



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Behavioral Health Receiving System Plan and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan to support and facilitate access to the behavioral health receiving system for mental health and substance use.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the Behavioral Health Receiving System Plan (Receiving System Plan) and Behavioral Health Transportation Plan (Transportation Plan) documents the designated behavioral health receiving system in the county and the process for behavioral health transports within the system.

- Consistent with Chapter 394, Florida Statutes, the Receiving System Plan and Transportation Plan have been authored by the Pinellas County Acute Care Committee led by Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN) and are provided to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- Pursuant to legislative updates in 2016 (§394.493 transportation plan) and 2020 (§ 394.4573 receiving system) the County and CFBHN are required to document a designated receiving system and transportation plan to be continually updated and renewed every three years.
- The Receiving System Plan outlines the county's Designated Behavioral Health Receiving System (Receiving System), a tiered receiving system consistent with the no-wrong-door model as defined in Florida Statutes 394.4573.
- The Transportation Plan describes how the community shall support and facilitate access to the Receiving System. This includes the guidelines for selecting the appropriate transportation methods (e.g., law enforcement or emergency medical services) and proper transportation between participating facilities with consideration of client choice. The current transportation plan is due for renewal on or before June 2, 2023.
- The plan includes a description of the Receiving System that defines how it responds to client needs and integrates services among various providers at multiple points of entry.
- Board approval of this item will establish the Receiving System Plan and renew the Transportation Plan through 2026 in compliance with statutory requirements
- These plans were updated to include the following:
  - a.) Ensuring the systems have plans to adapt to environmental threats or emergencies.
  - b.) Enhanced focus on improving care coordination and diversion of crises by utilizing the mobile crisis response teams, timely coordination of care during crisis and lawful exchange of data.
  - c.) Clarification of voluntary activities under the Florida Mental Health Act.
  - d.) Inclusion of language required for Children's Mental Health in response to House Bill 945.
- There is no direct fiscal impact.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

## 2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchase of services for this in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

## 5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

Board approval of this item will establish the Receiving System Plan and renew the Transportation Plan through 2026 in compliance with statutory requirements. Both plans were authored by the Pinellas County Acute Care Committee led by CFBHN.

The Receiving System Plan outlines the County's Receiving System, a tiered system consistent with the No-wrong-door model. The plan includes a description of the Receiving System that defines how it responds to client needs and integrates services among various providers at multiple points of entry.

The Transportation Plan describes how the community supports and facilitates access to the Receiving System. This includes the guidelines for selecting the appropriate transportation methods (e.g., law enforcement or emergency medical services) and proper transportation between participating facilities with consideration of client choice.

### **Background Information:**

Pursuant to legislative updates in 2016 (§394.493 transportation plan) and 2020 (§ 394.4573 receiving system) the County and CFBHN are required to document a designated receiving system and transportation plan to be continually updated and renewed every three (3) years.

A tiered receiving system consists of multiple entry points, some of which offer only specialized or limited services. Each service provider shall be classified according to its capabilities as either a designated receiving facility or another type of service provider.

No-wrong-door model provides for the delivery of mental health and substance use acute care services that optimize access to care, regardless of an individual's entry point to the behavioral health care system.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

### **Staff Member Responsible:**

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

### **Partners:**

Central Florida Behavioral Health Network  
Florida Department of Children and Families  
Pinellas County Acute Care Committee

### **Attachments:**

Receiving System Plan  
Transportation Plan

Pinellas County Acute Care Committee Participants