

# **DeSoto County Behavioral Health System Plan**

*In accordance with*  
Florida Statute 394, Florida Mental Health Act  
Florida Statute 397, Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and  
Other Drug Services Act

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## **I. Background/ Purpose:**

In accordance with the changes promulgated by Senate Bill 12 to Florida Statute 394 (Florida Mental Health Act, commonly referred to as the "Baker Act"), and Florida Statute 397 (commonly referred to as the Marchman Act), DeSoto County in collaboration with Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (the Managing Entity) have completed this Behavioral Health System (BHRS) Plan. Implementation of this plan assures the coordinated provision of emergency services for people in need of help for behavioral health disorders and supports a comprehensive behavioral system of care.

This BHRS Plan describes how the community shall ensure the provision of the "No Wrong Door Model" defined in FS 394.4573. This description includes the organization of the BHRS and how it responds to individual needs and integrates services among various providers.

The Behavioral Health system may be organized in any manner which functions as a no-wrong-door model. Such models include, but are not limited to:

A **central receiving system** is identified as a system that consists of a designated central receiving facility that serves as a single entry point for persons with mental health or substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders. The central receiving facility shall be capable of assessment, evaluation, and triage or treatment or stabilization of persons with mental health or substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders.

A **coordinated receiving system** as a system that consists of multiple entry points that are linked by shared data systems, formal referral agreements, and cooperative arrangements for care coordination and case management. Each entry point shall be a Behavioral Health facility and shall, within existing resources, provide or arrange for necessary services following an initial assessment and evaluation.

A **tiered receiving system** consists of multiple entry points, some of which offer only specialized or limited services. Each service provider shall be classified according to its capabilities as either a Behavioral Health facility or another type of service provider, such as a triage center, a licensed detoxification facility, or an access center. All participating service providers shall, within existing resources, be linked by methods to share data, formal referral agreements, and cooperative arrangements for care coordination and case management.

OR

The BHRS may be organized in **any manner that functions as a No-Wrong-Door Model that responds to individual needs and integrates the services of various providers.**

The County and the Managing Entity shall review and update, as necessary, the Behavioral Health system at least once every 3 years. An accurate inventory of the participating service providers shall be maintained and made available at all times to all first responders in the service area.

## **II. DeSoto County Behavioral Health System (BHRS)**

DeSoto County's Behavioral Health System is best described as a tiered receiving system.

A community health improvement plan is a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems in a community. The plan is based on the results of community health assessment activities, and is part of a community health improvement process. The purpose of the CHIP Partnership is to take into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in community health. The CHIP Partnership will provide and the implementation strategy to meet identified community health transportation needs and monitor the operations of the DeSoto County Transportation Plan. The community health improvement plan committee that includes representatives from all law enforcement agencies, the receiving facilities, hospitals, and funders meets no less than quarterly to monitor and analyze data that will determine if individuals are moving through the acute care receiving system in a timely and respectful manner and it evaluates the plan to determine whether there has been an improvement in the acute care system since the implementation.

## **III. Inventory of Participating Service Providers**

<b>Voluntary Assessment and Evaluation Facilities</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Capabilities/Limitations</b>	<b>Does the facility have agreements to accept BHRS Patients?</b>	<b>Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health Disorders/Co-Occurring?</b>
<u>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care</u>	Capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSU and Detox facilities offer to treat and triage</li> <li>- 20 bed mixed use licensed adult/child Crisis Stabilization Unit</li> <li>- Licensed staff available 24/7 to Baker Act juvenile patients who are brought in to the CSU</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 bed licensed Detox facility</li> <li>- 3 bed licensed residential substance abuse facility</li> <li>- Accepts all primary insurances including Medicaid</li> <li>- Publicly Funded</li> <li>- Cannot deny services based on lack of payment</li> <li>- A part of the DeSoto Behavioral Transportation Plan</li> <li>- Licensed for Case Management services</li> <li>- Care Coordination provider</li> <li>- Offers Outpatient MH/SA Services, Medication Management, Vivitrol, Parenting, TFC, FITT programs.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not currently licensed as an Addiction Receiving Facility</li> </ul> <p>Not licensed as a medical facility</p>		
<u>Desoto Memorial Hospital</u>	Is not a receiving facility, but is responsible to evaluate, treat and	Yes	Yes

	transfer persons in need of mental health and addiction treatment as part of their emergency department. This is in accordance with federal (EMTALA) emergency care rules and the medical treatment aspect of the plan applies to Desoto Memorial Hospital.		
<u>Bayside Center for Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital</u>	A designated unit that treats children and adults who are experiencing signs and symptoms of mental illness that meet Baker Act criteria. This service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week The center serves the Baker Act population age 65 and older	Yes	Yes
<u>First Step of Sarasota Inc</u>	A 30-bed medically-supervised detoxification unit. With emphasis on good nutrition and vitamins, links to self-help support groups and planning for continuing care, First Step guides clients through the physical and emotional crisis of withdrawal. During the average stay of three to 10 days, clients participate in	Yes	Yes

	structured, daily activities including educational groups, AA/NA groups and discharge planning.		
<b>Involuntary Assessment and Evaluation Facilities</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Capabilities/Limitations</b>	<b>Does the facility have agreements to accept BHRS Patients?</b>	<b>Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health Disorders/Co-Occurring?</b>
<u>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care</u>	<p>Capabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSU and Detox facilities offer to treat and triage</li> <li>- 20 bed mixed use licensed adult/child Crisis Stabilization Unit</li> <li>- Licensed staff available 24/7 to Baker Act juvenile patients who are brought in to the CSU</li> <li>- 10 bed licensed Detox facility</li> <li>- 3 bed licensed residential substance abuse facility</li> <li>- Accepts all primary insurances including Medicaid</li> <li>- Publicly Funded</li> <li>- Cannot deny services based on lack of payment</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A part of the DeSoto Behavioral Transportation Plan</li> <li>- Licensed for Case Management services</li> <li>- Care Coordination provider</li> <li>- Offers Outpatient MH/SA Services, Medication Management, Vivitrol, Parenting, TFC, FITT programs.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not currently licensed as an Addiction Receiving Facility</li> </ul> <p>Not licensed as a medical facility</p>		
<u>Desoto Memorial Hospital</u>	Is not a receiving facility, but is responsible to evaluate, treat and transfer persons in need of mental health and addiction treatment as part of their emergency department. This is in accordance with federal (EMTALA) emergency care rules and the medical treatment aspect of the plan applies to Desoto Memorial Hospital.	Yes	Yes



<u>Bayside Center for Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital</u>	A designated unit that treats children and adults who are experiencing signs and symptoms of mental illness that meet Baker Act criteria. This service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week The center serves the Baker Act population age 65 and older	Yes	Yes
<u>First Step of Sarasota Inc</u>	A 30-bed medically-supervised detoxification unit. With emphasis on good nutrition and vitamins, links to self-help support groups and planning for continuing care, First Step guides clients through the physical and emotional crisis of withdrawal. During the average stay of three to 10 days, clients participate in structured, daily activities including educational groups, AA/NA groups and discharge planning.	Yes	Yes

Triage Centers for Mental Health			
Facility	Capabilities/Limitations	Does the facility have agreements to accept BHRS Patients?	Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health Disorders/Co-Occurring?
<u>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care</u>	Capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSU and Detox facilities offer to treat and triage</li> <li>- 20 bed mixed use licensed adult/child Crisis Stabilization Unit</li> <li>- Licensed staff available 24/7 to Baker Act juvenile patients who are brought in to the CSU</li> <li>- 10 bed licensed Detox facility</li> <li>- 3 bed licensed residential substance abuse facility</li> <li>- Accepts all primary insurances including Medicaid</li> <li>- Publicly Funded</li> <li>- Cannot deny services based on lack of payment</li> <li>- A part of the DeSoto Behavioral Transportation Plan</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Licensed for Case Management services</li> <li>- Care Coordination provider</li> <li>- Offers Outpatient MH/SA Services, Medication Management, Vivitrol, Parenting, TFC, FITT programs.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not currently licensed as an Addiction Receiving Facility</li> </ul> <p>Not licensed as a medical facility</p>		
<u>Desoto Memorial Hospital</u>	Is not a receiving facility, but is responsible to evaluate, treat and transfer persons in need of mental health and addiction treatment as part of their emergency department. This is in accordance with federal (EMTALA) emergency care rules and the medical treatment aspect of the plan applies to Desoto Memorial Hospital.	Yes	Yes
<u>Bayside Center for Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital</u>	A designated unit that treats children and adults who are experiencing signs and symptoms of mental illness that meet Baker	Yes	Yes

	Act criteria. This service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week The center serves the Baker Act population age 65 and older		
<u>First Step of Sarasota Inc</u>	A 30-bed medically-supervised detoxification unit. With emphasis on good nutrition and vitamins, links to self-help support groups and planning for continuing care, First Step guides clients through the physical and emotional crisis of withdrawal. During the average stay of three to 10 days, clients participate in structured, daily activities including educational groups, AA/NA groups and discharge planning.	Yes	Yes
<b>Triage Centers for Substance Use Disorders</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Capabilities/Limitations</b>	<b>Does the facility have agreements to accept BHRS Patients?</b>	<b>Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health Disorders/Co-Occurring?</b>
<u>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care</u>	Capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSU and Detox facilities offer to treat and triage</li> <li>- 20 bed mixed use licensed</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes

	<p>adult/child Crisis Stabilization Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Licensed staff available 24/7 to Baker Act juvenile patients who are brought in to the CSU</li> <li>- 10 bed licensed Detox facility</li> <li>- 3 bed licensed residential substance abuse facility</li> <li>- Accepts all primary insurances including Medicaid</li> <li>- Publicly Funded</li> <li>- Cannot deny services based on lack of payment</li> <li>- A part of the DeSoto Behavioral Transportation Plan</li> <li>- Licensed for Case Management services</li> <li>- Care Coordination provider</li> <li>- Offers Outpatient MH/SA Services, Medication Management, Vivitrol, Parenting, TFC, FITT programs.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not currently licensed as an</li> </ul>		
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	Addiction Receiving Facility Not licensed as a medical facility		
<u>Desoto Memorial Hospital</u>	Is not a receiving facility, but is responsible to evaluate, treat and transfer persons in need of mental health and addiction treatment as part of their emergency department. This is in accordance with federal (EMTALA) emergency care rules and the medical treatment aspect of the plan applies to Desoto Memorial Hospital.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<u>Bayside Center for Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital</u>	A designated unit that treats children and adults who are experiencing signs and symptoms of mental illness that meet Baker Act criteria. This service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week The center serves the Baker Act population age 65 and older	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<u>First Step of Sarasota Inc</u>	A 30-bed medically- supervised detoxification unit. With emphasis on good nutrition and vitamins, links to self- help support groups and planning for continuing	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

	care, First Step guides clients through the physical and emotional crisis of withdrawal. During the average stay of three to 10 days, clients participate in structured, daily activities including educational groups, AA/NA groups and discharge planning.		
<b>Involuntary Treatment for Mental Health Disorders</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Capabilities/Limitations</b>	<b>Does the facility have agreements to accept BHRS Patients?</b>	<b>Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health Disorders/Co-Occurring?</b>
<u>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care</u>	Capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSU and Detox facilities offer to treat and triage</li> <li>- 20 bed mixed use licensed adult/child Crisis Stabilization Unit</li> <li>- Licensed staff available 24/7 to Baker Act juvenile patients who are brought in to the CSU</li> <li>- 10 bed licensed Detox facility</li> <li>- 3 bed licensed residential</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

	<p>substance abuse facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accepts all primary insurances including Medicaid</li> <li>- Publicly Funded</li> <li>- Cannot deny services based on lack of payment</li> <li>- A part of the DeSoto Behavioral Transportation Plan</li> <li>- Licensed for Case Management services</li> <li>- Care Coordination provider</li> <li>- Offers Outpatient MH/SA Services, Medication Management, Vivitrol, Parenting, TFC, FITT programs.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not currently licensed as an Addiction Receiving Facility</li> </ul> <p>Not licensed as a medical facility</p>		
<u>Desoto Memorial Hospital</u>	Is not a receiving facility, but is responsible to evaluate, treat and transfer persons in need of mental health and addiction treatment as	Yes	Yes



	part of their emergency department. This is in accordance with federal (EMTALA) emergency care rules and the medical treatment aspect of the plan applies to Desoto Memorial Hospital.		
<u>Bayside Center for Behavioral Health at Sarasota Memorial Hospital</u>	A designated unit that treats children and adults who are experiencing signs and symptoms of mental illness that meet Baker Act criteria. This service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week The center serves the Baker Act population age 65 and older	Yes	Yes
<u>First Step of Sarasota Inc</u>	A 30-bed medically-supervised detoxification unit. With emphasis on good nutrition and vitamins, links to self-help support groups and planning for continuing care, First Step guides clients through the physical and emotional crisis of withdrawal. During the average stay of three to 10 days, clients participate in structured, daily activities including educational groups,	Yes	Yes

	AA/NA groups and discharge planning.		
<b>Involuntary Treatment for Substance Use Disorders</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Capabilities/Limitations</b>	<b>Does the facility have agreements to accept BHRS Patients?</b>	<b>Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health Disorders/Co-Occurring?</b>
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	<p>Transportation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Licensed for Case Management services</li> <li>- Care Coordination provider</li> <li>- Offers Outpatient MH/SA Services, Medication Management, Vivitrol, Parenting, TFC, FITT programs.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not currently licensed as an Addiction Receiving Facility</li> </ul> <p>Not licensed as a medical facility</p>		
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<u>Bayside Center for Behavioral Health</u>	A designated unit that treats children and adults who are experiencing signs and	Yes	Yes

<u>at Sarasota Memorial Hospital</u>	symptoms of mental illness that meet Baker Act criteria. This service is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week The center serves the Baker Act population age 65 and older		
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#### **IV. Behavioral Health System (BHRS) Agreements**

Informal agreements are in place with each designated receiving facility, local law enforcement agencies, and local hospital emergency departments. Utilization of multiagency signed releases of information allows for shared data and care coordination.

Memorandums of Understanding are not currently in place within the designated receiving system for DeSoto County.

Central Florida Behavioral Health Network may choose to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, First Step of Sarasota, DeSoto Memorial and Bayside Behavioral Healthcare in order to coordinate and provide services to consumers of the Behavioral Health Receiving System.