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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
DATE: November 30, 2022
SUBJECT: Designated Receiving System Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND.

Pursuant to Senate Bill 12 (2016), each county, in collaboration with the managing entity, was required to develop and implement a transportation plan by July 1, 2017. The transportation plan describes the methods of transport to a facility within the designated receiving system for individuals subject to involuntary examinations or involuntary admissions under Florida Statutes. The Southeast Region of the Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office, and Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, the managing entity, in conjunction with Indian River County are responsible for providing oversight to the transportation plan.

On June 6, 2017, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approved the Indian River County Transportation Plan (the "2017 Transportation Plan"). Under the 2017 Transportation Plan, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement agency designated to take a person into custody upon the entry of an ex parte order or the execution of a certificate for involuntary examination by an authorized professional and to transport that person to the appropriate facility within the designated receiving system. Under the 2017 Transportation Plan, depending on the circumstances, an individual will be transported to either the Indian River Medical Center's Behavioral Health Center or New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee in Ft. Pierce. Law Enforcement may take into consideration individual choice when making a determination of which Baker Act receiving facility to transport the individual.

On November 18, 2022, the Indian River County Public Safety Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse ("Council") had a discussion about a 2022 version of the Indian River County Transportation Plan consistent with recent updates to Florida Statutes. After the discussion, the Council approved the updated 2022 Indian River County Transportation Plan, which reflected the same transport provisions as the 2017 Transportation Plan, non-substantive changes and updated data.

FUNDING.

The costs associated with the Transportation Plan are already incorporated into the Indian River County Sheriff's Office budget.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Chair allow for public comment on this matter and then have the Board vote to approve the 2022 Indian River County Transportation Plan.

ATTACHMENT(S).

2017 Indian River County Transportation Plan
Proposed 2022 Indian River County Transportation Plan.