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State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

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Governor

Mike Carroll
Secretary

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2015
TO: William S. D'Aiuto, Regional Managing Director - Central Region
FROM: Ute Gazioch, Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health *UG*
SUBJECT: Baker Act Transportation Exception Request for Osceola County
2015-2020

In response to your January 21st memorandum and on behalf of Mike Carroll, Secretary of the Department of Children and Families, I am authorizing the transportation exception pursuant to s. 394.462(4), F.S., for Osceola County as described in the plan you submitted. The approval is granted for a period of 5 years.

Under the Osceola County exception plan, persons may be transported to a central intake receiving facility, rather than the nearest receiving facility, in accordance with the plan.

The continued initiative and cooperation demonstrated by the Central Region DCF staff, law enforcement, governmental entities, and service providers in developing this Baker Act transportation exception plan is evidence of your commitment to continued quality delivery of acute care services. Please continue to monitor the implementation of this exception plan to assure the sustained quality and continuity of all services being provided.

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Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION EXCEPTION PLAN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

**FLORIDA MENTAL HEALTH ACT
(BAKER ACT)
FLORIDA STATUTE 394.462(3)**

“ACUTE CARE PLAN”

**FIVE-YEARS
2014-2019
SUBMITTED TO:**

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES (DCF) CIRCUIT 9
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM
OFFICE**

FOR APPROVAL BY:

**MIKE CARROLL
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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Florida Mental Health Act ("Baker Act")
Florida Statue 394.462 (3)

Osceola County Transportation Exception Plan

-Acute Care Plan-
2014-2019

In accordance with Chapter Florida Statue 394.462 (3), Florida Mental Health Act, commonly referred to as the "Baker Act", the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Osceola County is requesting from the Secretary of DCF authorization to operate a centralized system of acute-care in Osceola County. Specifically, the Region Administrator of the DCF Osceola County is requesting an "Exception" to FS 394.462 that requires transporting persons in need of mental health care to the nearest receiving facility. Approval of this request will allow DCF and its community partners the authority to provide immediate access to emergency psychiatric services for persons in need of care according to a comprehensive and successful local transportation exception plan.

The plan is congruent with meeting the conditions of Chapter 394.462 Florida Statutes in order for the secretary of DCF to grant the exception, specifically:

1. An arrangement centralizing and improving the provisions of services within a district, which may include an exception to the requirement for transportation to the nearest receiving facility;
2. An arrangement by which a facility may provide, in addition to required psychiatric services, an environment and services which are uniquely tailored to the need of an identified group of persons with special needs, such as persons with hearing impairments or visual impairments, or elderly persons with physical frailties; or
3. A specialized transportation system that provides an efficient and humane method of transporting patients to receiving facilities and treatment facilities.

BACKGROUND: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & PROBLEM SOLVING

In January 2008 Osceola County received a Reinvestment Planning grant to develop a plan to more appropriately provide treatment for individuals which would reduce the impact on the criminal justice system in Osceola County. The Planning Committee was Chaired by Commissioner Paul Owen.

In January 2009 the plan was placed under the oversight of the Public Safety Coordinating Council for Osceola County, Chaired by the Honorable Judge Belvin Perry.

One of the key goals of the plan was to create a Central Receiving facility in Osceola County to provide timely access to appropriate services.

Desired Outcome: To provide a centralized facility to provide appropriate and timely services to Osceola residents for MH/SA assessments, referrals and services.

Measurements:

- To divert from jail those defined as the target population
- To see a reduction in time spent by law enforcement transporting individuals for assessments and immediate placement
- To see a reduction in cost of jail beds
- To see an increase in the number of “days in the community” for the target population
- To see an increase in number of days between arrests for the target population

Strategies:

- Complete minor renovations and new construction at Park Place Behavioral Health Care to create a Central Receiving Center by September 2014
- Establish Communication Plan prior to opening to include:
 - Law enforcement
 - Community stakeholders
 - Media
- Establish key measure to track the use, cost and benefit of maintaining the CRC facility
- Monitor and evaluate the results of measures for continuous improvement and feedback. Audit and report results at the end of six months and one year
- Establish accountability system for reporting the results

The Public Safety Coordinating Council will serve as the Governing Board for the Central Receiving Center.

The Central Receiving Center Governing Board will support the key principles of the project and encourages a co-location/integration of services (e.g, medical screening and triage, substance abuse services, and mental health services, to include Baker Act and Marchman Act evaluations) at one location. Co-locating services maximizes existing resources, reduces and/or eliminates duplication of services, and ensures a seamless system of care for the individual in crisis and their families.

The Central Receiving Center serves as a central point for assessment services for individuals who are presented by law enforcement, and ensures that law enforcement officers have a more appropriate location to take individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders for assessment.

In effort to improve the condition and integration of mental health and substance abuse treatment in Osceola County, the Central Receiving Center Governing Board will actively examine how the system as a whole can better deliver services to persons with dual disorders. The goal is to properly assess the person at the “front door” of the system and engage them in treatment appropriate to identify needs. The Central Receiving

Center Governing Board will implement co-occurring services across the county and providers will work together to meet the needs of these individuals.

Additionally, co-location of services lessens the amount of time it takes to get an individual assessed and medically screened, allowing law enforcement officers to return the road more quickly. There are several "single point" models that can be found in Hillsborough County and Orange County, Florida, Memphis, Tennessee and others nationally. Waiting for a medical screening can delay law enforcement officers at the Emergency Room for as much as three or four hours at a time. The Central Receiving Center model has proven to return law enforcement officers back to the street in a matter of minutes, increasing public safety.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Improve the centralized system of transportation, intake, comprehensive assessment and provide immediate access to emergency behavioral healthcare services for adult citizens of Osceola County.
 2. Provide an efficient and effective use of existing resources.
 3. Reduce/eliminate duplication of services.
 4. Reduce the burden on the Central Booking Unit of the Osceola County Jail by diverting individuals charged with minor offenses and who have been identified with substance use and/or mental health disorders.
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5. Reduce the over-population crisis in community emergency rooms by diverting individuals with psychiatric conditions from hospital emergency rooms and update medical screening policies as necessary.
 6. Provide a range of acute care services that would treat persons in the least restrictive setting in the community.
 7. Enhance the system to serve persons with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
 8. Provide specialized services to adult and elderly that are homeless and may have misdemeanor charges.
 9. Expedite the assessment and medical screening process to allow law enforcement to return more quickly to the road thereby increasing public safety.
 10. Provide a dignified, humane and streamlined method of transportation to and among acute care facilities, and reduce the demand on law enforcement for Baker Act transports.

11. Reduce the liability for law enforcement officers making decisions regarding treatment needs through enhanced and expanded Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. This training ensures that law enforcement officers are able to appropriately handle the large number of persons they encounter with mental health issues and/or substance use disorders and assist them in making appropriate decisions while in the field.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN:

The Central Receiving Center concept is an integrated system-of-care involving the jail system, court system, law enforcement, hospitals, emergency rooms, and mental health and substance abuse providers that will provide immediate access to emergency behavioral health services and reduce the strain on limited and extremely valuable community resources.

By implementing a Centralized Receiving Center, our community utilizes effective and efficiently very limited but valuable resources.

Park Place Behavioral Health Care will have completed renovations by September 2014 to be in a position to open the Central Receiving Center.

CRC and LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (LEO):

The Central Receiving Center serves as a central point for assessment services for adult citizens of Osceola County who are presented by law enforcement on Baker Act, Marchman Act, Exparte, and/or Voluntary Status. The Central Receiving Center is located at 206 Park Place Blvd., Kissimmee, FL 34741 under the license and receiving facility designation of Park Place Behavioral Health Care. This facility currently has a 30 bed Crisis Stabilization unit and will expand to 46 beds in August 2015.

If there is a medical condition requiring immediate medical care, individuals are transported directly to the nearest hospital emergency room where the person will be treated and assessed for further disposition. Although the plan is designed for enhanced medical triage and evaluation, this facility will not replace treatment of emergency rooms or be licensed as a general hospital.

A staff of trained clinicians in the mental health and substance abuse field conduct all assessments on an integrated SA/MH Assessment Tool at the Central Receiving Center. These professionals play an essential role in coordinating services and make appropriate referrals to the proper treatment facility that is capable of serving the needs of the individual. The Central Receiving Center staff take into consideration individual choice when making a determination of which facility to refer.

WALK-INS AND PHONE TRIAGE:

As a Designated Receiving Facility, walk-ins, are accepted at the Access Center which is co-located adjacent to the Central Receiving Center however, the Central Receiving Center is open strictly for the use of law enforcement. The establishment of the Central Receiving Center has impacted the overall volume of Baker Act and Marchman Act clients as Law Enforcement uses this option in lieu of arrests.

ANCILLARY SERVICES:

Outpatient and aftercare services are available to work with individuals with substance use disorders, mental health disorders, as well as co-occurring disorders. The co-location of these ancillary services at Park Place's main campus and its' offsite campus serves to further expand the continuum of care. A program that addresses the various disorders and integrates the system of care has been a proven model with this population.

Targeted and Intensive Case Management can positively impact recurrence of decompensation and return to jail or inpatient care.

Psychotropic Medication Management is a component that has been enhanced at this location. There is a need to ensure medication clinics are available to encourage compliance with medication and reduce recidivism to jail and/or to other more intensive high-end treatment.

Supportive and affordable housing is another component that is very important to the recovery phase of the disorders being treated. The homeless population represents a large percentage of the indigent population struggling with mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders. Transitional Housing is available for this population at Park Places offsite campus.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

The ultimate accountability lies statutorily with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families Circuit 9 Program offices as the State "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Authority." The State of Florida Mental Health and Substance Abuse System is a community-based system and most direct services are contracted with providers through a managing entity. The DCF/SAMH Office is responsible for:

- Continuing system oversight and contract management
- Monitoring the Transportation Exception Plan in accordance with the Baker Act
- Safeguarding that individuals' rights are protected under contract
- Recommending and Monitoring of the Designation of Public and Private Baker Act Receiving Facilities
- DCF/SAMH annual evaluation of the quality of services through contract review

- Participate in the Governing Board of the Central Receiving Center
- Coordinate with Osceola County Government:
 - Resolving issues related to operation of the facility
 - Assist with resolving disputes and grievances

OVERSIGHT:

Osceola County Government contracts with Park Place Behavioral Health Care for operation of the CRC. The contract in place holds Park Place Behavioral Health Care accountable to the mission and Florida State Statutes regarding Baker Act Receiving Facility Procedures.

Osceola County Government along with the Central Receiving Center Board will ensure measurable and meaningful outcomes to verify the efficiency of the Central Receiving Center.

The County has appointed the Public Safety Coordinating Council as the Governing Board.

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT:

The publicly funded Baker Act system is targeted towards indigent persons who are in need of emergency care and ongoing treatment. Approximately 33% of Park Place's Crisis Stabilization beds are funded by the State for these indigent persons. Individuals with commercial insurance plans or managed care coverage will be admitted only to Park Place's non funded beds, and the funded beds will be reserved for the indigent persons only.

If a person presents himself/herself to the Central Receiving Center or is brought by law enforcement, and it is clear that a particular hospital or facility is the client's preferred health insurance provider, then the person will be referred to that facility for treatment.

Persons who are eligible Medicaid and/or Medicare are considered funded clients when they present for Baker Act services, and will generally be referred to a Private Receiving Facility for continued care. This will be done to ensure that Medicaid recipients are not utilizing limited bed capacity if the system is under heavy demand for indigent care services. However, as specified under Florida Administrative Code and in Florida State Contract with the Public Receiving Facility, Medicaid recipients [as an indigent client] may use publicly funded beds in order to ensure timely access to treatment and ensure quality care.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: CENTRALIZED SYSTEM

The Osceola Transportation Exception Plan specifically requests authority to transport persons in need of mental health services under the Baker Act to a centralized assessment location rather than the "nearest receiving facility". In the case of Osceola County it will

be the Central Receiving Center, located at 206 Park Place Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34741. The actual location is easily accessible by law enforcement, emergency medical transportation services and the public.

Therefore, the way the system works is that most involuntary referrals and admissions under the Baker Act to the Central Receiving Center are transported directly to the facility rather than to a hospital emergency room or other Baker Act receiving facility. This reduces the time law enforcement personnel have to spend to get someone to appropriate mental health care and enables police to be back on street patrol. This central assessment process eliminates the need for a second transfer if the person went to the wrong hospital for psychiatric treatment in the first place. It should be noted that although there is a central intake unit, there are multiple “points of entry” into the system, such as outpatient and provider based settings.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM:

Central Receiving Center has transportation services readily available pursuant to Florida State Statute 394.462(1). Osceola County Government contracts with Park Place Behavioral Health Care (the Community Mental Health Center for Osceola County and publicly funded Receiving Facility). Park Place Behavioral Health Care provides transportation services from the Central Receiving Center to the treatment facility as they have the means and ability to provide dignified and safe transportation to persons experiencing a crisis in their lives; that may be a “danger to themselves or others” or are “self-neglectful”.

Law enforcement will remain responsible for all involuntary transports to the Central Receiving Center; however, upon arrival at the Central Receiving Center, Park Place Behavioral Health Care, will provide further transfer for continued care needs.

Park Place Behavioral Health Care, will transport from the Central Receiving Center to the treatment facility designated by the Central Receiving Center for continued care, and may transport to the nearest area hospital when there is evidence that medical care is necessary. Ambulances should still be used for urgent or emergent care, as necessary. Park Place Behavioral Health Care provides Medicaid transportation and currently contracts with LYNX.

MEDICAL CLEARANCE:

There are “Community Standards for Medical Clearance.” These community guidelines are used among psychiatrists, mental health professionals, and emergency room physicians. It is an essential part of the day-to-day operations in the Baker Act system to ensure that persons who are assessed to need medical care are treated for high-risk physical health care conditions either at an emergency department or health care facility. Once a person is “medically cleared” it is understood and acknowledged that the person will be transferred to the Central Receiving Center. In the event a person arrives at an emergency room, it is still the expectation that the hospital will abide by Federal

Medicare Guidelines Section 1867, (COBRA) Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions (and women in labor-EMTALA) to screen, examine, stabilize, treat and transfer individuals appropriately. In turn the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) works with the emergency room to coordinate the ongoing care of the individual, whether it is an outpatient discharge, referral or inpatient treatment. This system has worked well and a significant amount of trust between mental health providers and hospitals has been built in order to provide access to care for persons in need of crisis stabilization or health related symptom reduction.

INDIVIDUAL AND/OR FAMILY CHOICE:

The publicly funded Baker Act system is targeted towards persons who are in need of emergency care and ongoing treatment.

Mental Health professionals in Osceola County are sensitive to individual or family provider choices. If a person presents himself or herself to the Central Receiving Center, or law enforcement and it is clear that a particular hospital or facility is the clients' preferred health insurance provider, the person may be transported directly to that facility under this plan. Obviously, clinical and public safety circumstances must be assessed in the process.

After a person is assessed at the Central Receiving Center and deemed to be in need of inpatient psychiatric care, he or she is usually transported directly to the hospital facility where their insurance benefits will cover the cost of care and transportation if they need that level of inpatient care.

The Central Receiving Center personnel will interface with the all Osceola County law enforcement agencies in the coordination of assessments and transportation to the Central Receiving Center, Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, and Florida Highway Patrol. These relationships are also an important element of natural disaster preparedness and crisis planning.

MEDICAID/MEDICARE RECIPIENTS:

Persons who are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare are considered funded clients when they present themselves for Baker Act Services. With the exception of Medicaid recipients who have both Medicaid and Medicare, most eligible Medicaid recipients receive their mental health benefits on a fee for service basis from a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). Per Baker Act statute, an accepting provider is responsible for transportation if the client has a funding source.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT):

The Central Receiving Center Team in collaboration with the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, the City Police Departments, Community Partners, persons, and families receiving services has implemented a Crisis Intervention Team involving multiple law

enforcement agencies in Osceola County. Besides advanced training on the Baker Act and how to intervene with persons with mental illness, law enforcement personnel receive continuing education on the Transportation Exception Plan.

CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS: MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE RELATED DISORDERS:

In an effort to improve the coordination and integration of mental health and substance abuse treatment in Osceola County several committees are examining how the system as a whole can better deliver services to persons with dual disorders. Professional judgments are used everyday on whether these persons fall under the Baker Act (Mental Health) or Marchman Act (Substance Abuse). The goal is to appropriately assess the person at the “front door” of the system and engage them in treatment. Providers work together to meet the needs of these individuals. The community has achieved consensus to implement co-occurring services across the county. Crisis Stabilization services and detoxification services play essential roles in coordinating and ensuring that persons are transported to an appropriate facility that is capable of serving persons with co-occurring disorders.

DOMAINS OF PERFORMANCE AFFECTED:

The Public Safety Coordinating Council, in its effort to continually improve the system, has identified several areas of performance that are applicable to delivering acute care services in Osceola County. The goal of “taking the system to a new level” is directly related to improving the quality of care for those persons served. The following domains of performance are driving factors and community standards in achieving excellence:

- Immediate access and availability for psychiatric acute care services
- Improvement of clinical assessments at the “front door”
- Linking and providing timely aftercare services (case management)
- Monitoring appropriate lengths of stay relative to the needs of the clients
- Reviewing Medical Clearance Policies with emergency rooms and hospitals
- Assessing the need for current and future treatment capacity
- Development of pre/post booking jail diversions
- Contractual accountability with state and county government
- Demonstrated cost savings to the community, hospitals and law enforcement
- Enhancing community partnerships

SYSTEM CAPACITY:

The Central Receiving Center System of Care is designed to include a full array to acute care services that are flexible enough to change with new statutes, rules, financing options and, most importantly, individual needs and rights. As planned, the Central Receiving Center is a combination of crisis services for adult individuals who meet the Baker Act and Marchman Act, Public and Private Baker Act Receiving Facilities (beds), medical screening and triage services, behavioral assessment and evaluation, continuing

behavioral health care services, and transportation. The following resources are available to this system of care:

Central Receiving Center- These are non-residential acute care services available 24 hours a day and seven days a week to intervene in a crisis or provide emergency care, assessment, and referral.

30 Bed Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) operated by Park Place Behavioral Health Care at 206 Park Place Blvd., Kissimmee, FL 34741: A state licensed, publicly funded, designated receiving facility providing secure residential acute care 24 hours-a-day and seven days-a-week to provide brief, intensive mental health stabilization services. These services meet the needs of individuals, 18 years-of-age and above, who are experiencing an acute crisis and who, in the absence of a suitable alternative would require hospitalization.

10 Bed Adult Detoxification Unit and Marchman Act: Receiving facility operated by Park Place Behavioral Health Care at 206 Park Place Blvd., Kissimmee, FL 34741.

16 Bed Short Residential Program (Level 1): For clients with substance addictions located at 206 Park Place Blvd, Kissimmee, FL, 34741.

10 Bed Long Term Residential Program: For Substance Abuse clients that require long term treatment up to one year, located at 511 Dillingham Avenue, Kissimmee, FL. 34741

20 Bed Fellowship House Re-Entry Program: For adult men with a mental illness who've experienced criminal justice involvement; located at 880 Martin Luther King Blvd, Kissimmee, FL. 34741

10 Bed Community Housing: Affordable housing for mentally ill clients who are ready for independent living at 511 N. Dillingham Avenue, Kissimmee, FL. 34741

20 Bed Low Demand Shelter: To provide short term residential care, located at 505 Martin Luther King Blvd., Kissimmee, FL. (To be opened in October 2014).

Environment and Detoxification Program utilizing medical and clinical procedures to assist adults with substance abuse problems in their effort to withdraw from the psychological and psychological effects of substance use or abuse. Although substance abuse services are part of the Marchman Act (FS Statute 396), they are an important part of the larger Baker Act system that addresses persons with co-occurring disorders and coordination of care for persons who need detoxification and aftercare for substance use or abuse.

16 Bed Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CCSU) operated by Park Place Behavioral Health Care at 206 Park Place Blvd., Kissimmee, FL, 34741: A state licensed, publicly funded, designated receiving facility providing secure residential acute

care 24 hours-a-day and seven days-a week to provide brief, intensive mental health stabilization services.

These services meet the needs of individuals, 17 years-of-age and below, who are experiencing an acute crisis and who, in the absence of a suitable alternative, would require hospitalization.

SUMMARY:

The Central Receiving Center offers **our county** a seamless system of care, for individuals who come in contact with law enforcement that could better be served in a treatment milieu rather than jail. In one location, services needed can be offered to these individuals with substance use disorders and mental health disorders. This community has struggled with jail overcrowding. **The partners of the State Department of Children and Families, Circuit Nine, Osceola County Government, Park Place Behavioral Health Care, Homeless Services Network, Law Enforcement, and many other partners** have come together to make the planning for the Central Receiving Center a reality. In the end, the Central Receiving Center will save the Osceola County Jail costs for these individuals rotating through their system, easier decision making for Law Enforcement, less defensive medicine practice in the emergency departments of local hospitals, easing the costs of medical care for these individuals, and more continuity of care in the community. Other phases will be accomplished and future phases include legislative change for blended funding, an integrated crisis stabilization unit for co-occurring disorders, and a specialized adolescent unit for law enforcement to divert youth from arrest who exhibit substance use or mental health disorders.



ST. CLOUD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pete Gauntlett, Chief of Police

Mr. Mike Carroll
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Department of Children and Families
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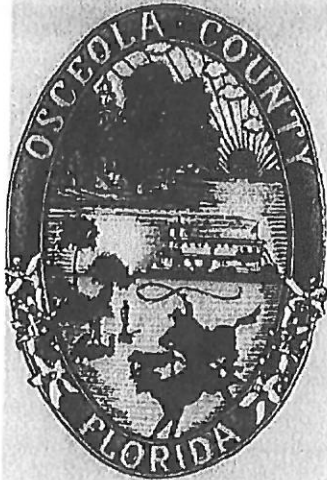
St. Cloud Police Department will support this program through ongoing referral and collaboration. Ensuring the wellbeing of all of the citizens is important, and improving access to behavioral health care for most vulnerable populations is critical.

If you should have any question about our support or need for this critical program in this areas, please do not hesitate to contact me .

Sincerely ,

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Pete Gauntlett, Chief of police



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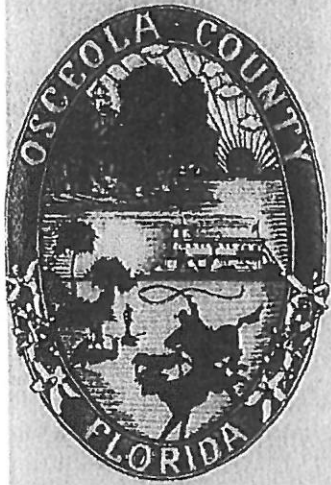
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In addition, I support the use of Public Health and Safety Coordinating Council as the oversight committee for the CRC. The diverse membership and shared commitment to the community of this group will enable the CRC to thrive.

The Osceola County Corrections Department will support this program through ongoing referral and collaboration. Ensuring the wellbeing of all citizens is important, and improving access to behavioral health care for our most vulnerable populations is critical.



If you should have any questions about our support or need for this critical program in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Johnson".

Sherry Johnson,
Chief

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Mike Carroll
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By having a CRC in Osceola County First Responders will no longer have to try to determine where a client should be taken to receive care for mental health and/or substance abuse needs. They will be able to rely on the expertise of the staff at Park Place to provide the services that best fits the client's needs.

In addition, I support the use of the Public Health and Safety Coordinating Council as the oversight committee for the CRC. The diverse membership and shared commitment to the community of this group will enable the CRC to thrive.

The Kissimmee Police Department will support this program through ongoing referral and collaboration. Ensuring the wellbeing of all the citizens is important, and improving access to behavioral health care for some of our most vulnerable population is critical.

If you should have any questions about our support or need for this critical program in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully;

Lee Massie, Chief of Police
City of Kissimmee Police Department

RESOLUTION 14-096R

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCEPTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners previously adopted Resolution 03-32R designating the Osceola County Sheriff's Office as the law enforcement agency able to perform the duties anticipated by Ch. 394.462, Fla. Stat.;

WHEREAS, F.S. 394.462 allows for an exception to the requirement for transportation to the nearest receiving facility;

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Osceola County has submitted the Osceola County Transportation Exception Plan "Acute Care Plan" 2014-2019 to the Department of Children and Families Circuit 9 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office for approval by the Secretary of the Department to grant an exception to the requirement that law enforcement transport individuals meeting criteria under Ch. 394 ("Baker Act") to the nearest receiving facility and to approve Osceola Mental Health, Inc., dba Park Place Behavioral Health Care to serve as the Central Receiving Center (CRC) for Osceola County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that approval of the proposed exception would serve to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Osceola County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1 **Approval of Proposal for an Exception**

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves for submission to the Secretary of the Department the proposal for an exception to the requirement for transportation to the nearest receiving facility and to approve Osceola Mental Health, Inc., dba Park Place Behavioral Health Care to serve as the Central Receiving Center (CRC) for Osceola County.

Section 2 **Severability**

If any portion of this Resolution is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution. If this Resolution or any provision thereof shall be held to be inapplicable to any person, property or circumstances, such holding shall not affect its applicability to any other person, property or circumstances.

Section 3 Conflict

Any resolution, or part thereof, in conflict with this Resolution, or any part hereof, is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4 Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

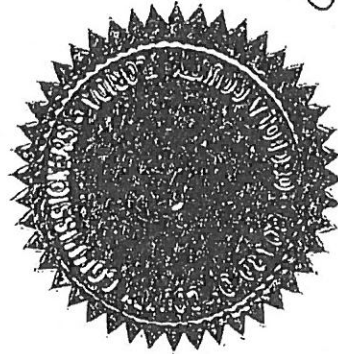
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Chairman/Vice Chairman

ATTEST:
OSCEOLA COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: [Signature]
Clerk/ Deputy Clerk of the Board

As authorized for execution at the Board of
County Commissioners meeting of:

10-13-14
Resolution #14-096R



OSCEOLA COUNTY

Commission Chambers
1 Courthouse Square, Suite 4100
Kissimmee, Florida, 34741
www.osceola.org

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Frank Attkisson, Commissioner



Don Fisher, County Manager
Andrew Mai, County Attorney
Horace Nwachukwu, Commission Auditor

REGULAR MEETING – 10/13/2014 - 1:30 PM

Agenda

Invocation by Senior Minister Jim Book, of First Christian Church, Kissimmee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

The Commission will approve an agenda which sets the order of the meeting. This approval could include an addendum representing new items, additions, corrections, and/or deletions of existing items as submitted by the Clerk of the Board.

Proclamations/Recognition

Proclamations

1. Adoption of a Proclamation declaring October 13, 2014, as James Jimmy Lueck Day, in Osceola County, Florida.
2. Adoption of a Proclamation declaring October 2014, as Mercury Marine Month, in Osceola County, Florida.

Hear the Audience

Citizens wishing to address any item on the agenda during this portion of the meeting should complete a Request to Speak form and submit it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the commencement of the meeting. These forms are available from County Staff. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Commissioners will not vote on any item during this portion of the meeting, but at their discretion issues can be placed on the agenda for a vote at a later time.

Presentations – NO ITEMS

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is a technique designed to expedite the handling of routine and miscellaneous business of the County Commission. The County Commission in one motion may adopt the entire Consent Agenda. The motion for adoption is non-debatable and must receive unanimous approval. By request of any Board Member, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

County Administration

3. Adoption of Resolution #14-096R, which approves a proposed exception to the statutory requirement to transport Baker Act patients to the nearest receiving facility and to designate Park Place Behavioral Healthcare as a Central Receiving Facility for the Baker Act patients.

Department of Economic Development

4. Approval and authorization for the Chairman/Vice Chairman to sign the agreement for professional services with Alcalde and Fay, Limited, for Federal lobbying services effective October 01, 2014, to September 30, 2015.

Community Development Administration

5. Acceptance and authorization for the Chairman/Vice Chairman to sign the Warranty Deed from Boggy Creek Narcoossee, LLC, for .36 acre of right-of-way adjacent to the northerly right-of-way line of Boggy Creek Road.
6. Approval and authorization for the Chairman/Vice Chairman to sign the plat of FS14-00032, Compass Bay, Unit Four.
7. Approval and authorization for the Chairman/Vice Chairman to sign the Annexation of Small Enclaves Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Cloud to facilitate an expedited annexation of 84 enclaves (536 properties) of 10 acres or less located within the Joint Planning Area into the City of St. Cloud.
8. Approval of the request by the property owner for a reduction of the Code Enforcement Lien recorded against the property located at 1745 South John Young Parkway, from the amount of \$35,000 to \$1,394, which is adequate to cover the expenses of the County, payable within 90 days as was recommended by the Code Enforcement Board. The owner of said property at the time of the lien was Freeman Properties, LLC. Said Lien is recorded in Official Records Book 4661, Pages 1582 through 1584.



Sheriff Robert E. "Bob" Hansell

OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Mr. Mike Carroll
Secretary
Department of Children and Families
1317 Winewood Boulevard
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0700

Dear Mr. Carroll,

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In addition, I support the use of the Public Health and Safety Coordinating Council as the oversight committee for the CRC. The diverse membership and shared commitment to the community of this group will enable the CRC to thrive.

The Osceola County Sheriff's Office will support this program through ongoing referral and collaboration. Ensuring the wellbeing of all of the citizens is important, and improving access to behavioral health care for our most vulnerable populations is critical.

If you should have any questions about our support or need for this critical program in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Hansell, Sheriff





ST. CLOUD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pete Gauntlett, Chief of Police

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Sincerely ,

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Pete Gauntlett, Chief of police



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*Corrections
Department*

*Sherry Johnson,
Chief*

*Nancy DeFerrari,
Deputy Chief*

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July 15, 2014

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In addition, I support the use of Public Health and Safety Coordinating Council as the oversight committee for the CRC. The diverse membership and shared commitment to the community of this group will enable the CRC to thrive.

The Osceola County Corrections Department will support this program through ongoing referral and collaboration. Ensuring the wellbeing of all citizens is important, and improving access to behavioral health care for our most vulnerable populations is critical.



If you should have any questions about our support or need for this critical program in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Sherry Johnson,
Chief

Mike Carroll
Secretary
Department of Children and Families
1317 Winewood Blvd.
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0700

Mr. Carroll,

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By having a CRC in Osceola County First Responders will no longer have to try to determine where a client should be taken to receive care for mental health and/or substance abuse needs. They will be able to rely on the expertise of the staff at Park Place to provide the services that best fits the client's needs.

In addition, I support the use of the Public Health and Safety Coordinating Council as the oversight committee for the CRC. The diverse membership and shared commitment to the community of this group will enable the CRC to thrive.

The Kissimmee Police Department will support this program through ongoing referral and collaboration. Ensuring the wellbeing of all the citizens is important, and improving access to behavioral health care for some of our most vulnerable population is critical.

If you should have any questions about our support or need for this critical program in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully;

Lee Massie, Chief of Police
City of Kissimmee Police Department



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April 2, 2015

Mr. Don Fisher
Osceola County Manager
1 Courthouse Square
Kissimmee, FL 34742


Dear Mr. Fisher:

We are pleased to see that Osceola County has received a Transportation Exception from the Department of Children and Families which will allow Park Place Behavioral Health Care to move forward with its plan to develop a Central Receiving Center for Osceola County.

We fully support Park Place's 1.4 million dollar program to renovate its existing building and add a 9,000 square foot addition to accommodate the CRC operation. We believe that Osceola County will see positive results in reducing jail populations and increased efficiency in handling Law Enforcement Baker Act and Marchment Act admissions.

Florida Hospital has been a longtime supporter of the Central Receiving Center in Orange County. This CRC opened 11 years ago and is a best practice model not only for the State of Florida, but also for the nation. It is estimated that this has resulted in a savings for the taxpayers of 173,000 jail bed days and saving Law Enforcement officers a tremendous amount of processing time. It is our hope that Osceola County will experience similar results with their new Central Receiving Center.

Sincerely,



Michael Griffin
Vice President of Public Affairs

The Public Safety Coordinating Council met in regular session, on Thursday, May 08, 2014, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room #4727, in the Courthouse-Complex, Kissimmee, Florida.

This being a properly noticed meeting with all members having been notified, there were present:

VOTING MEMBERS

Honorable Belvin Perry, Chief Judge, Chairman
Honorable Frank Attkisson, County Commissioner
Honorable Jon Morgan, Circuit Judge
Honorable Stefania Jancewicz, County Judge
Chief Deputy Dave Sklarek, Osceola Sheriff's Office, absent
Chief Sherry Johnson, Osceola County Corrections Department
Ms. Celestia McCloud, Director, Osceola County Human Services
Mr. Tom Griffin, Transition House
Mr. Tom Magorrian, Florida Department of Corrections - Probation
Chief Peter Gauntlett, St. Cloud Police Department
Ms. Allison Chapman, Inmate Services Manager, Corrections
Ms. Shelly Watson, National Alliance on Mental Illness Osceola, absent
Ms. Joanne Turner, Turning Point Counseling
Honorable Mark Blechman, Circuit Judge
Mr. James Shanks, Park Place Behavioral Health

ATTENDEES

Mr. Tom Phelps, Osceola School District
Mr. Joe O'Dell, Clerk of the Circuit Court Office
Ms. Catherine Conlon, Public Defender's Office
Mr. Andrew Mai, County Attorney
Deputy Chief Nancy DeFerrari, Osceola County Corrections Department
Ms. Beth Knight, Deputy County Manager
Mr. Richard Van Natta, Information Technology
Ms. Kelly Gallman, Court Administration
Ms. Desha Hernandez, Court Administration
Mr. J. R. Denman, Court Administration
Ms. Rosa Castillo, Information Technology
Ms. Diana M. Wallis, Deputy Clerk of the Board

The meeting was called to order by Honorable Belvin Perry, Chief Judge, Chairman, at 12:10 p.m., and a verbal roll call was taken.

3a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
00:01:36

Judge Perry instructed the members to review the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) minutes of the May 16, 2013, regular meeting; the July 30, 2013, Triage Center Stakeholder Committee meeting; and the February 13, 2014, regular PSCC meeting.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Attkisson and SECONDED by Chief Johnson that the PSCC approve the minutes of the May 16, 2013, regular meeting; July 30, 2013, Triage Center Stakeholder Committee meeting; and the February 13, 2014, PSCC meeting, as presented. Judge Perry clarified the MOTION to be: subject to clarification, approval of the February 13, 2014, PSCC meeting minutes. MOTION carried.

3b. PSCC CONSULTANT
00:02:13

Ms. Beth Knight, Deputy County Manager, reported the consultant, Dr. Robert Porter, Management Insights Incorporated, will begin work in the next 15 to 30 days; with a scope of work to be provided via electronic mail, and a follow up to ensure adherence to the Strategic Plan.

3c. E WARRANTS
00:03:20

Mr. J. R. Denman, Court Administration, related the scope of the ewarrants Project was to allow law enforcement officers to complete warrants electronically; the warrant is then forwarded to a Judge for signature; and the Judge opens the warrant electronically on a hand-held device. He stated challenges included procuring an application which was easy to use and not costly; and an application that is compatible with Apple products was located, installed, and tested. He conveyed the Sheriff's Office has been instrumental in testing, and has processed ten successful warrants; and policies and procedures are being developed. He explained work is under way to bring the Kissimmee and St. Cloud Police Departments on line.

Judge Perry reflected the ability to transmit warrants electronically is a valuable time saver for law enforcement personnel.

Judge Jancewicz related her experience with ewarrants on the iPad. She pointed out the process is very user friendly; travel time is eliminated; and search warrants are issued immediately. She commented on the time efficiency of the entire process.

Judge Perry pointed out the Public Safety Coordinating Council was instrumental in

bringing about the legislation which made the ewarrants possible.

3d. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE
00:07:55

Mr. Richard Van Natta, County Information Technology Director, reported the final interface with the Clerk of the Court's system is operational; data entry has been completed; testing is underway and phase one is completed; and the technology subcommittee will be convening for a series of meetings and planning sessions to determine phase two needs, prior to the next Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting.

4a. JAIL STATISTICS
00:09:03

Ms. Allison Chapman, Inmate Services Manager, related the April 2014 jail statistics reflect an 8.6% increase from April 2013; such is attributed to a number of factors, including a 6% increase in arrests in January 2014, and a 5% increase in arrests in March 2014; and 111 arrests are the result of a Zero Tolerance Operation conducted by the Sheriff's Office. She continued monthly bookings decreased 4.7% from April 2013, to April 2014; the current population consists of 14% female, 86% male, and 28% of the current population are recidivists to Osceola County only. She detailed the pretrial release statistics and noted the 71 clients in the program represents an increase of 46% over last year, and is attributed to use of the risk assessment.

4b. CENTRAL RECEIVING CENTER
00:10:35

Mr. Jim Shanks, Park Place Behavioral Healthcare, informed he is looking forward to working with Dr. Robert Porter, Management Insights Incorporated, the consultant on the Strategic Plan. He reminded the Strategic Plan was completed approximately four years ago, with funds from a reinvestment grant; the County hired a facilitator; and 11 Strategic Plan goals were identified, two of which were assigned to him to fulfill, being to reopen the Detoxification Center at Park Place and development of the Central Receiving Center (CRC). He informed the Detoxification Center has reopened, and is licensed for 10 beds. He reflected the CRC was always a goal; a presentation was made to the Board of County Commissioners; and the projected cost at that time was \$1,400,000; however, there were no County funds available for the project. He informed funds from the recent sale of the Sunnyside Children's Home property will be addressed to this project. He conveyed a preliminary drawing of the proposed expansion at Park Place was approved recently by the Board of Directors; the plan includes a new adult crisis unit, with a total of 36 beds, six of which will be holding beds; and beds for children will be increased from eight to 14. He explained in order to meet requirements as a CRC, there must an entrance for Law Enforcement, separate from other referrals; and such has been accomplished with

modifications to the existing building.

Mr. Shanks continued the funds are available and Park Place will be receiving bids soon for the project. He believed the plan will be an excellent addition of services for Park Place and the County; completion is anticipated within one year; with options to begin immediately on an interim basis by utilizing beds which were previously leased to a clinical trial company. He noted Carolann Duncan, Department of Children and Families, will provide assistance in the application for the CRC; and an advisory board will be needed.

Mr. Shanks responded to a question raised about powdered alcohol, a new substance which is becoming available; there is the potential for an increase in alcohol poisonings; Park Place does not receive State funding for detoxification like other County agencies; and funding needs to be more fairly distributed.

In response to Judge Jancewicz, Mr. Shanks stated an endorsement from the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) to move forward with the CRC would be helpful.

A MOTION was made by Judge Morgan and SECONDED by Commissioner Attkisson that the PSCC endorse the CRC Project as planned to be located at the Park Place Behavioral Healthcare facility. MOTION carried.

Judge Perry commented Senator Andy Gardiner has been instrumental in obtaining a \$3,000,000 appropriation for the Orange County CRC, \$2,500,000 in recurring funds, and \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds. He stated Senator Gardiner understands the issue; and a meeting with Senator Gardiner during the summer months could be beneficial.

4c. TRIAGE CENTER/DIVERSION UPDATE
00:25:25

Commissioner Attkisson commented the Triage Center will provide a valuable tool for law enforcement. He related over the past six to eight months the Triage Stakeholders Committee has held meetings. He suggested the development of an independent governing board. He stated he and Deputy County Manager, Ms. Beth Knight, have visited with the Chief Executive Officers of the various hospitals. He commented on the benefits of the Triage Center to the hospitals, and the possibility of private funding. He pointed out there is \$400,000 in the budget for the Triage Center.

5. ROUNDTABLE
00:32:45

Judge Perry related a recent case of a warrant being issued in a violation of probation case; whereby, a defendant, placed on probation over ten years ago, was located in Washington State; the defendant was being transported along with several other prisoners via a private

transportation service, when he became ill and was taken to a hospital emergency room. He stated due to private transportation being utilized, none of the local corrections facilities could take the prisoners and house them overnight; and private arrangements were made, incurring a cost of approximately \$20,000. He conveyed the warrant was subsequently dismissed. He reflected a review of all outstanding warrants will be undertaken, with intelligent decisions made to determine whether persons will be extradited. He pointed out there are presently in excess of 35,000 active warrants; Judge Morgan has been asked to conduct a review; and in some cases the statute of limitations has run out in terms of prosecution.

The Public Safety Coordinating Council discussed the importance to review underlying facts when considering extradition requests; and the Office of the State Attorney also conducts periodic reviews.

Commissioner Attkisson commented on a letter he received, relating the positive effect of the drug court system on the life of an individual.

6. ADJOURNMENT
00:41:58

The PSCC adjourned subject to call at 12:52 p.m.

OSCEOLA COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Diana M. Wallis, Deputy Clerk

/dmw



State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

Rick Scott
Governor

Mike Carroll
Secretary

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2015
TO: William S. D'Aiuto, Regional Managing Director - Central Region
FROM: Ute Gazioch, Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health *UG*
SUBJECT: Baker Act Transportation Exception Request for Osceola County
2015-2020

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Under the Osceola County exception plan, persons may be transported to a central intake receiving facility, rather than the nearest receiving facility, in accordance with the plan.

The continued initiative and cooperation demonstrated by the Central Region DCF staff, law enforcement, governmental entities, and service providers in developing this Baker Act transportation exception plan is evidence of your commitment to continued quality delivery of acute care services. Please continue to monitor the implementation of this exception plan to assure the sustained quality and continuity of all services being provided.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Delegation of Authority
to
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Directors**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 20.19, Florida Statutes, it is hereby delegated to the following:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Director
Substance Abuse, Mental Health & Child Welfare Integration Director
State Mental Health Treatment Facilities Director
Psychological Services Director

This specific delegation pertains only to staff, functions and, if applicable, offices assigned to these directors in Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

Management

To effectively manage Department resources for their office within Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

To authorize changes in organizational structure, functions, or programs, which occur wholly within one organizational unit reporting to their office within Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

To authorize implementation of operating policy and procedure documents in their office within Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

To act as public records custodian for records maintained by their office within Substance Abuse and Mental Health, in compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

To the extent applicable, designate public and private mental health receiving and treatment facilities pursuant to section 394.462, Florida Statutes.

To the extent applicable, approve exceptions to Baker Act transportation requirements pursuant to section 394.462, Florida Statutes.

Human Resources

To approve administrative leave for Career Service, Selected Exempt Service and Senior Management Service employees in specific emergency conditions, and to approve special compensatory leave credits for certain Career Service and Selected

Exempt Service employees who are required to work during such emergencies in accordance with CFOP 60-40, Chapter 8, Leave for Disasters and Other Emergency Conditions.

To approve payment of moving expenses for household goods and mobile homes in accordance with Section 60L-32.004, Prerequisites, F.A.C., and CFOP 60-09, Chapter 6, Payment of Moving Expenses. Requires approval by Chief of Staff.

Fiscal

To approve and execute contracts, and contract amendments, and approve procurement-related documents not requiring agency head certification under section 287.057(5) and section 287.058, Florida Statutes.

To approve and incur in-state blanket travel expenses for travel of subordinate employees of their office within Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

To certify, pursuant to section 7 of Chapter 99-241, Laws of Florida, and applicable appropriations proviso, that controls are in place to ensure that Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant funds and TANF maintenance-of-effort funds are expended in accordance with the requirements and limitations of federal law and that any reporting requirements of federal law are met.

Technology

To approve Information Resource Request (IRR) documents for the acquisition of Department approved information technology resources, in accordance with CFOP 50-9, Policy on Information Resource Requests.

Exceptions

The following exceptions to this authority require approval:

All non-competitive procurements for non-client services regardless of anticipated contract value must be approved by the Secretary. Contract signature authority after approval remains with the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

All procurements that result in a contract with an annual amount in excess of \$1 million must also be approved by the Chief of Staff or Deputy Secretary. Requires final approval by the Secretary.

All contract amendments in an annual amount in excess of \$1 million or that result in a total contract amount of \$1 million or more must also be approved by the Chief of Staff, or Deputy Secretary. Requires final approval by the Secretary.

Exercise of Authority

Exercise of this authority must comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and federally approved state plans.

All actions resulting from this delegation must be accomplished within available funds in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

This authority may be exercised by any person designated as a Director of Substance Abuse and Mental Health or acting in that capacity.

07/18/2014
Effective Date

/SIGNED COPY ON FILE/
Mike Carroll
Interim Secretary

To obtain a signature copy, please contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 488-2381.