



**State of Florida  
Department of Children and Families**

**Rick Scott**  
*Governor*

**Mike Carroll**  
*Secretary*

January 17, 2018

Dear Hillsborough County Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm receipt of Hillsborough County's Behavioral Health Receiving System (BHRS) Plan as specified by s. 394.4573(2)(b)1, F.S. The County was statutorily required to complete and implement the receiving system by July 1, 2017. The BHRS Plan was reviewed and approved by April May, the Department's Suncoast Region Substance Abuse and Mental Health Director. The Plan must be reviewed and updated, as necessary, or at least once every three years.

To the extent permitted by available resources, the receiving system must function as a no-wrong-door model for the delivery of acute care services to individuals who have mental health or substance use disorders, or both, which optimizes access to care, regardless of the entry point to the behavioral health care system. As mandated by s. 394.461(5), F.S., the approved county transportation plan developed pursuant to s. 394.462, F.S., must support the operation of the receiving system.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to work with you to ensure the Plan is properly implemented. If you have questions, please contact the Suncoast Regional Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health at 813- 558-5700.

Sincerely,

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Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

cc: April May, Susan Nunnally  
(w/attachment)