



Item:

Help Me Grow Alachua –Contract Update (Mia Jones and Belita James)

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive this update.

Background:

Help Me Grow is designed so all children have the best possible start in life by providing free developmental and behavioral screenings. Families benefit as Help Me Grow listens to them, links them to services, and provides ongoing support.

On September 13, 2021, the Trust approved Resolution 2021- 13 authorizing the release of RFP 2021-07 Help Me Grow Alachua. The Trust recommended funding RFP 2021-07 to Children’s Home Society of Florida on December 13, 2021. The contract was executed for fiscal year 2021-2022 on February 23, 2023. After several contract negotiations the renewed contract for fiscal year 2022-2023 was executed April 25, 2023. Help Me Grow Alachua was intended to be a 5-year renewal contract with implementation occurring year one. Supports that have been provided in year one and two are:

- Biweekly implementation meetings followed by monthly check in meetings.
- Assisted with sharing and posting job openings with other community partners.
- Worked collaboratively on marketing materials and guide with the Help Me Grow Florida team.
- Held contract review and work plan review meetings.
- Shared resource list, upcoming community meetings, and upcoming community events.
- Technical Assistance and training offered by Help Me Grow Florida
- Resources and team meetings with Help Me Grow Florida and the National Help Me Grow office.

As of August 4, 2023, this contract will not be renewed after September 30, 2023, for the following reasons:

- Leadership and staff changes that affected implementation of the program in year one and year two.
- Key components were never established and implemented such as establishing 211, health care provider outreach, and leadership team.
- They did not meet any of their performance measures in year one and are not on track to meet most of the performance targets this fiscal year.

This report is intended to inform the board.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 3- All children have nurturing and supportive caregivers and relationships

Strategy 3.1- Supporting Initiatives that Connect Families to Resources.

Fiscal Impact:

\$220,000 for FY2022-2023

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Recommendation:

Receive the information.