



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Mental Health Partnership Opportunities with Crisis Center Discussion

Presenter:

Children's Trust of Alachua County Staff
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Description:

Mental Health Partnership Opportunities with Crisis Center

Recommended Action:

For information

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

N/A

Background:

The Alachua County Crisis Center is a key stakeholder in our local crisis response system. The Center operates both a local crisis and suicide hotline (352-264-6789) and answers calls placed to the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The Center also provides Mobile Response Teams to on-site locations in Alachua County when needed. The Center also provides longer term counseling services, conducts follow-ups with people in crisis, and community outreach activities focused on suicide prevention and community resources.

Through the Alachua County General Funded Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) funding is provided to various non-profit agencies to address trauma for abused children, partially support the mobile mental health clinic, the Gainesville Opportunity Center, and Peaceful Paths. Through the Alachua County CHOICES program, funding is provided to local agencies provide behavioral health services at Family Promise, the Gainesville Community Counseling Center, Helping Hands Clinic, and Peaceful Paths.

Through its General Fund, CHOICES Trust Fund, and ARPA, Alachua County also provides a portion of the local match requirement for Meridian as well as construction and operation of the new Crisis Response System scheduled to open in the Fall of 2024.