

TO: Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County
FROM: Ms. Frankie Meyers, MSW
DATE: May 20, 2024
RE: Request for Consideration of Waiver

Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above mentioned, this letter is to kindly request the Board Members consider waiving the Cost of Incarceration Civil Lien levied against Ms. Meyers in the amount in excess of \$20,000.00.

The Civil Lien is in connection with Hernando Case No. 14CF705. Ms. Meyers was charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and violated her probation by receiving a DUI. As a result, Ms. Meyers was sentenced to the Florida Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Toner on December 22, 2014. Ms. Meyers served 5 years in prison, successfully completed all terms of subsequent probation and was granted early termination by the Honorable Judge Stephen Toner.

Presently, Ms. Meyers, now 63 years old, cannot self sustain i.e., live independently, pay rent or a mortgage, pay for utilities or pay for medical and other bills. Due to her criminal history, her employment options are limited to low paying, minimum wage jobs.

Ms. Meyers holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree and was a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for 15 years, providing therapy services for 10 years in Hernando County. Ms. Meyers served sexually abused children and their families from 2004 to 2013 in Hernando and Citrus counties. She worked at The Harbor Behavioral Health as a Sexual Abuse Treatment Therapist in 2004-2006 and worked as a Clinical Supervisor at E How Kee (Eckerd Youth Academy) 2007-2008. After going into private practice, Ms. Meyers assisted both the Hernando County CAC and Citrus county CAC's (Jessie's Place) during their startup period by providing clinical services from 2008-2013.

Ms. Meyers discovered the Cost of Incarceration Civil Lien after exploring the requirements for the DCF Exemption, which stated that all fines and fees, to include Cost of Incarceration Civil Liens, must be paid before an Exemption will be considered. In effect, Ms. Meyers needs the DCF Exemption to permit her to work in her beloved profession as a Social Worker - serving those in need.

Ms. Meyers has been in recovery in AA for the last 9 ½ years and is active in the recovery community. Ms. Meyers appeals to the Board to permit her to present her concerns at an upcoming Board meeting.

Sincerely,

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