BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Alan Rosenzweig, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Joseph Sharp, Director of Housing and Human Services

FROM: Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq. CAS for
County Attorney

DATE: July 1, 2004

SUBJECT: Correspondence from the Apalachee Center relating to "local matching funds"

We have reviewed the correspondence from the Apalachee Center ("Center") wherein, its CFO, Virginia Kelly, requests the County's assistance in providing "local match" funds to the Center in the amount of $591,800. Apparently, the Center believes that Florida law mandates the County to provide funds to its Crisis Stabilization Unit. Our office researched and analyzed the relevant law in this matter, and it appears that Leon County has no obligation to provide the requested amount to the Center.

In accordance with sections 394.76(3)(b), (9)(a) and 394.457(3), *Florida Statutes*, the State of Florida is statutorily required to directly allocate to each county the funds necessary to operate crisis stabilization facilities by using the State's "allocation methodology."

Should you require additional information, please contact our office.

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