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Comments	Dear County Commissioners and Mr. Burton, Our families and loved ones across the county are struggling with mental illness and addictions and cannot get access to the services they need. They don't know where to go. In April 2019, Mr Burton stood in front of 2500 of us and committed to creating a central pathway by October , 2019. In May 2020 , we were excited to finally see the consultant's report and the suggestion for a coordinated access model. We heard this month that the proposed budget for next year would NOT include access model but would go toward creating a minimum data set. WE HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH. The CEO of the Crisis Center Tamp Bay recently said in an event with Governor DeSantis that a "behavioral tsnami" is coming this fall due to fallout from the COVID 19 crisis. We ask you to change your budget priorities for next year to create a coordinated access model . Much more is budgeted for the Sheriff Law enforcement budget and we need at least $1 million for mental health in our county because the suicide rate and addiction are increasing.
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