

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 19 - 133

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION 10-121, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE ALACHUA COUNTY HEALTH CARE BOARD; ESTABLISHING THE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR A SUNSET DATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1988 the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 88-106, which established the Alachua County Health Care Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners subsequently amended Resolution 88-106 by adopting Resolution 93-7; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1998 the Board of County Commissioners amended and restated Resolution 93-7 by adopting Resolution 98-90; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2009 the Board of County Commissioners amended and restated Resolution 98-090 by adopting Resolution 09-061; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2010 the Board of County Commissioners amended and restated Resolution 09-061 by adopting Resolution 10-121; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners amended and restated Resolution 10-121 in order to modify the membership; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners amended and restated Resolution 10-121 by adopting Resolution 17-06 in order to modify the sunset date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to rescind and restate Resolution 17-06 in order to modify the sunset date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. Resolution 17-06 and all prior resolutions listed above are hereby rescinded. This resolution establishes the Alachua County Health Care Board as follows:

Section 1. Health Care Board. The Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the “County”, hereby establishes the Alachua County Health Care Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Advisory Board”. The sunset date for the Advisory Board will be December 31, 2022.

Section 2. Membership. The Advisory Board shall have a membership not to exceed nineteen (19) members plus one alternate, which membership shall be filled, whenever practical, in the manner set out below. Current members may continue to serve until their term expiration date, including those in positions that are to be eliminated. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint two (2) health care consumers, at least one (1) of whom shall be representative of, or, low-income or Medicaid-eligible; two (2) health care professionals; two (2) representatives of a community advocacy group or civic organization; one (1) attorney or representative of the legal profession; one (1) nurse or representative of an entity that provides nursing services; one (1) mental health care professional or representative of an entity that provides mental health services; one (1) dentist or representative of an entity that provides oral health services; and one (1) pharmacist or representative of an entity that provides pharmacy services. The following organizations shall provide one (1) member each to serve on the Advisory Board: The Alachua County Public Health Department; North Florida Regional Medical Center; UF Health Shands Teaching Hospital and Clinics; the Alachua County Medical Society; University of Florida Community Health & Family Medicine; University of Florida Physicians; Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN); and WellFlorida;. Each organization nominee shall be nominated by an appropriate organization official. The Board of County Commissioners may accept or reject the nominations.

Section 3. Responsibilities of the Advisory Board. The responsibilities of the Advisory Board may include:

- a. To identify specific gaps in health services currently available for low-income residents of Alachua County.
- b. To design a plan for meeting identified service needs through contractual arrangements with local health care providers.
- c. To recommend patient eligibility criteria and screening procedures.
- d. To monitor provider contracts and County health care expenditures.
- e. To keep the County abreast of community health care needs and the progress made in addressing these needs.

- f. To identify additional state and federal resources available for providing indigent health care in Alachua County.

Section 4. Officers of the Board. The Advisory Board shall annually elect one of its members as Chair and one as Vice-Chair, and such other officers as the Board deems necessary to meet its needs. Elections shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting after appointment of the Advisory Board, and annually thereafter at the October meeting. The Chair shall preside and conduct meetings of the Advisory Board in accordance with the most recent edition of Alice Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. The Vice-Chair shall act in the absence of the Chair.

Section 5. Meetings. The Advisory Board shall meet as needed. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or Vice-Chair, or by any three (3) members of the Advisory Board (through the Board Liaison) upon forty-eight (48) hours' notice to all members and the Director of Community Support Services. All meetings shall be open to the public.

Section 6. Appointments. The County shall appoint citizens to serve on the Advisory Board. Members of the Advisory Board shall each serve two- (2) year terms of office; staggered so that approximately one-third (1/3) of the positions will be appointed each year.

Section 7. Meeting Agendas. The Chair shall be responsible for the meeting agenda, which agenda shall be mailed to each member of the Advisory Board at least five (5) days prior to the next meeting date. The Director of the Department of Community Support Services and any member of the Advisory Board may place an item on the agenda by notifying the Board Liaison or Staff Support prior to preparation of the agenda.

Section 8. Subcommittees. Subcommittees shall be appointed by the Chair when necessary as determined by the Advisory Board or by the Chair.

Section 9. Quorum. A majority of the Board membership positions filled shall constitute a quorum. Recommendations and decisions of the Advisory Board will be made by a simple majority vote.

Section 10. Attendance. The Director of the Department of Community Support Services, or a designated representative from the Department of Community Support Services, shall attend all meetings of the Advisory Board, but shall not vote on any matter. The attendance policy for the Board shall be in accordance with the attendance policy for boards and committees set forth in the Alachua County Commission's Rules of Procedure

Section 11. Compensation. Members of the Advisory Board shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties hereunder.

Section 12. Reports. All recommendations of the Advisory Board shall be reduced to writing and shall be forwarded to the County, with copies thereof being provided to the Advisory Board members and the Director of the Department of Community Support Services.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 10th day of December, A.D., 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:



Robert Hutchinson, Chair

ATTEST:



J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Alachua County Attorney

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