



# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 14, 1984

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: County Administrator

County Attorney  
N/A *KS*  
APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: *KS* Originating Department Community Services, Human Services Division B.J.

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM - REGULAR  CONSENT  REQUESTED AGENDA DATE 8/28/84

RE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PATIENTS AT MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

### ACTION REQUIRED:

Authorization for the Chairman to sign a letter to <sup>Beneficial</sup> ~~Manatee~~ Hospital and Health System clarifying that the County will not, through its indigent care fund, participate in the cost of providing mental health services to patients at Manatee Memorial Hospital.

ACTION(S) REQUIRED:  Execution Acceptance  Approval Recording  Authorization Adoption

COST: NONE  
SOURCE:

ATTACHMENTS: Letter for Signature

BOARD RECORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

### AGENDA DISPOSITION

#### ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:

- APPROVED
- DEFERRED UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_
- RECEIVED
- DISAPPROVED
- CONCURRED WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION
- REFERRED TO STAFF

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_



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# MANATEE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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August 28, 1984

Mr. J. Barry Johnson  
President  
Baptist Hospitals and Health Systems  
2224 West Northern, D-300  
Phoenix, Arizona 85021

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Because of questions raised by hospital staff, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County is clarifying its position on payment of hospital charges for patients of Manatee Memorial's Mental Health Unit.

The County provides over \$120,000 annually to the Community Mental Health Center as its share of matching funds for clients treated under the Baker Act. For this reason, further participation by the County through its indigent care financing program will not be undertaken.

I am requesting that patients admitted for mental health care no longer be referred to County Benefits Coordinators for eligibility determination. Such referral places an undue hardship on patients by fostering expectations that County assistance will be available.

I hope that this clears up the confusion of your staff regarding mental health services.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

*Edward W. Chance*

EDWARD W. CHANCE  
Chairman

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