

**Meeting Summary  
For  
Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board  
May 15, 2019**

**Location:** Community Services Building, 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> St, Gainesville, FL 32641

**Board Members Present:** Brendan Shortley (Chair), Betsy Dodd, Candice King, Frank Catalanotto, Grant Harrell, & William Garst.

**Others Present:** Hannatu Tunga-Lergo (ACORN/UF MPH), Tom Logan (Children Services Advisory Board) Wendy Resnick (Shands-UFL), Karen Brown (Meridian-Housing Programs), Frank Catalanotto (Dentist Rep.), Katherine Butler (ACORN), Sarai Cabrera (ACDSS) and Chanel Thomas (ACDSS).

Call to Order

Brendan Shortley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Brendan Shortley, Chair, greeted both members, guests, and staff present.

Minutes

Minutes from HCAB's meeting for January 16, 2019 were reviewed.

**Motion moved by Candice King to approve minutes for 1/16/19, and seconded by Candice King and William Garst.**

New Business/ Presenters

*Advisory Board Sunset Date*

The Health Care Advisory Board resolution will expire at the end of December 2019. It is the advisory board's choice to dissolve at the end of the period, form a standalone coalition, or extend the sunset date. Advisory members discussed item, and feel that the contributions of the advisory board continue to be relevant to the community as evidenced by initiatives that were presented to the BoCC during past year.

**Motion moved by William Garst to extend sunset date for another two years (December 20121), and seconded by Frank Catalanotto.**

*Officer Elections*

Nominations for the Health Care Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair made by members for office terms from present through December 2020.

**Motion moved by Grant Harrell to renew Brendan Shortley as the Chair, and seconded Candice King.**

**Motion moved by Frank Catalanotto to accept William Garst as Vice Chair, and seconded by Betsy Dodd.**

### *Recruitment for Open Board Representations*

Current representation vacancies reviewed with board members. Members will direct potential applicants to apply on the BoCC website.

### Program Updates

#### *WE CARE*

See attached We Care report.

#### *CHOICES*

The program is halfway through the 3rd year of the funding cycle. An RFA for CHOICES will be available soon – Agencies can go to the webpage to get registered for notifications.

#### *Alachua Cares*

Social Services will begin to accept applications for Alachua Cares in the next two to three weeks. We project that an additional 50-60 individual will be served through the end of the fiscal period. Social Services is currently accepting applications for vision assistance.

#### *GRACE*

Dignity Village is projected to close by January 1, 2020. The future plan is to move individuals inside the GRACE fenced area and to place tents on platforms. The tents will be color coordinated. The potential negative drawback to the plan is that some individuals may migrate back to downtown area or scatter in the woods.

#### *CHIP & SNC*

CHIP: The community survey is now complete; there were 1,500 responses. The current CHIP is still in force and the main identified high needs are mental health, food, and utilities. UF has a deadline for 2019 and DOH will be due in 2020.

SNC: The resource guide of 2019 is still being updated, but will include shortcuts to make it more accessible and searchable. Next SNC meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2019.

#### *Children Services Advisory Board*

The board will sunset in December 2019. The programs will be turned over to the Children's Trust for subsequent years. The Trust will decide the future of the programs going forward. As the Trust begins to receive funds – they will determine the focus of the funds. The County is working with the Trust to determine roles and functions of the day-to-day operations.

The NewboRN Visiting Home Program is currently operated by WellFlorida. The transformative professional development pilot program is located in the SWAG neighborhood. The program includes a mentoring program and the Zucker Center model is currently being used. The SED program is delivered in the classroom setting, focused on children with behavioral issues.

The BOOST program will offer before/after school and summer camp services. The funds have been approved, and they will take \$15,000 from the current budget.

See attached handouts related to these four programs.

Next CSAB meeting is scheduled for May 20th, 2019 at 4pm.

## Old Business/Discussion

### *Dental Therapy Initiative Update*

The dental therapist legislative initiative will create mid-level dental providers. Dental therapist licensing is fully functional in two states and the coalition is increasing in size. The letter of support provided by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners was mentioned during a legislative session. Additional support is being garnered for this initiative both locally and nationally. UF recently obtained a grant to provide dental service in nursing homes.

### *Tobacco 21 Initiative Update*

Tobacco 21 will be implemented on October 1st, 2019, but legislation may possibly pre-empt at the state level. The initiative was passed in January 2019. Wal-Mart and CVS are going to voluntarily stop selling to individuals under age 21. The local Tobacco Free Office has been contacted by eleven other counties interested in launching Tobacco 21 in their area.

## Adjournment

Next meeting will be on July 17, 2019. Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:22 pm by Brendan Shortley