



Health Care Advisory Board Presentation William Garst, PharmD, Chair

August 22, 2023



History

On October 18, 1988, the Board of County Commissioners established the Alachua County Health Care Board.

The Health Care Advisory Board consists of community leaders in health care that strive to increase access to health care services and address disparities and inequities in care for low-income and under-insured residents.

The Health Care Advisory Board has 11 voting members and 2 alternates.



Purpose

The mission of the Health Care Advisory Board is to identify specific gaps in health services and other issues affecting the health care of low-income, under-insured, and under-served residents of Alachua County.

The Advisory Board seeks to develop strategies to meet identified health needs and advise the Board of County Commissioners to help inform policy actions.



2022-2023 Accomplishments

The BoCC asked the HCAB to explore a multifaceted approach to achieve health equity that brings community partners together to integrate physical and potential financial assets to involve multiple healthcare providers.

The sub-committees explored medical, dental, mental health, transportation and communication issues, and presented its findings to the Commissioners on August 9, 2022 in the areas of:

- Community Health Workers (CHWs) including outreach and support
- Oral Health Education, Disease Prevention and Access
- Healthcare Communications
- Transportation Barriers and Access



2022-2023 Accomplishments

On October 25, 2022 the Board approved the Alachua County American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Closing Health Care Disparities with Community Health Care Workers and Improving Health Care Communications ARP2021x013 for the implementation of the CCHW project and appropriated \$500,000.00 of American Rescue Plan funds.



2022-2023 Accomplishments

Contracts for the Administrator, Community Mentor and Training Coordinator are executed. Agreements for On-The-Job training are also in place.

3 cohorts of training have been completed with 19 individuals trained.

The HCAB is currently exploring options for the communications component of the plan.



2023-2024 Workplan

Increase access to oral health

Increase awareness and encourage use of healthcare resource platforms for agencies/residents

Explore initiatives to increase access to services and resources where residents live (services in place)

Continue support and monitoring of CHW program implementation

Receive periodic updates from staff on CHOICES



Healthcare Advisory Board

William Garst, Chair

Scott Darius, Vice-Chair

Members: Erica Barnard, Joseph Benton, Frank Catalanotto, Aaron Jarvis, Krista Ott, Lindsey Redding, Shayna Rich, Catherine Striley, Leah Vail-Compton, William Warrick

One alternate position is currently vacant



Questions or Direction?

