

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA HEARTLAND
RURAL CONSORTIA FOR THE HOMELESS, THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC. (As Lead Agency)
AND
FLORIDA HOSPITAL WAUCHULA**

Whereas, Florida Hospital Wauchula supports the Florida Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless in its objective to 1) make every effort to not discharge patients into homelessness 2) assure that its discharge planning process facilitates the patient finding and maintaining housing, health care treatment and entitlement benefits for which he/she may qualify. Therefore, both agencies agree to cooperate in the utilization of the following procedures:

Florida Hospital Wauchula Will:

1. Assess the housing status of the patient being considered for discharge.
2. Assure that the patient has transportation to their place of residence.
3. Provide patients that are being discharged and needing assistance the name and phone number of a contact person at the Florida Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless.
4. Refer patients being discharged to other community-based providers, as needed.

Florida Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless Will:

1. Provide the name and telephone number of a contact person who will be available to receive calls from the Florida Hospital Wauchula discharge planning staff or from patients being discharged.
2. Make a concerted effort to find suitable housing for patients being discharged by contacting housing providers in the area.
3. Assist with providing or coordinating any other kind of supportive services for patients being discharged from Florida Hospital Wauchula.
4. Maintain records on discharged patients who are referred to the Florida Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless and share this information with their staff as needed.

**Florida Heartland Rural Consortia
for the Homeless**

Florida Hospital Wauchula

Richard Reinhardt, Executive Director

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