

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FLORIDA’S HEARTLAND RURAL CONSORTIA FOR THE HOMELESS, HIGHLANDS
COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC. (as Lead Agency)
AND
HIGHLANDS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Whereas the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office and the Florida’s Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless, Inc. (FHRCH) both seek to promote the objectives that (1) no person discharged from a correctional facility shall knowingly be released into homelessness and (2) discharge planning should facilitate the consumer finding housing, health care treatment, employment, income or entitlement benefits for which they qualify.

Therefore both agencies agree to cooperate in the development of plans and delivery of services enabling delivery of the above objectives by doing the following:

The Highlands County Sheriff’s Office Will:

- Ascertain the housing status of persons being discharged from the County jail.
- Provide to consumers who are released a FHRCH name and contact number for assistance.
- For consumers who are held past first appearance, designate a staff person to contact the designated FHRCH contact person to inform them of their housing status.

The Florida’s Heartland Rural Consortia for the Homeless Will:

- Provide a designated person and their contact information to receive referrals from the Sheriff’s Office.
- Make a concerted effort to find suitable housing for the consumer by contacting housing providers in the area.
- Assist with the provision and coordination of supportive services for consumers who are referred by the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office to the FHRCH as they are released from the County jail.
- Maintain records on consumers who are referred by the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office to the FHRCH as they are released from the County jail and share this information with the Sheriff’s Office as needed.

Florida’s Heartland
Rural Consortia for the Homeless

Highlands County Sheriff’s Office

Susan Benton, Sheriff

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