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**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**May 25, 2017**

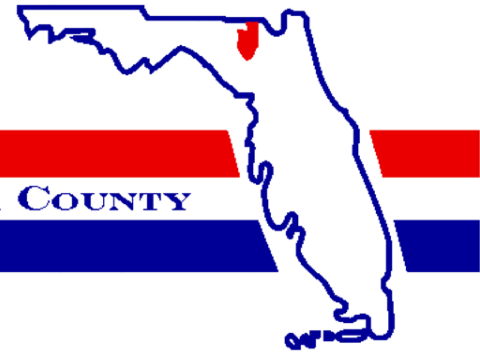
**5:30 P.M.**

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**County Manager Ben Scott:**

- (1) Consideration of motion to lift Resolution 2017R-12 - A Resolution of The Board of County Commissioners For Columbia County, Florida, Declaring of A State of General Emergency and Temporarily Banning Certain Burning Activities**
- (2) Approve Meridian Behavioral Healthcare to act as lead agency for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant and letter of support**

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May 23, 2017

Michele Staffieri  
Procurement Manager  
Department of Children and Families  
1317 Winewood Blvd., Bldg. 6, Room 231  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

RE: Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Reinvestment Grant Program (RFA#03H17GN2)

Dear Ms. Staffieri:

I am writing regarding the application being prepared by Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. in response to the above grant opportunity. Meridian is applying for a one-year CJMHS Planning Grant for Columbia County. The purpose of the planning grant will be to assess needs and develop a strategic plan for diverting adult individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders from the Columbia County Detention Facility and forensic hospitalization at the earliest point possible. The program's long-range goals are to reduce criminal justice costs, increase public safety and reduce recidivism by diverting adult individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders from local jails.

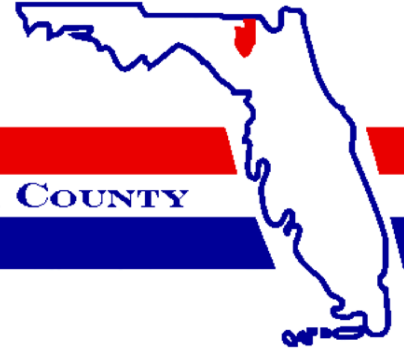
This letter confirms that Meridian may act as applicant and lead agency for the above grant opportunity on behalf of Columbia County.

Sincerely,

Ronald Williams, Chairman

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May 23, 2017

Dr. Margarita Labarta  
President/CEO  
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.  
4300 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gainesville, FL 32608

RE: Letter of Commitment for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHSAG)  
Reinvestment Grant Program (RFA#03H17GN2)

Dear Dr. Labarta:

Chairman Ronald Williams is pleased to provide this letter of commitment for the CJMHSAG Reinvestment Grant application submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families on behalf of Columbia County by Meridian Behavioral Healthcare. The primary purpose of the CJMHSAG Reinvestment Grant Program is to increase public safety, avert increased criminal justice spending, and improve treatment services for individuals who have mental illness, substance use or co-occurring disorders, and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system.

We are aware that the application seeks support for a one-year planning grant. The purpose of the planning grant will be to assess needs and develop a strategic plan for diverting adult individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders from the Columbia County Detention Facility and forensic hospitalization at the earliest point possible.

In support of the CJMHSAG program, Ronald Williams agrees to:

- Participate in the Columbia County CJMHSAG Planning Committee.
- Provide a minimum of 40 hours of time to the Committee planning process during the grant year. The value of that time will serve as in-kind matching funds for the grant.

We look forward to our partnership in this important initiative. By developing a systematic response for identifying, and treating individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders, the planning initiative will further our local goals to decrease recidivism, lower costs and improve the safety of our community.

Sincerely,

Ronald Williams, Chairman

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