

Alachua County Board of Commissioners  
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Confirmation #:7105

**Name of Advisory Board/Committee:**

Health Care Advisory Board

**Applying For:**

Mental Health Professional or Representative

**First Name:**

Leah

**Middle Initial:**

**Last Name:**

Vail Compton

**Suffix:**

**Address:**

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**Ext:**

**Occupation:**

State Community Forensic Liaison

**Place of Employment**

Department of Children and Families

**Education:**

Bachelor's and Master's in Psychology  
Master's in Business Administration

**Professional Organizations:**

Florida Rural Health Association Board of Directors  
National Treatment Alternatives for Safer Community Board of Directors

**Age (60 and over):**

**Optional - Check the Race/Ethnic Group with which you identify:**

White

**Are you a resident of Alachua County?**

Yes

**If yes, how long?**

14 years

**If no, what county?**

**Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County advisory board?**

No

**If yes, please list board(s):**

**Civic and Professional Accomplishments/Honors:**

Currently I work at the Policy and Program team based out of Tallahassee. I have knowledge and experience in forensic mental health and substance abuse. I am the state's Community Forensic Liaison and help guide efforts to increase diversions and conditional releases, serve more forensic individuals in the community in lieu of forensic hospitalization, train/educate evaluators and court partners on placement alternatives, assess potential statutory revisions that will help us, work with forensic community providers, FMTs, and more community based and some jail based activities and services. I formerly served as the Vice President of Forensic services at Meridian Behavioral Healthcare leading a comprehensive community forensic program in Circuits 3 & 8. I specialize in all things community forensics including FS 916, specialty courts, jail/state hospital diversion, jail/prison re-entry, and countless forensic tools. Under my leadership, the Meridian Forensic program was awarded the 2017 National Council for Behavioral Health Award of Excellence in Behavioral Healthcare Management. I was awarded Administrator/Supervisor of the Year in Florida by The Florida Council for Community Mental Health in 2014/2015.

**Training or Experience Related to the Appointment:**

20 years in community mental health and substance abuse treatment

**What contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected for this board?**

I would bring all my years of experience with mental health and substance abuse to the table. Mental health and substance abuse are frequently overlooked when citizens think about health care. I would be a GREAT advocate.

**Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?**

Yes

**Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees".**

**Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?**

Yes

**I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct.**

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