies in the PSCC membership. Letters of commitment from the Chair of the BOCC and other individuals serving on the PSCC are included in TAB 6. In 2017, the BOCC designated CFCHS as the designee for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant application. The PSCC meeting occurs every other month, subcommittees, as necessary, and have met over the past year as such. At each meeting, the council reviews jail and court data, community behavioral health services, initiatives, and discusses barriers (policy, processes, etc.), and develop opportunities to address the concerns. Should this Implementation/Expansion Grant be awarded, both the BOCC and PSCC are committed to participating in the grant. The PSCC will oversee the grant to ensure that the goals are implemented, and a comprehensive process is facilitated to identify opportunities and successes in the criminal justice and behavioral system the county can explore for implementation. They will lend their expertise, technical assistance, and participation in the monthly planning meetings, effectively assess, plan for, and address long-standing, critical needs in Brevard County. Brevard County PSCC membership is consistent with the requirements in Appendix K of the Request for Applications. The table below identifies the PSCC by name and agency/sector representation:

NAME	AGENCY/Sector Representation
Allen, Victoria, Manager	County Probation Professional Probation Services, Inc
Archer, Phil, State Attorney	18th Judicial Circuit State Attorney
Barnes, Trevor PTR Manager	Pre-Trial Release Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Bello, Cheryl	S.T.E.P.S.
Bledsoe, Maria Executive Director	Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc.
Bradt, Agnes Public Safety Force Management	Brevard Public Safety
Breznitsky, Drew David	Substance Abuse Consumer
Brizz, Stanley, Director	Eckerd Connects
Brown, Thomas, County Judge	Brevard County Court Judge

Carroll, Amber, Interim Executive Director	Brevard Homeless Coalition
Christmas, Elaine Forensic Multidisciplinary Team	Circles of Care Behavioral Health
Ciciulla, Nella	Circles of Care Behavioral Health
Colon, Charles	Florida Department of Corrections, Probation, and Parole
Compton, Leah Vail Community Forensic Liaison	Florida Department of Children and Families
Crawford, Charles Circuit Court Judge	18 th Judicial Circuit
Davidson, Lisa Chief Judge	18 th Judicial Circuit
DeMorat, Michael, Chief	Brevard County Sheriff's Office Brevard County Jail
Devlin, Denise Chief Probation Officer	Florida Department of Juvenile Justice 18th Judicial Circuit
Dix, Tonya	Circles of Care Behavioral Health
Farris, Denise Administrative Assistant	Brevard County Clerk of Court
Friedman, Regina	NAMI and The Drop-In Center
Golan, Kika	Brevard County Commission District 2
Harrypersad, Yagdesht LT	Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Brevard County Jail
Hart, Stephen	Brevard County Clerk of Court
Hensel, Barry, Dr.	Circles of Care
Hibbs, Darrell	Brevard County Sheriff's Office Brevard County Jail
Ivey, Wayne, Sheriff	Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Johnson, Tanya	Mental Health Court Circles of Care
Jorandy, Abby	Brevard County Attorney
Kennedy, Isabel, Coordinator	Jail Population Management Brevard Board of County Commissioners
Klinkbeil, Traci Comm. Development Adm.	Florida Department of Children and Families
Kowalski, Susan Reentry Coordinator	The Reentry Center of Brevard
LeBlanc, Kent Chief of Operations	18th Judicial Circuit State Attorney
Lober, Bryan Commissioner	Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Milad, Karenina	Judicial Assistant to Judge Crawford
Moon, Donna	Brevard County Clerk of Court
Moxley, John Dean Senior Judge	18 th Judicial Circuit
Patrick, Michell, Lt.	Brevard County Sheriff's Office Brevard County Jail
Pirolo, Michael	18th Judicial Circuit Public Defender
Ramsey, Carolyn	Jail Oversight, Brevard BOCC
Resh, John	Palm Bay Police Department
Rice, Laurie	Brevard County Clerk of Court
Richardson, Rachel Circuit Administrator	Florida Department of Corrections Probation and Parole
Richey, Kaye	Brevard County Public Safety
Rodriguez, Luis Superintendent	Brevard Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Sadoff, Rachel	Brevard County Clerk of Court
Stack, Sarah	Stack Strategic Initiatives, Inc
Taseff, Ray	Florida Justice Institute
Tiller, Kevin	Florida Parole Commission
Tomblin, Ronald, Major	Brevard County Sheriff's Office Brevard County Jail
Toole, Robert	Consumer (North Brevard Charities Sharing Center)
Trettis, Blaise, Public Defender	18th Judicial Circuit Public Defender
Turner, Kathy Executive Director	S.T.E.P.S.
Vanatta, Jessica	Brevard County Jail Complex
VanBever, Mark Court Administrator	18th Judicial Circuit
VanVolkenburgh, Fritz	Brevard County BOCC
Wallace, Matthew Asst. County Manager/Director	Brevard County Public Safety

In addition to the PSCC, the Space Coast Health Foundation (SCHF) was established on October 1, 2010, to address the health and wellness of Brevard County's residents. The Foundation is a public charity working on collaborative projects that meet the health and wellness needs of Brevard. The needs are determined by facilitating annual community needs assessments, focus groups, one-on-one interviews, and quantitative research to determine specific community health issues. SCHF served as the CJMHSA Planning Grant's Planning Council and will continue to serve as such. SCHF has committed to participating and supporting the grant. The table below identifies the members of SCHF Planning Council:

Representative Name	Agency/Sector Representation
Anderson, Maegen	Brevard Health Alliance FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Clinic)
Bandish, Jean	Brevard County Courts/County Government

Blazek, Joy, Staff	Space Coast Health Foundation, Philanthropy
Bledsoe, Maria, CEO	Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. Managing Entity
Breznay, Chad, Dr.	Brevard Health Alliance/Federally Qualified Health Clinic
Broms, Mark, Board Member	Brevard Homeless Coalition Homeless Services
Conway, Lisa	One Senior Place/Community Organization
Corley, Michael	Consultant/Facilitator
Donoghue, Libby, ED	211 Brevard/Information and Referral
Galda, Catherine	Catholic Charities/Faith Organization
Gindling, Johnette, ED	Space Coast Health Foundation Philanthropy
Gleason, Ginny	Brevard County Schools/Education
Golden, Ian	Brevard County Housing and Human Services County Government
Hayes, Donna	Mental Health Consumer
Holmes, Valerie, ED	Brevard Family Partnership/Child Welfare
Joseph, Louis, MD	Parrish Medical Center/Private Hospital
Larson, Donna, Staff	Space Coast Health Foundation, Philanthropy
McCalla, Arlene	Veteran's Administration Viera Veteran's Affairs
Parsons, Lori	Lifetime Counseling Center Community Counseling Agency
Pierce, Jeanne, ED	Coastal Health Systems of Brevard Private Transport Agency
Seigel, Joanna, LEO	Brevard County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement
Smith, Patti, President	NAMI - Space Coast Mental Health Consumers
Wieseler, Jason, Psychologist	Parrish Hospital

The Planning Council will meet monthly to ensure the implementation grant goals are met to increase public safety, avoid increased spending on criminal justice, and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment of adults who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorder, and who are in, or at risk of involvement with the criminal justice system. CFCHS engaged the University of South Florida's CJMHS

Technical Assistance Center (TAC) on the pre-planning stage, demonstrated by their letter of support. If awarded, CJMHSA TAC will lend their expertise in implementing the MRT.

The expansion of an Adult MRT will focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending on criminals, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

The target population are adults who are “at-risk” of involvement in the criminal systems that have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

In 2018 Brevard County was awarded a CJMHSA Planning Grant to facilitate a collaborative strategic assessment of intercept points for adults at-risk of becoming or involved in the criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse systems. The Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) was facilitated by the University of South Florida’s CJMHSA TAC . The two-day (October 3-4, 2019) SIM was an excellent public-private community collaboration that enable community leaders to conduct an in-depth assessment and develop a strategic plan for Brevard County that identified diversion opportunities and gaps/needs of services for the target the population. The SIM final report, along with the map, are attached with this application in Attachment I.

The SIM provided the opportunity over a two-day period to accomplish the activities below:

- Created a map of the current criminal justice system indicating points of “interception” where jail diversion strategies and programs for individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders can be developed and implemented;
- Identified resources, gaps in services, and opportunities within the existing behavioral healthcare system, law enforcement, and the judicial system; and,
- Developed a strategic action plan to implement identified priorities that address criminal justice diversion, reentry, and treatment needs of adults (18+) with mental health and/or substance use disorders involved with the criminal justice system.

The final Strategic Report from the SIM workshop identified five main priorities and goals. The five priorities are:

- Priority Area 1: Formation of a jail to community reentry process and team for the Brevard County inmate population prior to and upon release;
- **Priority Area 2: Expansion of Mobile Crisis and Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)**
- Priority Area 3: Permanent Supportive Housing and Supported Employment
- Priority Area 4: Short-term Residential Treatment for Co-occurring Disorders and Specialized Women’s Programs
- Priority Area 5: Central Receiving System (CRS)

Through the SIM workshop, a discussion on Intercept 1: Law Enforcement and Emergency Services was held to determine evidence based and best practice strategies for diverting those individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse issues from incarceration if that is not in the

best interest of the individual or the jail system. Discussions were also held on existing resources and pathways of diversionary mechanisms as well as gaps. Currently diversion opportunities include, CFCHS' FMT is diverting individuals from the state hospital, adult mental health court, Inmate Reentry Program, and other community-based strategies. A summary of that discussion is found on pages 4-6 of the SIM final report. As a result, the two key opportunities for improvement were identified including:

- Melbourne Police Department (MPD) is interested in implementing CIT, but needs more capacity to do so at this time; and,
- There is an opportunity to implement the Police Mental Health Co-Responder Model in Brevard County (<https://pmhctoolkit.bja.gov/home>).

The expansion CIT priority recommendation was implemented and continues to be facilitated throughout Brevard County. Melbourne Police Department (MPD) has trained and is committed to training all its law enforcement officers in CIT through a partnership with the Florida Sheriff's Association. CFCHS was awarded a Foundation grant to coordinate Law Enforcement Mindfulness Training with CIT Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) enhancement. CIT ECHO is a means to support MPD's on-going efforts to engage law enforcement and support personnel in a continuous case-based learning system and partnering with mentors at an academic medical center through their virtual platform. ECHO began in New Mexico but has expanded throughout the United States.

The MPD is a strong supporter of CIT training and fully invested in ensuring that at all police officers are CIT trained, at a minimum two CIT-trained law enforcement officers are patrolling on each shift and developing a mental health unit for each shift. These CIT-trained officers will lay the foundation for the ultimate goal of creating an embedded CIT unit within the police department. Other ongoing strategies include mindfulness training for social workers, development of a mental health unit at MPD for each shift and community education.

This proposal for an Implementation/Expansion Grant is in direct support of Priority Area 2: the expansion of an existing model for a youth mobile crisis response team to "adults" per the Planning Grant's targeted population, and an expansion of CIT training to more law enforcement officers within Brevard County.

The table below addresses the proposed objectives, tasks and timetables designed to expand client service programs which will increase public safety, avert increased spending on criminal justice, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for the Target Population within three months of execution of a final Grant Agreement. *A detailed description of the Brevard MRT program follows the goal chart below.*

Goal 1: Expand Diversion Program				
Objective 1: Expand the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MRT) to a Co-Responder Model for the adult population within Melbourne Police Department Jurisdiction.				
	Task	Performance Measure	Lead or Organization	Completion Date
1.1	Establishing legally binding agreements with all participating entities to establish programs and diversion initiatives for the Target Population.	Establishment of formal partnerships, as evidenced by legally binding agreements, with participating entities to establish programs	Project Coordinator MPD BFP CFCHS	Within 90 days of contract execution
1.2	Providing an information system to track persons served during their involvement with the for at least one year after discharge, including but not limited to, arrests, receipt of benefits, employment, and stable housing.	Develop method for collecting data information from current CFCHS, MPD, and BFP data systems and sharing to analyze and report on performance outcomes.	Project Coordinator MPD BFP CFCHS	Within 30 days of contract execution and on-going
1.3	Implementing strategies that support the applicant's strategic plan for diverting the Target Population from the criminal.	Implementation of the Priority 2 of the Strategic Plan Expansion of MRT for the adult target population.	Project Coordinator MPD BFP CFCHS	Within 90 days of contract execution and on-going

Goal 2: Stakeholder and Community Collaboration				
Objective 2: The grant will increase collaboration and communication among stakeholders and community members to review program implementation to include oversight and quality improvement activities.				
	Task	Performance Measure	Lead or Organization	Completion Date
2.1	Participate in regular Planning Council or Committee meetings	The Planning Council meets monthly to review the	Project Coordinator	Within 60 days of contract

		<p>progress towards implementation.</p> <p>PSCC meets quarterly will receive implementation progress reports.</p>	<p>MPD</p> <p>BFP</p> <p>CFCHS</p> <p>Planning Council</p> <p>PSCC</p>	<p>execution and on-going</p>
2.2	<p>Assess project progress based on established timelines and review of goals.</p>	<p>Program implementation workgroup (Project Coordinator, MPD, Brevard Family Partnership, CFCHS) will monthly meeting to review protocols, implementation progress and timeline, goals, and adjust, as necessary.</p>	<p>Project Coordinator</p> <p>MPD</p> <p>BFP</p> <p>CFCHS</p>	<p>Monthly for first 90 days or as needed from contract execution.</p> <p>Quarterly for the life of the contract.</p>
2.3	<p>Data sharing.</p>	<p>Establish data sharing agreement that will ensure Objective 1.2 is achieved.</p>	<p>Project Coordinator</p> <p>MPD</p> <p>BFP</p> <p>CFCHS</p>	<p>Within 30 days of contract execution and on-going</p>
2.4	<p>Coordinate with Managing Entity.</p>	<p>Managing Entity is the Project lead</p>	<p>CFCHS</p> <p>Project Coordinator</p> <p>Planning Council</p>	<p>Within 1 day of contract execution and on-going</p>
2.5	<p>Implement necessary adjustments to grant activities as necessary.</p>	<p>Program implementation workgroup (Project Coordinator, MPD, BFP, CFCHS) will facilitate implementation adjustments as identified for program success.</p>	<p>Project Coordinator</p> <p>MPD</p> <p>BFP</p> <p>CFCHS</p>	<p>Within 30 days of contract execution and on-going</p>

Goal 3: Proposed Additional: Increase CIT Trained Melbourne Police Department Law Enforcement Officers.				
Objective 3: Increase the number of CIT Trained Melbourne Police Department Law Enforcement Officers each of the 3 years of the grant period.				
	Task	Performance Measure	Lead or Organization	Completion Date
3.1	Coordinate CIT training in Brevard County	Conduct 2 CIT training annually	Project Coordinator MPD FDLE	Within 180 days of contract execution and annually
3.2	4 MPD LEO participate in the CIT as scheduled, until all trained.	4 MPD successfully complete each CIT scheduled trainings.	Project Coordinator MPD	Within 180 days of contract execution and annually

CFCHS is dedicated to implementing mental health and substance use disorder programs that are of great benefit to the communities that we serve. One such program that provides these benefits, and includes efficient use of Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) time, fewer injuries, decrease in arrests and jail admissions, reduction in psychiatric hospitalizations, improved access to care is a ***Co-Responder Model***. This model has been successfully utilized in many counties and cities across the country as a way to improve engagement of individuals in a behavioral health crisis. Co-Responder models do vary in structure, but in general they include an LEO and clinician working together in response to 911 calls received for service involving an individual experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

According to Policy Research, Inc. and National League of Cities, co-responder models address the following:

- Training and capacity of law enforcement and other first responders regarding response to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.
- Use of jails instead of treatment as a response to unmet behavioral health treatment needs in communities.
- Ongoing local capacity limitations in quality behavioral health services, as well as weak referral mechanisms.
- Potential for harmful or fatal police encounters for people in crisis.

Benefits of a Co-Responder Model

When implemented correctly, communities who have had the opportunity to implement a co-responder model have found many benefits, some of which include:

- A system that ***allows for a more immediate response*** to an individual in a behavioral health crisis to gain access to less costly community behavioral health services.
- ***Fewer use of force action*** that can lead to LEO and/or consumers injuries. LEOs are able to better understand and interpret crisis behavior and respond appropriately; thereby,

reducing the risk of violence that may lead to hospitalization, internal investigation, and media involvement.

- ***A decrease in costly arrests and jail admissions*** for individuals in behavioral health crisis. In the Central Florida region, the average daily costs for an individual in jail with a mental health and/or substance use disorder costs \$196.88/day with an average length of stay of 40.56 days for a total cost of \$7,985 per person. The American Psychological Association released a report *Incarceration Nation* stating that mental illness among inmates is pervasive with 65% of jail inmates reporting mental health concerns. These numbers are staggering when you think of the number of individuals these co-responder teams could divert from being incarcerated by assessing and treating their condition(s), allowing for greater availability of beds in the jails.
- ***A reduction in costly emergency department visits*** due to harmful encounters with law enforcement officers when the individual is in crisis. In a study conducted by Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP), they found the average cost for individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use diagnosis admitted to the emergency department was \$520 per day. Of the various diagnoses, suicidal ideations/attempt/intention self-harm, schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders are among the five most costly mental health and substance use diagnoses treated. This also accounts for 70% of the total mental health and substance use visit costs. In 2017, these costs totaled more than \$5.6 billion nationally.

Further, Healthcare Business Today reported, One in eight patients visiting the ED have a mental health or substance abuse issue. When those patients arrive, they wait longer because the hospitals often lack psychiatric resources to process their needs; on average, mental health patients wait three times as long as non-psychiatric patients. Those wait times cost money. The average boarding time for a psychiatric patient ranges between 8 and 34 hours, with an average cost of \$2,264. Moreover, that money might never be realized by the organization. Reimbursement for mental health is among the lowest in health care, with more than 75 percent of respondents in one national survey reporting net losses that continue to worsen from a three-year average of \$481,000 in 2013 to more than \$550,000 in losses in 2017.

- ***Reduction of inpatient psychiatric hospitalization*** due to the co-responder team being able to immediately and more accurately identify the individual's mental health condition then effectively engage the individuals in the appropriate treatment and medication services. The average daily rate for the Central Florida region's community mental health providers inpatient psychiatric bed day rate is \$372.48 and the average length of stay is five days. That is a total of \$1,862 per person for one crisis unit visit. Historically, these individuals who are not engaged in services cycle through the psychiatric units without hope. In a study conducted by University of Florida Health Researchers and Health Services Advisory Group, they found that of the 700,000 admissions reviewed 21% were readmissions. That equates to 147,000 re-admissions costing \$273,714,000. If the co-responder teams could engage even a small percentage of these individuals it would make a significant impact on those individuals lives as well as funding.
- Through the co-responder team, the individual, their family and caregivers are provided the ***opportunity after a crisis to have a better understanding of their mental health***

condition, how to treat and how to respond. This helps in decreasing future crisis situations.

What does a Co-Responder Model look like?

There are a variety of co-responder model structures but at their base they include a CIT-trained LEO and a licensed mental health professional who respond to situations in which a behavioral health crisis has been identified, typically by 9-1-1 dispatch. CFCHS has collaborated with MPD, Brevard Family Partnership (BFP), behavioral healthcare providers, and the Planning Council to determine the best model of a *Mobile Response Team (MRT)*. In addition to the standard MRT staffing structure, CFCHS' team will provide Peer Support Specialists. The team will participate in cross training that will address mental health indicators and awareness, team and law enforcement protocols, safety and security, and typical behavioral health call scenarios.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) *National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care: Best Practice Toolkit* reported "A survey of higher-performing mobile crisis teams shows that approximately **70% of those engagements result in community stabilization**. The remaining 30% should be connected to facility-based care that aligns with their assessed needs; including referrals, when indicated, to crisis receiving and stabilization facilities, respite or residential treatment programs." The co-responder models have proven to provide many benefits to the communities where they have been implemented. This includes increased efficiencies with law enforcement officer processes, reduced recidivism within the criminal justice system, reduced inappropriate ER visits, reduced psychiatric inpatient stays and successful outcomes of individuals engaged in less costly community-based services.

The Brevard MRT, a mobile psychiatric emergency unit, will provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year on-demand crisis intervention services in any setting where an individual is experiencing a severe emotional or mental health crisis. The MRT will travel to the physical location within the city of Melbourne in Brevard County. Mobile crisis services will be provided by a team of professionals and paraprofessionals, who are trained in crisis intervention skills to ensure timely access to supports and services. The MRT will de-escalate the crisis, assess the individual's treatment needs, and coordinate the treatment.

The CIT-LEOs and MRT will co-respond when 9-1-1 receives a call for categories that include mentally ill (non-violent) and attempted suicide (no threat) or suicide ideations. The LEO will secure the scene and evaluate whether the licensed mental health professional is safe to proceed with assessing and de-escalating the situation. From that point the mental health professional can assess and determine the level of care needed with the goal of avoiding any of the costly jail, hospital, or inpatient psychiatric stays. For those individuals who are stabilized in the community, the care coordinator and the peer support specialist will follow up with the individual and ensure they are engaged in services and compliant with their psychiatric medication regimen.

The MRT structure and process includes MPD, BFP, CFCHS, CFCHS Network Providers, Planning Council, and Brevard County behavioral health organizations and key stakeholders. The proposed structure and protocols will be assessed monthly and adjusted as necessary to meet the grant goals and community needs. The MRT team structure includes:

Melbourne Police Department (MPD) CIT-Trained Officers. In November 2020 and January 2021, in partnership with CFCHS and the Florida Sheriff's Association, the MPD trained its first cohort of LEOs on CIT. MPD LEOs will continue to receive behavioral health training to enhance and support the LEOs. MPD is committed to having at a minimum two CIT-trained officers on each shift. Over the next year, MPD will be developing mental health units designated to responding to behavioral health emergency calls. MPD will be providing police hand-held radios for the MRT. MPD will provide radio use and safety and security training to the MRT. MPD will review the 911 protocol processes to adjust for assessing behavioral health calls to deploy CIT-trained LEOs and the MRT.

The MPD may also refer individuals to MRT proactively when a threat assessment staffing has determined that MRT intervention is indicated for stabilization and/or as a linkage to receive mental health support. MRT services are also accessible through the Mobile Response Crisis hotline for the community at large, by direct referral from the MPD, and any other social service organizations (such as 211, Circles of Care Behavioral Health, Department of Corrections, etc.) for individuals residing in the city of Melbourne.

Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) MRT. Currently BFP is the provider for children's and young adult (up to 24 years old) mobile crisis response services. BFP's MRT services will be expanded to the target population of adults who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal justice system with factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system. BFP's MRT is a multi-disciplinary team of clinical and behavioral health professionals and case managers with specialized training in crisis intervention and stabilization that includes the following staff:

- **Director of Clinical Services** (Licensed) will provide clinical supervision for the MRT. This will include but is not limited to assisting the therapist as needed in conducting assessments, providing intervention services, engaging individuals and families in the crisis planning process, developing safety plans or individual care plans, facilitating stabilization and care coordination services.
- **MRT Therapists** will possess a Master's degree in a behavioral health field such as social work, counseling, or psychology with a minimum of one (1) year of related work experience. The therapist must also have training and experience in crisis intervention. The therapists, with clinical supervision, will upon arrival de-escalate the crisis, conduct suicide risk and treatment assessment on-site, provide intervention services, engage the individual and their family in the crisis planning process, develop safety plans or individual care plan, facilitate stabilization and care coordination services. Post-acute intervention services include supportive crisis counseling, education, and development of coping skills, while assessing the need of more intensive mental health and substance abuse treatment to appropriate community resources.
- **Case Managers** will possess a bachelor's degree in behavioral health in social work or psychology. The therapists will administer the suicide risk assessment on-site, complete

the intake, facilitate care coordination linkages for services, followed by monitoring and evaluation of service effectiveness. The case managers will facilitate care coordination for behavioral health crisis and residential services, community based behavioral health services, primary health care, benefits, etc.

The Case Managers assist and support individuals to achieve desired outcomes. This includes collaboration with CFCHS Provider network, community partners and other providers. The Case Managers will continuously assess the individual's needs and functioning. Case Managers will provide face-to-face and telephonic consultation, will assist the individuals with appointments, follow-up, and transition. The Case Managers will be knowledgeable about local resources and work diligently to engage community organizations. Case Managers will focus on the individual's strengths, talents, knowledge, and resiliency not on deficits, weaknesses, and problems in order to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency and independence.

- ***Housing Specialist*** will work with the therapist and case manager to assist in ensuring the individual has and maintains stable housing. The housing specialist will collaborate with the Brevard Homeless Continuum of Care to facilitate access to housing opportunities as needed.
- ***Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRS)*** will be responsible for providing peer support services. This individual will function as a role model to peers, exhibiting competency in personal recovery and use of coping skills, serve as a consumer advocate, providing consumer information and peer support for clients in outpatient and inpatient settings. The PRS will assist in regaining independence within the community and mastery over their own recovery process. Recovery resources such as booklets, tapes, pamphlets, and other written materials will be utilized by the PRS in the provision of services.

Central Florida Cares Health System Inc. (CFCHS) manages the state and federal funds for substance abuse and mental health services (also known as behavioral health services) for Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. CFCHS funds a services network comprised of many organizations offering various levels of treatment options. These options include prevention, interventions, crisis support, residential treatment, and outpatient services for adults, children, as well as families. The MRT will have access to CFCHS' network for behavioral health services.

In order to achieve grant deliverables, CFCHS will partner with Circles of Care (CoC), the public community mental health center in Brevard County, and has received a commitment for the MRT program. CoC provides quality behavioral health care programs that include hospital, residential, outpatient, in-home, on-site, professional consultation, and public information/education services. The MRT response time to the location of a crisis is one hour from the time of the call, with a goal of responding within thirty minutes. *In order to facilitate a faster response time, all case managers and licensed mental health counselors (the co-responders) will be provided a police-issued radio and charging station set to the appropriate channel for direct and immediate communication.*

The following services will be provided as part of the co-responder model:

1. On-site evaluation and assessment;
1. Crisis intervention, counseling and facilitation of stabilization services;
2. Supportive crisis counseling;
3. Education and development of coping skills;
4. Linkage and referral;
5. Follow-up as needed to promote crisis resolution;
6. Case management until linked to community services, not to exceed 45 days; and
7. Peer Support services.

The Adult MRT is customized to the individual's needs; therefore, some individuals will receive only a small portion of the clinical services described below whereas others may receive most of these services:

- Continued crisis stabilization;
- Screening and assessment to determine acuity level;
- Supportive counseling;
- Strengthening of supports;
- Address trauma exposure and symptoms of traumatic stress;
- Communication and collaboration with providers and other individuals;
- Provide linkages to appropriate resources and supports;
- Connect individuals in need of more intensive mental health and substance abuse services; and,
- Provide care coordination by facilitating the transition to ongoing services through a warm hand-off, including psychiatric evaluation and medication management.

The initial response is intended to support initial crisis stabilization, gather clinical information to inform the rest of the episode of care, assess acuity level, and begin to administer clinical measures. Once a call is received the therapist determines whether to provide the individual with an initial response that is either:

- a) Mobile Initial Response- A mobile response involves a face to face visit to the caller's home or another community location. The MRT therapist should arrive on site in 60 minutes or less after receiving the call. Mobile responses are preferred among all responses are provided.
- b) Deferred Mobile Initial Response- A deferred mobile response typically occurs only when requested by the caller. Deferred mobile responses occur when the MRT responds to the crisis at a later time. MRT responds to deferred mobile requests in less than 4 hours, but no more than 24 hours after receiving the initial crisis call.
- c) Non-Mobile Response- A non-mobile (telephonic) response typically occurs only when specifically requested by the caller or the child's family. During the initial non-mobile response, therapists focus on assessing risk, ensuring safety using a verbal safety plan, and determining appropriate follow-up.

During the initial phone contact and throughout the episode of care, the MRT therapist will determine the individual's acuity level based on relevant clinical features such as presenting problem, risk of harm to self or others, mental status, diagnosis, risk level, overall level of

functioning, and other characteristics. The subsequent delivery of MRT services depends, in part, on the assessed acuity level but also takes into consideration individual needs, preferences, and clinical judgment. The phase of intervention, intensity, and duration of care fluctuates accordingly to the individual needs and is customized to changes in acuity level, needs, and preferences. Episodes can be as brief as responding to the initial call or can last for up to 45 days. It is expected that the MRT therapist and case manager will develop a crisis plan that includes facilitating a transition to ongoing services that results in long-term crisis stabilization.

After the initial response, the MRT case manager provides resources, linkages to services, and community supports and client advocacy. This includes coordinating any direct services and follow-up care not to exceed 45 days. Exceptions can be granted for cases in which extended follow-up is required due to acute needs. In these instances, the MRT therapist will notify the CFCHS SOC Manager regarding the circumstance and reason for exemption.

The goals for the Adult MRT include:

- To increase public safety, avert increased spending on criminal and juvenile justice systems, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal or juvenile justice systems.
- Provide immediate intervention in attempt to stabilize the individual's condition safely;
- Divert individuals from restrictive care settings such as emergency departments, psychiatric hospitalization, or from incarceration and/or arrest;
- Increase community awareness of behavioral health needs by providing prevention and treatment-oriented education and outreach to individuals;
- Increase days in the community by facilitating and encouraging stable living environments.

The Adult MRT expansion has been a standing agenda item for Planning Council and if awarded the implementation and grant goals will be added to the agenda. The Planning Council meets monthly. The key MRT program agencies (MPD, BFP, and CFCHS) will meet monthly for the first six (6) months to discuss the program start-up/operations, develop protocols and processes, and collaborate on cross training of personnel. Program barriers will be addressed during the meetings, or sooner, if urgency requires a meeting. Thereafter, the key MRT programs agencies will meet quarterly to discuss the programs progress, revise protocols and processes as necessary, and address barriers. The meetings will include review of the program goals.

A component of communication and collaboration includes cross training for both the LEO and MRT. Training on mental health and co-occurring disorders and mobile crisis team capacities will be provided for the LEOs. Radio training for the MRT will be provided by MPD. The MRT will radio law enforcement at any time a situation is unsafe. They will be trained in all personal safety protocols and travel in pairs. At no time will they enter a dwelling where threats of violence have been made against a team member, person in the community or family member.

One of the strategies the MRT will use to serve the target population includes evidence-based program-specialized responses by MPD CIT-trained LEOs. The specialized responses that focus

on Sequential Intercept 0 strategies will enhance MPD's capacity for an immediate and targeted response to crisis calls:

- Increase the capacity of MPD to identify and use de-escalation techniques with individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis, or co-occurring disorders through CIT training.
- immediate access to mental health providers and subject matter experts.
- CIT Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) will engage LEO in a continuous case-based learning system through a virtual platform, improve CIT responses, create and share best practices, immediate access to mental health providers and subject matter experts, mentor law enforcement and public safety in effective CIT practice, and continue the conversation on mental health.
- Mindfulness Based Resiliency Training for law enforcement officers. This training provides an understanding of the biological and psychological roller coaster of stress, as well as the co-occurring stresses of community reactivity combined with the dynamics of professional police culture. The training will be a guided experience of mindfulness as an accessible and learnable skill that can be self-initiated for effective stress management, emotional regulation, and better decision making under stress.
- Threat Management Assessment and Staffing: The MPD may also refer individuals to MRT proactively when a threat management assessment staffing has determined that MRT intervention is indicated for stabilization and/or as a linkage to receive mental health support and linkages.

A second strategy for this MRT Program will be to access community-based resources to serve the target population including community services and programs designed to prevent high-risk population from becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Access to resources includes:

- Multi-disciplinary team of clinical and behavioral health professionals and case managers with specialized training in crisis intervention and stabilization.
- Crisis stabilization and community based mental health and substance use support services.
- Primary health care through the Brevard Health Alliance Federally Qualified Health Clinic.
- Support services that include assistance with housing; health care referrals; transportation; food and clothing; employment/education services; access to identification; food stamp (SNAP) benefits; social security benefits, and case management.

Performance Measures

CFCHS will be entering into a Consulting Agreement for the project management functions and responsibilities of the implementation grant. CFCHS and Consultant will ensure that process evaluation data is collected, and implementation activities are documented. Achievement of the performance measures will be monitored monthly by the consultant and reported at the Planning Council and PSCC meetings.

CFCHS' Behavix data system complies with industry standard best practices in data collection and analysis. With rigorous data collection and analysis incorporated into CFCHS processes it will allow CFCHS to pivot quickly should one of our processes prove to not be effective. CFCHS' process for collecting performance measurement data, and any other state or local outcome data to measure project effectiveness includes:

1. Melbourne Police Department (MPD) data – collect and analyze arrest data to gain an understanding of the number of people who are diverted or entered into the criminal justice systems who had a mental health and/or substance use disorder. In addition to the number of people, the data will be studied to identify age/sex/geographical bands.
2. Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) data – collect and analyze participant data to gain an understanding of the number of people who are diverted or entered into the criminal justice systems who had a mental health and/or substance use disorder. In addition to the number of people, the data will be studied to identify age/sex/geographical bands.
3. Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. data - mental health and substance abuse services data for the uninsured and under-insured will be studied to gain an understanding of the number of the indigent population who receive services and are/maybe involved in the criminal justice systems. In addition to the number of people, the data will be studied to identify age/sex/geographical bands.
4. Marchman Act data – will be analyzed to gain an understanding of the number of people who entered into the criminal justice system with a substance abuse disorder.
5. Baker Act data – will be analyzed to gain an understanding of the number of people who entered into the criminal justice system with a mental health disorder.
6. Other data available – other data sources will be obtained through collaboration with our stakeholder partners, such as the Brevard Health Alliance Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC), Homeless Services, and others.

The process for collecting the performance measure data to measure project effectiveness will include, but is not limited to:

- Documentation of activities in accordance with the project timeline.
- Collect meeting minutes from all MRT implementation workgroup, Planning Council, and PSCC.
- Inventories of all information and data collected and sharing.
- Report on collaborations created and agreements executed.
- Gather and analyze jail arrest related to participant during and post program participation.
- Gather and analyze treatment data related to participant during and post program participation.

The reports will include these following performance measures for persons successfully completing services under this program.

- Percent who are arrested or rearrested within six months following their ending date for Program services.
- Percent who do not reside in a stable housing environment on their start date who reside in a stable housing environment within 90 days of their start date.
- Percent who reside in a stable housing environment six months following their Program end date.
- Percent not employed at their Program start date who are employed full or part time within 180 days of their Program start date.
- Percent employed full or part time six months following their Program end date.

Additional performance measure:

- Percent increase from year 1 to year 2 to year 3 of CIT-trained MPD LEOs.

Capability and Experience

Central Florida Cares Health System Inc. (CFCHS) and the Planning Council members have extensive experience in community-based assessments and planning projects, such as the proposed project, to identify the target population and to develop strategies that address community issues. The PSCC and law enforcement agencies involved in the project are very familiar with the criminal justice process in Brevard County and the need for collaboration with the behavioral health community to meet the needs of the community. The mental health and substance abuse consumers and agencies bring the knowledge of the behavioral health system of cares and will provide valuable insight into the behavioral health system.

Central Florida Cares Health System Inc. (CFCHS) Since July 2012, Central Florida Cares has state and federal funds for substance abuse and mental health services (also known as behavioral health services) for Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. CFCHS funds a services network comprised of 30 organizations offering various levels of treatment options. These options include prevention, interventions, crisis support, residential treatment, and outpatient services, and opioid MAT services for adults, children and. It is important to note CFCHS is not a hospital and does not provide direct services in our community. CFCHS helps to make it possible for the network organizations to provide direct services. CFCHS contracts with the State of Florida's DCF to manage this behavioral health system of care. CFCHS' mission is to manage an affordable, high-quality behavioral health care system for persons with mental health and/or substance use disorders, with a vision to achieve a comprehensive and seamless behavioral health system promoting recovery and resiliency.

CFCHS will manage the grant functions to ensure the goals are achieved. In addition to managing the grant, CFCHS' staff will participate in all aspects of the grant to include but not limited to, the Planning Council, program implementation and review of the strategic plan to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities. CFCHS will develop new partnerships and data sharing agreements to help shape a comprehensive system of care in Brevard County. CFCHS will enter into an agreement with a consultant who will have the responsibility for implementing and project managing to ensure the goals are achieved.

CFCHS Chief Operating Officer (COO) is responsible for agency operations and oversight of contract management and monitoring, consultants/independent contractors, provider relations, and the Compliance Department. The COO ensures the Compliance Department is focusing on quality, safety, and appropriateness of services and care through continuous quality improvement, performance outcomes, risk management, and complaints and grievances. COO functions also include community, provider, and stakeholder engagement. As lead on the GHME1 contract and the primary contact for DCF Contract Manager, the COO manages all requirements and aspects of the contract.

CFCHS Executive Assistant (EA) The EA is responsible for the overall day-to-day functioning of the office and provides a wide range of administrative support including management of executive calendars; scheduling; coordinating meeting logistics; researching and preparing materials; and serving as a key point of contact for all staff, customers, stakeholders, board members, and the community at large in a professional, courteous, and helpful manner. The EA will serve as assistant to the MRT Program. SCHF will be providing in-kind cash for the grant support function. (Cash = \$6,653.19)

Carrie Baird (CB) Ms. Baird has provided evaluation services to federal, state, and county governments; foundations and other funding entities; community-based coalitions; and universities. Ms. Baird has experience in evaluation projects that focus on advocacy, policy, and systems; coalitions and collaborations; and assisting foundations and other funders to develop or enhance their evaluation efforts. Her experience includes both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. The table below outlines the evaluation approach. She will develop and implement an evaluation approach, including data collection methodology, that will define how effectiveness will be demonstrated. Provide analysis on required performance measures/objectives plus an additional single measure to be proposed by CFCHS. The evaluator will prepare each year of the grant life quarterly and annual evaluation reports.

Brevard Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) The PSCC will actively participate in the meetings in accordance with s. 951.26 F.S. and s 394.657 F.S. and serve as subject matter experts in their field. Their participation will offer input related to jail systems, criminal and civil court, assessments, pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county. The PSCC will participate in the grant implementation to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities. They will participate in the Planning Council.

Brevard County Health and Human Services (BCHHS) BCHHS' mission is to contribute and enhance Brevard County residents quality of life through their vision of providing for the health, safety, education and social needs; building a diverse, strong economic base with the needed infrastructure to support a quality lifestyle; protecting the environment and conserving our valuable natural resources; creating cooperative partnerships between government, business, community organizations; and, maximizing performance and communications to provide excellent service to our customers. BCHHS will designate staff to participate in the grant implementation to initiate changes through identifying the target population and priorities.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) The BCSO's mission is to building community and professional partnerships, committed to excellence and integrity, and strives to reduce crime and objective, fair and equal treatment for all. The BCSO owns the BCJ Complex and manages the Brevard County Sheriff's Public Safety Officers. BCSO ensures public safety in Brevard County. The county jail is accredited through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. The jail complex consists of a booking area, housing areas, medical ward, laundry facility, courtroom, visiting areas, recreation area, and office/support areas. In addition to the maximum security main jail, there are three tents housing inmates (with a fourth tent to open at a later date), a women's jail, and a mental health/medical facility that opened in 2008. The BCSO also funds behavioral

health services in the jail. BCSO will designate staff to participate on the Planning Council, participate in the will participate in the grant implementation to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities.

Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) Brevard Family Partnership was established in 2003 as a non-profit organization in response to the Legislative mandate to privatize foster care and related services. BFP manages Brevard County's child welfare system. Brevard Family Partnership and its community partners provide child abuse prevention, foster care and support, adoption, independent living and community outreach services to the children and families of Brevard County. BFP's mission is to protect children, strengthen families and change lives through the prevention of child abuse and the operation and management of a comprehensive, integrated, community-based system of care for abused, abandoned, and neglected children and their families. BFP has been the Children's Crisis Mobile Response Team since 2018. BFP has successfully diverted children and young adult from crisis unit, hospitals, residential and juvenile detention. BFP will serve as the Adult MRT provider and member of the Planning Council.

Brevard Health Alliance, Inc. (BHA) The BHA is the only Federally Qualified Health Center in Brevard County. BHA provides extensive primary health care services to Brevard County residents regardless of their ability to pay. By offering services on a sliding-fee scale, BHA has provided primary care services, behavioral health services, limited dental services, diagnostic services, resource management services, medication assistance, and specialty referrals to Brevard County's economically disadvantaged residents since March of 2005. BHA's objective is to provide a primary health care home for our patients. Their goal is to provide not just urgent care, but preventive care and health care related education to their patients. Brevard Health Alliance is a private, not-for-profit organization with a community board of directors. BHA will designate staff to participate in the grant implementation to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities.

Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) BHC a not-for-profit established in July 2015 to serve as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care responsible for managing issues regarding homelessness in Brevard County. BHC's mission is to develop a framework of services to prevent and eliminate homelessness. BHC's objectives are to increase leadership, collaboration and civic engagement; develop and monitor performance measures, increase access to stable and affordable housing; increase economic security; improve health and stability; and retool the homeless crisis response system in Brevard County. BHC will participate on the Planning Council, to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities.

Circles of Care, Inc. (CoC) Since 1963, CoC, the non-for-profit community-based behavioral health care has provided services throughout Brevard County. CoC provides quality behavioral health care programs that include hospital, residential, outpatient, in-home, on-site, professional consultation, and public information/education services. CoC has long held the reputation of being an innovative and progressive provider by creating programs, revising, and expanding services in order to meet the needs of the community. CoC has 52 licensed hospital beds, 50 state licensed adult crisis stabilization beds, 78 licensed residential and treatment beds, 18 licensed chemical dependency detoxification beds, 12 licensed chemical dependency intensive residential treatment beds, 16 children's crisis stabilization beds, as well as a complete continuum of outpatient care to

provide services to residents of our community. CoC hospitals are accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation for Health Care Organizations, are approved Medicare and Medicaid providers, and have contracts with numerous managed care companies. CoC will designate staff to participate in grant implementation.

Mental Health Consumer and Family Member of Consumer (MHC) will bring their experience in accessing services, quality of services and gaps in the behavioral health system of care. MHC will participate in all aspects of grant implementation.

Michael Corley, MBA, Independent Consultant (In-kind donation by Space Coast Health Foundation) Michael Corley will be facilitating the Planning Council. Michael Corley's experience includes facilitating community meetings, assessments, strategic planning, and developing action plans. Michael Corley will participate on the Planning Council to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities. Michael Corley will continue to work with the group after the Implementation Grant ends as his role with SCHF will continue.

Project Coordinator Consultant (PCC) The PCC will be responsible for managing and ensuring the Implementation Grant goals are achieved. The PCC will have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree in a related field and 2 years of experience as a Project Manager. Qualifications will include but not limited to coordinating meetings, developing collaborations across systems, gather and analyze cross system data, responsible for developing and implementing interagency agreements, as needed, across community, criminal justice, and behavioral health systems. The PCC will ensure that process evaluation data is collected and assessment and planning activities are documented. All meeting and workgroup minutes are documented. Write all required reports and present.

Specialized Treatment, Education and Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS) STEPS is a Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities private not-for-profit substance abuse treatment agency whose mission is to provide a continuum of treatment for substance abusing individuals and individuals with co-occurring disorders, prioritizing those who are indigent, pregnant, postpartum, and/or have small children in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Brevard counties. STEPS aspires to promote wellness, recovery, resilience, and self-determination for adults and children, and such system will be consumer and family driven; provide inclusive and transparent planning through genuine partnership and collaboration with a diverse group of stakeholders, including meaningful participation by consumers, to promote a rational, strategic decision-making environment and process; focus on prevention, early intervention and treatment; promote recovery, best practice, access to care, and funding; and encourage public/private partnerships. STEPS will designate staff to participate in all aspects of grant implementation. system changes through identifying the target population and priorities.

Substance Use Disorder Consumer and Family Member of Consumer (SDC) will bring their experience in accessing services, quality of services, and gaps in the behavioral health system of care. SDC will participate in all aspects of grant implementation.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans

affected by mental illness. What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation's leading voice on mental health. Today, the association of hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations, and volunteers work in your community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those affected by mental illness. NAMI will participate on the Planning Council to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities. NAMI's role and responsibility is to advocate and provide input for consumers, family members, and responsible partners.

The Space Coast Health Foundation (SCHF) SCHF was established in 2010 using the proceeds from the sale of Wuesthoff Health System, a private hospital in Brevard County. By continuing the long, proud, and distinguished history of serving the people of Brevard County, the foundation focuses on expanding and enhancing on the health and wellness of individuals and communities. The foundation is a public charity working on collaborative projects that meet the healthcare needs of the community. These needs are chosen by using focus groups, one-on-one interviews, and quantitative research to determine specific community health needs. This approach creates a legacy of wellness through the collaboration of individuals, organizations, and resources. The SCHF Task Force membership consists of members that represent the community, community-based agencies, private and public agencies, government, and law enforcement. SCHF routinely takes a pulse on the health and wellness needs of Brevard County, selecting not-for-profit partners who provide good business practices and are willing to be creative and inventive in their approach to enhancing health and wellness. SCHF financially and operationally supports partners who pursue the improvement of health and wellness. SCHF has committed in-kind support for the project, the consultant to complete the community needs assessment, all the members of the SCHF Task Force, committed meeting space, printing and food, the Executive Director, and designated staff to participate in the grant implementation to initiate system changes through identifying the target population and priorities.

Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center (CJMHTA TAC) will provide the technical assistance on implementation of Adult MRT. In 2007, the Florida Legislature authorized and funded the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program and designated the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI), as a site for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center (CJMHTA TAC) (s.394.657, F.S.). FMHI is a research and training center within the University of South Florida's College of Behavioral & Community Sciences with a long history of collaborative relationships with community agencies and local and state governments. More specifically, the CJMHTA TAC is part of the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy which is one of two departments that comprise FMHI.

Evaluation and Sustainability

To evaluate the implementation of the expansion grant, CFCHS will enter into an agreement with Carrie Baird to facilitate the program evaluation. For over 20 years Ms. Baird has provided evaluation services to federal, state, and county governments; foundations and other funding entities; community-based coalitions; and universities. She has experience in evaluation projects that focus on advocacy, policy, and systems; coalitions and collaborations; and assisting foundations and other funders to develop or enhance their evaluation efforts. Ms. Baird's

experience includes both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. The table below outlines the evaluation approach. She will develop and implement an evaluation approach, including data collection methodology, that will define how effectiveness will be demonstrated. Provide analysis on required performance measures/objectives plus an additional single measure to be proposed by CFCHS. The evaluator will prepare each year of the grant life quarterly and annual evaluation reports.

Table 1: Evaluation Approach

Performance measures / objectives	Data collection methodology	Analysis
Was the project implemented as planned?	Phone interviews with project team and key stakeholders; review of project documents	Compare planned to actual achievement
Percent who are arrested or rearrested within six months following their ending date for Program services.	Collect de-identified data from project partners such as report of arrests from law enforcement or hospital admissions.	Descriptive statistics such as the percent achieving the outcome
Percent who do not reside in a stable housing environment on their start date who reside in a stable housing environment within 90 days of their start date.	Collect de-identified data from project partners at 90 days	Descriptive statistics such as the percent achieving the outcome
Percent who reside in a stable housing environment six months following their Program end date.	Collect de-identified data from project partners at 180 days	Descriptive statistics such as the percent achieving the outcome
Percent not employed at their Program start date who are employed full or part time within 180 days of their Program start date.	Collect de-identified data from project partners at 180 days	Descriptive statistics such as the percent achieving the outcome
Percent employed full or part time six months following their Program end date.	Multiply the average incarceration cost by clients not arrested	Report cost savings
Additional Measure: Percent increase from year	Annually collect MPD LEO CIT training certificates	Descriptive statistics such as the percent achieving the outcome

Performance measures / objectives	Data collection methodology	Analysis
1 -to year 2- year 3 of CIT trained MPD LEO.		

Sustainability

The Brevard Planning Council will continue to fund the Adult MRT program. The PSCC will explore opportunities for leveraging existing funding to build support and resources. The PSCC will seek new funding opportunities to implement strategies that require a funding stream. The PSCC will present to the BOCC a cost analysis of the feasibility of expanding, funding, and sustaining of the project’s impact on diverting person from jail. The proposal will include an ask for reoccurring line-item funding on-going. The PSCC will apply for state and national funding prior to the end of the three (3) year implementation grant cycle for on-going funding. Further, the Planning Council will apply for federal grants that fit within the identified scope of the Adult MRT program.

Tab 7: Project Timeline

Project Timeline Year 1

Goals and Objectives	Milestone	Person Responsible	Benchmark	Start Date	Completion Date
Announce grant award	Grant award announcement made to community stakeholders/ community	CFCHS (Planning Council member)	Press release distributed, notify PSCC, and Planning Council	Within 2 days of contract execution	Within 10 days of contract execution
Hire Project Coordinator	Consultant agreement signed with Project Coordinator	CFCHS	Hired Project Coordinator	Within 1 day of contract execution	Within 30 days of contract execution
Conduct Monthly & Quarterly Meetings	Schedule Monthly & Quarterly meetings	Planning Council CFCHS Project Coordinator	Meetings scheduled	On-going	On-going (meeting will continue after end of contract)
Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)	Provide updates on the Planning Grant progress to the PSCC	Project Coordinator	Present project update at PSCC meetings	1 st quarter meeting of contract execution	On-going (PSCC meeting will continue after end of contract)
Formalize MRT Protocols	Finalize the protocols	Project Coordinator MPD BFP	Finalize the protocols	Within 60 days of contract execution	Within 60 days of contract execution
Establish a process for communication and collaboration	Develop a protocol for communicating and collaborating across systems and stakeholders	Project Coordinator MPD BFP Planning Council	Written communication and collaboration protocol developed	Within 30, 60, and 90 days of contract execution	Within 90 days of contract execution
Develop data sharing,	Approved data sharing,	Project Coordinator	Approved methodology	Within 60 days of	Within 180 days of

collections and reporting methodology	collection and reporting methodology across systems	MPD BFP Planning Council		contract execution	contract execution
Program evaluation toward meeting goals and performance measures	Written quarterly evaluation report on progress	Evaluator Project Coordinator MPD BFP Planning Council	Quarterly written reports will be submitted by the evaluator	Quarterly after contract execution	Within 15 th days after the end of the quarter Final report 15 days after the end of the contract
Program Report	Quarterly written progress reports will be shared with PSCC, BOCC, DCF and Council	Project Coordinator Planning Council	The program quarterly report will contain progress on goals and activities	Quarterly	15 th day of the month following the quarter
Financial Report	Quarterly written progress reports will be shared with PSCC, BOCC, DCF and Planning Council	Project Coordinator CFCHS Planning Council	The financial quarterly report will contain progress on services and performance measures	Quarterly	15 th day of the month following the quarter
Final Financial Report	Financial report will be submitted to PSCC, BOCC DCF	Project Coordinator Planning Council CFCHS PSCC	Report will be submitted according to contract requirements	Within 395 days (13 th month) of contract execution	End of 60 days following contract execution year 1

Project Timeline Year 2

Goals and Objectives	Milestone	Person Responsible	Benchmark	Start Date	Completion Date
Quarterly Meetings	Schedule Quarterly meetings	Planning Council CFCHS Project Coordinator	3 rd Wednesday of every month	On-going	On-going (meeting will continue after end of contract)
Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)	Provide updates on the Planning Grant progress to the PSCC	Project Coordinator	Present project update at PSCC meetings	On-going	On-going (PSCC meeting will continue after end of contract)
Formalize agreements with a minimum of three (3) additional agencies	Formal agreements completed	Project Coordinator Planning Council	Signed formal agreements	Within 90 days of year 2 of contract	Within 180 days of contract year 2
Assess, gather information and analyze the data to support the EBP that has a positive effect on the target population	Explore increase EBP in Osceola County	Project Coordinator Planning Council Stakeholders	Select EBP	Within 180 days of year 2 of contract	Within 270 days of contract year 2
Program evaluation toward meeting goals and performance measures	Written quarterly evaluation report on progress	Evaluator Project Coordinator Planning Council	Quarterly written reports will be submitted by the evaluator	End of 1 st quarter year two	Within 15 th days after the end of the quarter Final report 15 days after the end of the contract
Program Report	Quarterly written	Project Coordinator	The program quarterly	Quarterly	15 th day of the month

	progress reports will be shared with PSCC, BOCC, DCF and Planning Council	Planning Council	report will contain progress on goals and activities		following the quarter
Financial Report	Quarterly written progress reports will be shared with PSCC, BOCC, DCF and Planning Council		The financial quarterly report will contain progress on services and performance measures	Quarterly	15 th day of the month following the quarter
Final Report and sustainability plan will include priorities and clearly identify target population	Report and sustainability plan will be distributed to PSCC, BOCC and DCF	Project Coordinator Council CFCHS PSCC	Final report includes priorities and clearly identify target population and next steps	Within 395 days (13 th month) of contract year 2	End of 60 days following of contract year 2
Final Financial Report	Financial report will be submitted to PSCC, BOCC and DCF	Project Coordinator Planning Council CFCHS PSCC DCF	Report will be submitted according to contract requirements	Within 395 days (13 th month) of contract execution	End of 60 days of contract year 2

Project Timeline Year 3

Goals and Objectives	Milestone	Person Responsible	Benchmark	Start Date	Completion Date
Quarterly Meetings	Schedule Quarterly meetings	Planning Council CFCHS	3 rd Wednesday of every month	On-going	On-going (meeting will continue)

		Project Coordinator			after end of contract)
Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)	Provide updates on the Planning Grant progress to the PSCC	Project Coordinator	Present project update at PSCC meetings	Quarterly	On-going (PSCC meeting will continue after end of contract)
Assess, gather information and analyze the data to support the EBP that has a positive effect on the target population	Assess viability of EBP identified for Osceola County	Project Coordinator Planning Council Stakeholders	Select EBP	Within 180 days of year 3 of contract	Within 270 days of contract year 3
Program evaluation toward meeting goals and performance measures	Written quarterly evaluation report on progress	Evaluator Project Coordinator Planning Council	Quarterly written reports will be submitted by the evaluator	Quarterly	Within 15 th days after the end of the quarter Final report 15 days after the end of the contract
Program Report	Quarterly written progress reports will be shared with PSCC, BOCC, DCF and Planning Council	Project Coordinator Planning Council	The program quarterly report will contain progress on goals and activities	Quarterly	15 th day of the month following the quarter
Financial Report	Quarterly written progress reports will be shared with PSCC, BOCC, DCF and Planning Council		The financial quarterly report will contain progress on services and performance measures	Quarterly	15 th day of the month following the quarter

Final Report and sustainability plan will include priorities and clearly identify target population	Report and sustainability plan will be distributed to PSCC, BOCC and DCF	Project Coordinator Council CFCHS PSCC	Final report includes priorities and clearly identify target population and next steps	Within 395 days (13 th month) of contract year 3	End of 60 days following of contract year 3
Final Financial Report	Financial report will be submitted to PSCC, BOCC, and DCF	Project Coordinator Planning Council CFCHS PSCC DCF	Report will be submitted according to contract requirements	Within 395 days (13 th month) of contract execution	End of 60 days of contract year 3

Tab 8: Letters of Commitment

Organization	PSCC Member	Planning Council	Support
Brevard County Health and Human Services	Yes	Designee	Yes
Brevard Health Alliance (FQHC)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brevard Homeless Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brevard County Public Defender	Yes	Designee	Yes
Brevard County Sheriff Office	Yes	Designee	Yes
Brevard County State Attorney	Yes	Designee	Yes
Brevard Family Partnership		Yes	Yes
Circles of Care – MH Provider	Yes	Yes	Yes
Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center			Yes
Department of Children and Families		Designee	Yes
Melbourne Police Department		Yes	Yes
Space Coast Health Foundation		Yes	Yes
211 Brevard – Information and Referral	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carrie Baird, Evaluator			Yes
Brevard County Commission Chair		Yes	Yes
Specialized Treatment, Education and Prevention Services (STEPS)	Yes	Yes	Yes
NAMI of Brevard County		Yes	Yes
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	Yes		Yes



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February 10, 2021

Maria Bledsoe
Chief Executive Officer
Central Florida Cares Health System
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RE: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department Director it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. I commit to assisting the Planning Grant Council to include, the community engagement and in developing collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

The Implementation Grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

The target population are adults, who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal systems that have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., Managing Entity, (CFCHS) is a not for profit organization that manages state and federal funding for behavioral health services in Circuits 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). CFCHS services network is composed of 27 provider organizations who offer various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support to residential treatment to outpatient services for adults, children and families. With their community partnerships, management of the system of care, and successes CFCHS is poised to successfully manage the Planning Grant for Brevard County.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,


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January 26, 2021

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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As Chief Executive Officer of the Brevard Health Alliance, Inc. (BHA) it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for Implementation Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. The grant will focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending to address criminal activity, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, or who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

BHA commits to participating in the Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program and will work collaboratively with other organizations to ensure improvement in the quality of life for the target population. BHA's Primary Care Medical Home and Integrated Mental Health Care Models, offer behavioral health and substance abuse services to our patients. Through the weight of the services we provide and collaboration with the Planning Grant Council, we will assist with caring for the target populations.

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Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Reinvestment Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As Interim Executive Director of the Brevard Homeless Coalition, it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. I commit to supporting the Planning Grant Council by participating in all aspects of the grant including ensuring the resource is promoted, referrals are generated, and the developed strategies are implemented to improve the quality of life for the target population, as well as developing collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition is the Department of Housing and Urban Development designated Lead Agency for the Continuum of Care in Brevard County. The goal of the Coalition is to end homelessness in Brevard County. We believe this to be a realistic goal. However, we understand that ending homelessness requires a holistic approach. We have committed to maximizing collaboration among all agencies and organizations working with the physical health, behavioral health, legal, employment, and educational needs of our target audiences.

The grant will focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending to address criminal activity, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, or who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems. Many of our homeless populations have a history of interaction with the criminal justice system. Others have experience with a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders and many are at imminent risk of entering the criminal justice systems.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely, 

Amber Carroll, Interim Executive Director, Brevard Homeless Coalition

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February 9, 2021

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Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As Public Defender it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. I, Blaise Trettis, commit to assist the Planning Council to include developing collaborative partnerships to address the target populations and focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending to address criminal activity, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services.

The target population are adults who are at-risk of involvement in the criminal systems that have factors associated with possible criminal behavior. This may include adult with mental illness, substance use disorders, homelessness and other unstable living situations, and history of victimization or abuse. As well as, significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility, or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., the Managing Entity, (CFCHS) is a not for profit organization that manages state and federal funding for behavioral health services in Circuits 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). CFCHS services network is composed of 30 provider organizations which offer various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support to residential treatment to outpatient services for adults, children and families. With their community partnerships, management of the system of care, and successes, CFCHS is poised to successfully manage the Implementation Grant for Brevard County.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blaise Trettis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY

BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

January 28, 2021

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Subject: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

As Sheriff, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application.

The grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will focus on increasing public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

Central Florida Care Health System, Inc., Managing Entry, CFCHS is a not-for-profit organization that manages state and federal funding for behavioral health services in Circuit 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). CFCHS service's network is composed of 30 provider organizations who offer various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support services. This includes residential treatment and outpatient services for adults, children, and families.

Central Florida Care Health System, Inc., has my support and recommendation for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Ivey".

WAYNE IVEY
Sheriff of Brevard County

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January 21, 2021

Ms. Maria Bledsoe
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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit, it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. I commit to assist the Planning Grant Council to include, the program implementation and in developing collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

The Implementation Grant will focus on implementing the Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., Managing Entity, (CFCHS) is a not for profit organization that manages state and federal funding for behavioral health services in Circuits 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). CFCHS services network is composed of 30 provider organizations who offer various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support to residential treatment to outpatient services for adults, children and families. With their community partnerships, management of the system of care, and successes, CFCHS is poised to successfully manage the implementation grant.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA02021001.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2021

Maria Bledsoe, Chief Executive Officer
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Subject: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

As Chief Executive Officer, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. We are committed to support the grant by offering to expand our current Children's Mobile Response Team to allow the team to serve the target population of adults who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal justice system have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system. In addition to this very important role of this grant implementation, Brevard Family Partnership will participate in other aspects of the grant to include community engagement and develop collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

The grant in partnership with Brevard Family Partnership will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will focus on increasing public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

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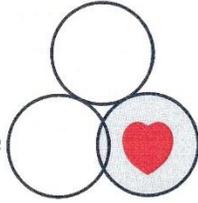
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Central Florida Care Health System, Inc., has my support and recommendation for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Scarpelli
Chief Executive Officer





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January 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As President & CEO of Circles of Care, Inc., it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for a Planning Grant Application for Implementation Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. We are committed to support the Planning Grant Council by participating in all aspects of the grant to include, the community engagement, offer behavioral health and substance abuse services, and in developing collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

As a local Not-For-Profit which serves Brevard County, Circles of Care is committed to serve our residents in the areas of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, regardless of their disposition in the criminal justice system. We have very close relationships with our Sheriff, our county jail, local and district Judiciary, State's Attorney, Public Defender, and other stakeholders in our community.

We see this grant as a beneficial opportunity to provide an intervention in our system that is very much needed. We are excited about the opportunity that this grant could afford our community, especially those who are at risk of 'falling through the cracks' of our current system. Specifically, we hope one aspect of this grant will allow our community to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the diverting people from the criminal justice system.

We have faith in your organization, Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., our local Managing Entity (CFCHS) to manage the Implementation Grant for Brevard County. Our agencies have a long and successful symbiotic relationship since the inception of the Managing Entity system. We know you have the best interest of our community at heart and have the expertise to manage this Process and Grant for Brevard County.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

David L. Feldman,
President & CEO



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February 3, 2021

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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

On behalf of USF CJMHSA Technical Assistance Center, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support of Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. in pursuit of a Brevard County, Circuit 18 Implementation Grant for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (RFA # 2021 001). The CFCHS application will propose a "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program."

If awarded the grant, the USF CJMHSA Technical Assistance Center is prepared to conduct technical assistance related to the mobile crisis co-responder program. In October 2019, the CJMHSA TAC conducted a Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) process in Brevard County in support of their CJMHSA Reinvestment Planning Grant award. The SIM was well attended by 44 community members and stakeholders. During the SIM, participants identified expansion of mobile crisis in Brevard County as a priority area, which they intend to support through this implementation grant proposal, if awarded. The SIM served the community and assisted in building consensus surrounding Brevard County needs. The CJMHSA TAC recommended the county pursue a co-responder model and are thrilled to support their endeavor.

We are committed to working with CFCHS and the Brevard County Public Safety Coordinating Council in implementing the co-responder model and in meeting any technical assistance needs you may have as it relates to this implementation proposal. You can contact me at ashockley1@usf.edu or call directly at 813-974-2330.

Sincerely,

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February 4, 2021

Ms. Maria Bledsoe
Chief Executive Officer
Central Florida Care Health System, Inc.
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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

On behalf of the Department of Children and Families, Central Region, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support of Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. Implementation Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application.

The Implementation grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

The target population are adults, who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal systems that have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has our commitment and support to submit an application for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

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Sharron Washington
Central Regional Managing Director

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David Gillespie, Chief of Police

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

February 9, 2021

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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As Chief of Melbourne Police Department (MPD) it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for the Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder (MCR) Program" application.

MPD will work collaboratively with other organizations to ensure improvement in the quality of life for the target population. The grant will focus on increasing public safety, averting increased spending to address criminal activity, and improving the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, or who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., Managing Entity, (CFCHS) is a not for profit organization that manages state and federal funding for behavioral health services in Circuits 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). CFCHS services network is comprised of 27 provider organizations who offer various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support to residential treatment to outpatient services for adults, children and families. With their community partnerships, management of the system of care, and successes CFCHS is poised to successfully manage the Reinvestment grant.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

David Gillespie,
Chief of Police

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March 4, 2021

Maria Bledsoe
Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

On behalf of the Space Coast Health Foundation (SCHF), it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for Central Florida Cares Health System's (CFCHS) Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. One of the foundation's three focus areas is improving Behavioral Health in Brevard County. The foundation established a Behavioral Health Task Force in the summer of 2016. SCHF and its task force members will support all aspects of the grant to include, continuing to serve on the planning council, facilitating annual community needs assessments, and continuing to foster collaborative partnerships to address the target populations, in addition to providing real dollars and in-kind donations.

It is our understanding the Implementation Grant will focus on implementing the Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems. The target population would be adults who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal systems and who have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

CFCHS, Managing Entity, is a not-for-profit organization that manages state and federal funding for behavioral health services in Circuits 9 and 18 (Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties). CFCHS services network is composed of 30 provider organizations who offer various levels of treatment options ranging from prevention to crisis support to residential treatment to outpatient services for adults, children, and families. With their community partnerships, management of the system of care, and successes it is my belief that CFCHS is poised to successfully manage the Planning Grant for Brevard County.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both the recommendation and full commitment of the SCHF for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnette Gindling".

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January 26, 2021

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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
DCF RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

Please accept this letter of commitment for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application.

If received, the grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

2-1-1 Brevard is the community's crisis intervention, assessment and referral organization. I serve on the behavioral health task force for Space Coast Health Foundation and we work closely with the Brevard Homeless Coalition, so I understand the critical need for improvements in this area.

2-1-1 Brevard will participate the Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program and will work collaboratively with other organizations to ensure the resource is promoted, referrals are generated, and the developed strategies are implemented to improve the quality of life for the target population.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Donoghue
Executive Director

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March 3, 2021

Maria Bledsoe
Chief Executive Officer
Central Florida Cares Health System
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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As a grant evaluator, it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for an Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 9, for the "Brevard Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Team (MRT)" application. I am committed to support the Implementation Grant Council by developing and implementing an evaluation approach specific to this grant. This includes an analysis on grant performance measures/objectives, as well as prepare quarterly and annual evaluation reports.

For over 20 years, I have provided evaluation services to organizations managing federal, state, local and foundation grant funds. My focus in evaluation of projects is on advocacy, policy, and systems; coalitions and collaborations; and assisting foundations and other funders to develop or enhance their evaluation efforts. My experience includes both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis.

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Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,



Carrie Garnett Baird



Rita Pritchett, District 1 Commissioner

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February 12, 2021

Maria Bledsoe, Chief Executive Officer
Central Florida Care Health System
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Subject: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

As Brevard County Commission Chair, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application.

The grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will focus on increasing public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

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Central Florida Care Health System, Inc., has my support and recommendation for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant RFA2021001.

In Your Service,

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Rita Pritchett, Chair
District 1 Commissioner
Brevard County

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March 4, 2021

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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe:

As Executive Director of Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS), it is my pleasure to write this letter of commitment for CFCHS' Implementation Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. STEPS mission is to provide a continuum of treatment for substance abusing individuals and individuals with co-occurring disorders, prioritizing those who are indigent, pregnant, postpartum, and/or have small children in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Brevard counties. STEPS will support all aspects of the grant to include, designate staff to participate in the grant implementation, create system changes through identifying the target population and continuing to foster collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

The Implementation Grant will focus on implementing the Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems. The target population would be adults who are "at-risk" of involvement in the criminal systems and who have factors associated with possible criminal behavior, including homelessness and other unstable living situations; history of victimization or abuse; significant transitions such as a recent release from jail, re-entry to the community from prison or release from a forensic facility; or a history of involvement in the criminal justice system.

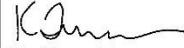
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SPECIALIZED TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION SERVICES (STEPS), INC.

Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Turner
Executive Director





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National Alliance on Mental Illness

Brevard County

February 9, 2021

Maria Bledsoe
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SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

As a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), it is a great pleasure to write this letter of commitment for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application. On behalf of NAMI Brevard, I commit to supporting the Planning Grant Council by participating in all aspects of the grant to include community engagement and in developing collaborative partnerships to address the target populations.

The penal system has become the first encounter for many people with a serious mental illness instead of medical treatment. Helping people with mental health conditions is a top priority for NAMI. NAMI believes that everyone should have access to a variety of mental health services and support in our community to help prevent interactions with the police. These supports should include treatment for drug and alcohol use conditions, and supports like supportive housing, education, supported employment, and peer and family support and education programs. NAMI believes that by partnering with criminal justice leaders, county and state leaders, as well as mental health professionals, we can help people with mental illness get the support and services they need to stay out of jail.

The grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a much needed Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will increase public safety and substantially improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or co-occurring disorders, who are at-risk of entering or already in the criminal justice system.

Our populations with mental illness not only face repetition in the penal system, they face unstable living situations, homelessness, victimization and abuse, and difficulties transitioning from incarceration or from a forensic facility. This grant will target the adult population who are "at risk" of involvement in the criminal system.

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Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc., has both my recommendation and full commitment for the Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment grant, RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

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President, NAMI Brevard



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2-10-21

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Subject: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant,
RFA2021001

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

As the Chief Probation Officer for Circuit 18, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for CFCHS' Reinvestment Grant application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant for Brevard County, Circuit 18, for the "Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program" application.

The grant will allow Central Florida Cares to implement a Melbourne Adult Mobile Crisis Co-Responder Program that will focus on increasing public safety and improve accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders, who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice systems.

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Central Florida Care Health System, Inc., has my support and recommendation for the Implementation Grant Application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant RFA2021001.

Sincerely,

Denise Devlin Digitally signed by Denise Devlin
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Chief Probation Officer

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