

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE
AND
MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC.**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the City of Gainesville, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as CITY, and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., 4400 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32608, (352) 374-5600, extension 8232, hereinafter referred to as MERIDIAN.

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Police Department's "Comprehensive Drug Plan" provides for prevention, education, awareness, and treatment of substance abuse as a means to reduce drug crimes and crimes associated with drug activity in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and MERIDIAN desire to work together to divert juveniles and adults from the criminal justice system, to enhance their success at school and in employment, and to reduce substance abuse among at-risk youth participating in the Reichert House program; and

WHEREAS, MERIDIAN is able and willing to provide community outreach and a program of education, counseling, life skills and related services to at-risk youth and identified adults;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

MERIDIAN shall provide the CITY with outreach and education services as provided for in the Bid Proposal dated November 16, 2004, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof as if fully contained herein, including, but not limited to:

- A. Substance abuse outreach and prevention services to individuals and families in neighborhoods, at faith-based organizations, schools and at community centers and other areas in the community; substance abuse counseling, triage and referral for other services throughout the Meridian continuum and in the community; follow-up services to clients who seek counseling for substance abuse; and contacting referrals provided by the Gainesville Police Department.
- B. At the Reichert House, performing drug-screening class for staff (i.e. train the trainer) and host monthly substance abuse and anger management classes for members; counseling for members who test positive for substance abuse and a secondary more intensive drug screening.
- C. Provide feedback to the Gainesville Police Department in the form of monthly reports and a quarterly synopsis that include, at a minimum, the total number of clients seen, services provided, hours of service provided, description and number of community outreach events and persons served/outcome, etc. and a breakdown of total costs incurred including administrative and operational costs.

2. **METHOD OF COMPENSATION**

Compensation payable by the CITY to MERIDIAN for services rendered under the terms of this Agreement shall not exceed \$49,917.00 for the project period of December 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005. Payment shall be made in monthly increments upon receipt of an invoice.

3. **RETENTION OF RECORDS**

The parties shall maintain all records and financial documents for a minimum period of five years from the date of the final financial statement, and shall make same available for audit and public disclosure upon request of duly authorized persons.

MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC.

Bid Proposal - November 16, 2004

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. (Meridian) is proposing to be the provider for substance abuse prevention, community outreach, intervention and treatment services as a part of the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Drug Plan. Our comprehensive services will assist in helping to meet the goals of reducing visible drug activity in neighborhoods throughout the City of Gainesville and in fostering community partnerships that reduce drug demand and treat identified drug offenders. We are a comprehensive substance abuse and mental health center that provides a wide array of services for adults and youth.

The amount of funds proposed is \$49,917 for services from December 2004 through September 2005. These funds are for a full-time Counselor, fringe benefits and other expenses necessary to provide the appropriate services to individuals referred through this program. This counselor will provide substance abuse and mental health Outreach and Prevention services to individuals and families in at risk neighborhoods, at faith-based organizations, schools and at community centers and other areas in our community. This counselor will also be responsible for providing substance abuse counseling, triage and referral for other services throughout the Meridian continuum and in the community. Additionally, the counselor will be responsible for maintaining the tracking mechanisms and coordinating the drug testing for clients at the Reichert House. The value in choosing us as a service provider is that we can provide a wider array of services for any clients referred to us by accessing the comprehensive services we provide throughout our continuum of care without further charges to the City of Gainesville.

These services include:

- Individualized treatment planning including identification of problems, short and long term goal setting, discharge and aftercare planning
- Individual and group therapy
- Psycho-educational groups and Life Skills Training including drug education, pharmacology, medication management, relapse prevention, stress management, self-esteem, relationship skills and health education on-site and in the community
- Couples and Family Counseling
- Parenting classes
- Life Skills training
- Social Rehabilitation
- Psychiatric services, if necessary
- 12-Step programs
- HIV Education, counseling and referrals (including pre/post test counseling)
- Drug Testing for Reichert House youth and others needing this service
- Specialized gender specific services for adolescents and adults
- ROPES course
- Follow up client evaluation
- Dual Diagnosis Services
- Referrals to outside providers

We will also make the following programs available for participants referred for services through this program:

- Detoxification Unit (adolescent and adult)
- Sid Martin Bridge House (adult residential treatment program)
- Evening Treatment Services – HOPE (Human Opportunity for Potential Enrichment)
- Day Treatment Services – STAR (Support, Treatment and Recovery)
- Outpatient Treatment Services (adult and adolescent)
- HIV Intervention Services (Pre/Post Test Counseling and testing)
- Children & Adult Intervention Services
- Community Outreach Services (all ages) at community centers, faith-based organizations, Reichert House and other areas in the community

- MIST (Mother's Intensive Supportive Treatment) residential pregnant/postpartum program
- Recovery Center (adolescent residential treatment program)
- Prevention and educational presentation for community groups and youth organizations for schools, after-school programs and parents that are character based, enhance self-esteem, and develop positive alternatives to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs as well as dealing with other at-risk behaviors. (All-Stars-Children; Families That Care-Guiding Good Choices; Late Night Basketball; Faith-Based Initiatives and General-Adult, and adolescent seminars on specific topics)
- Drug Courts (Dependency Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court and Mental Health Court) when ordered
- Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC) – jail evaluations and triage services
- Dual Diagnosis Services Residential (DDP)
- Dual Diagnosis Services (Intensive Outpatient)
- TANF Services (Adult Mental Health; Adult and Children Substance Abuse)
- Drug Testing for the Reichert House youth, and for other clients who need this service

The services will be provided in the community and at the Sid Martin Bridge House, which is located in Gainesville, FL in the southwest section of the City (4400 SW 13th Street). We are located in close proximity to downtown Gainesville, some of the schools and neighborhoods that might potentially have clients who are referred for services. Being in close proximity can assist the clients with compliance in attending required treatment services.

The Regional Transit System has a bus route that stops right in front of our facility. This bus has a continuous run until well after treatment services

We will provide a dedicated tracking system to ensure that we are able to provide statistics on the number of clients who have been given the recommendation for services that actually seek services. We will also maintain records on the number of drug screens provided to clients at the Reichert House and track the number of individuals to which we provide community outreach and prevention service. This information can be provided on at least a quarterly basis or as needed.

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare has many value added benefits that can enhance services for clients referred through efforts of Gainesville Police Department officers as a part of the Comprehensive Drug Plan. These include:

- Expedited Detox Admission
- Flexibility to increase outpatient services
- Direct Admission to the Recovery Center for variable lengths of stay
- Intensive Outpatient Services
- Participation on ROPES course
- Dual Diagnosis Treatment Services
- Mental Health Counseling
- Emergency Screening
- On-site random drug testing 24/7
- HIV counseling and testing (when requested)
- Family Intervention Specialist services that can aid in resource development for the client and family
- Evidence-based services
- Aftercare counseling (age appropriate)
- In-Home/On-Site services
- Case Management

As a result of our experience providing prevention, intervention and treatment services, the qualifications and experience of our staff and the value added services that can be provided by our organization, we are confident that we can provide the highest quality of comprehensive services for the citizens of Gainesville through the Comprehensive Drug Plan.