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February 16, 2021

Mr. Donald Savoie  
President/CEO  
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.  
1565 SW Williston Rd.  
Gainesville, FL 32608

RE: Letter of Commitment for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse  
Reinvestment Grant Program (RFA02L04GN1)

Dear Mr. Savoie:

I am pleased to provide this letter of commitment for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Grant (CJMHSAG) program proposed by Meridian Behavioral Healthcare on behalf of Levy County.

The proposed initiative is a collaboration between key stakeholders and is designed to divert individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders from jails and forensic hospitalization. The Levy County CJMHSAG program aims to expand Mental Health Court services in the county and increase access to outreach, assessment, treatment, case management, and recovery support services for justice-involved individuals and those at risk.

In support of the CJMHSAG program, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners agrees to:

- Participate in the Levy County CJMHSAG Planning Committee
- Participate in relevant forensics training(s) if possible

We look forward to continuing our partnership in this important initiative. Through enhanced coordination and accessibility, the CJMHSAG program will reduce recidivism, lower costs and improve the safety of our communities.

Sincerely,

John Meeks, Chairman  
Levy County Board of County Commissioners  
District 1