TRANSPORTATION PLAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2025-2028

Seminole County Law Enforcement
South Seminole Hospital
University Behavioral Center
and
Aspire Health Partners

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to ensure the continued best interest of persons in need of public mental healthcare in Seminole County is served and ensure that individuals held on an involuntary Baker Act or Hal Marchman Act will obtain immediate access to acute care services.

Seminole County Law Enforcement (Altamonte Springs Police Department, Casselberry Police Department, Lake Mary Police Department, Longwood Police Department, Oviedo Police Department, Sanford Airport Police Department, Sanford Police Department, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, and the Winter Springs Police Department), along with the designated receiving facilities (Aspire Health Partners, South Seminole Hospital, and University Behavioral Center) agree that providing immediate access to acute care serves will reduce the need for inter-hospital transfers for psychiatric and addiction services.

Seminole County has an active Crisis Intervention Team, with a Coordinator at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. When possible, involuntary examinations initiated by law enforcement officers will be completed and transported by CIT trained Deputies and Officers.

Therefore it is agreed that:

 The law enforcement officer shall deliver each individual under involuntary examination status (Baker Act) to the most appropriate or nearest receiving facility. The most appropriate facility may be based on previous examinations and/or location of the individual's doctor or location that is in the best interest of the individual based on services provided. The designated receiving facilities for Seminole County are:

> Aspire Health Partners – 919 E. 2nd Street, Sanford South Seminole Hospital – 555 W. S.R. 434, Longwood University Behavioral Center – 2500 Discovery Drive, Orlando

- 2. Upon arrival at the receiving facility, the deputy or officer shall complete the required paperwork and then may leave the individual at the receiving facility with the appropriate receiving facility personnel. The law enforcement officer does not have to wait at a receiving facility for the person to be medically screened, treated, or to have their insurance verified.
- 3. The receiving facility must accept all law enforcement initiated involuntary examinations.
- 4. If there are no available beds, or it is determined that the person is in need of services from a different facility, not including medical, the appropriate staff at the receiving facility will arrange for appropriate transfer. If medical clearance is necessary at the time that law enforcement initiates the involuntary and brings the person for examination, then it will be the responsibility of the law enforcement officer to arrange transfer to the nearest appropriate medical facility.
- 5. If there is an accompanying medical issue and the individual is also in need of an involuntary examination, law enforcement shall follow their agency policy and EMS shall transport to the closest medical hospital.
- 6. The receiving facility will ensure that the individual receives the Mandatory Initial Involuntary Examination prior to release. If found to meet the criteria for admission, he/she will be admitted or transferred to another receiving facility. Otherwise, a qualified professional, as defined in F.S. 394.455(38), will release the individual with referrals to community services as appropriate.
- 7. Should the individual be in need of an involuntary examination under the Hal Marchman Act, the deputy or officer shall transport him/her to Aspire Health Partners (note: the use of this facility is dependent upon bed availability).
- 8. Regarding individuals with criminal or non-criminal charges in addition to the initiation of a Baker Act:
 - a. A law enforcement officer who has custody of an individual based on a non-criminal violation or arrested for a misdemeanor shall transport the individual to the receiving facility for examination, except in those instances that the deputy or officer feels that direct transport to the jail is appropriate based on the nature of the charges or criminal history of the individual. The deputy or officer will inform the receiving facility personnel of the pending charges and instruct them not to release the person except back to the law enforcement agency that brought the individual to the facility. A Pending Criminal Charges form will be provided to the

facility for each individual with appropriate release contact information. This form should also be completed in cases where the deputy or officer has completed the absentee booking process at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. This will ensure the arresting agency is made aware the subject can be transported to the correctional facility for booking post involuntary assessment.

b. A law enforcement officer who has arrested an individual for a felony shall book the individual into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility in the same manner as any other felony arrest. The law enforcement officer will notify a booking officer that a referral to the mental health team is necessary.

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GRANT MALOY Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida.

For the use and reliance of Seminole County only.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

County Attorney

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA-

By:

JAY ZEMBOWER, Chairman

Date:

As authorized for execution by the Board of County Commissioners at its

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