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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

DATE: January 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program

BACKGROUND

On July 12, 2016, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") authorized the Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network ("SEFBHN") to file a Notice of Intent to Submit an Application to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Review Committee for a Florida Department of Children and Families Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment grant (the "Grant"). Indian River County was successful in obtaining the Grant in the amount of \$1.2 million over a three year period. The Grant has been used to assist the Indian River County Mental Health Court program.

On December 5, 2018, the Public Safety Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program voted to support the application for another Grant which would be used to support expanded services for the mental health court program. On January 8, 2019, the Board approved a letter designating SEFBHN to submit a Notice of Intent to file the application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant. SEFBHN is finalizing the application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant, which is due by February 5, 2019. A notice of intent for the Grant will be submitted by the January 31, 2019 deadline.

FUNDING.

The Application will be for up to \$400,000 per year for three years. The Grant requires a local match equal to the amount of the Grant. The match is the portion of project property and services (staff time, fringe benefits, supplies, equipment, travel, rent, etc.) coming from other than State funds. The match may be derived from Indian River County or private sources. Both "cash" contributions and "in-kind"

contributions may be utilized to satisfy the match requirement. There will be no County cash match for this application.

RECOMMENDATION

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorize Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network to file an application for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant and authorize the chair to execute the letter of support of the application.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter of Support