

Alachua County Advisory Boards  
**Annual Workplan/Accomplishments Report**  
**FY 2018-2019**

Date: January 16, 2020

Board/Committee Name: Health Care Advisory Board

Chair: Brendan Shortley

Board Liaison: Cindy Bishop (as of 01/15/2020)

**Brief History of Committee:** The Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board consists of community leaders that strive for increased access to health care services for low-income and underinsured residents of Alachua County. The Board strives to develop strategies for meeting identified health needs within the County and advises the Board of County Commissioners on actions necessary to meet the health needs of residents.

**Mission Statement:** To identify specific gaps in health services and other issues affecting the health care of low-income, underinsured, and underserved residents of Alachua County.

**Major Accomplishments in FY 2018-2019:**

1. Liaison of 4 major County Funded Health Care Programs: Alachua Cares, CHOICES, CAPP, and We Care.
2. Supported and followed progress of the Oral Health Coalition, Mental Health Coalition of North Central Florida, and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) program, We Care, CHOICES/CAPP, Alachua Cares, Children's Trust, Safety Net Collaborative, and Dental Therapy. Received updates throughout the fiscal year.
3. Tracked the progress of GRACE Marketplace and plans for Healthcare through the GRACE Marketplace Oversight Committee.
4. Became first in the state to promote and implement legislation for Tobacco 21 to include vaping.
5. Began conversations regarding the Syringe Exchange Program.
6. Contributed support and input to the County's Comprehensive Plan Health Element update.

## Goals & Objectives for FY 2019-2020:

1. Review the impacts of health care reform at the national, state, and local level.
2. Review the activities of county health programs based on reports received.
3. Participate in community health assessment and planning including CHIP, which includes mental and oral health.
4. Provide reports and recommendations to BOCC on a periodic basis.
5. Support and encourage grant opportunities for improving health status and equity of Alachua County citizens.
6. Continue to serve as a liaison between the BOCC and community based health related coalitions and initiatives.
7. Provide support, input, and advocacy for dental therapy, tobacco restriction (including vapor and retail restrictions), and drug abuse harm reduction programs.
8. Provide input for the implementation and assessment of the Children's Trust
9. Develop recommendation and advocacy to BoCC for recurring CHOICES funding.