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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney *DR*
DATE: May 17, 2017
SUBJECT: Designated Receiving System Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND.

Pursuant to Senate Bill 12 (2016), each county, in collaboration with the managing entity, is required to develop and implement a transportation plan by July 1, 2017. The transportation plan must describe the methods of transport to a facility within the designated receiving system for individuals subject to involuntary examinations or involuntary admissions under Florida Statutes.

On April 19, 2017, the Indian River County Transportation Plan (the "Transportation Plan") was reviewed by the Indian River County Public Safety Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse. Comments made by the Indian River County Public Safety Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse have been incorporated into the Transportation Plan. 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.

Under the Transportation Plan, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office will be 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 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.

FUNDING.

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

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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 Indian River County Transportation Plan.

ATTACHMENT(S).

Proposed Indian River County Transportation Plan.