Health Care Advisory Board Presentation
William Garst, PharmD, Chair

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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.

2023-2024 Accomplishments

- The advisory board is working closely with the CHW Program Administrator to review the strategies, challenges and successes.
- In February 2024, the advisory board spoke to the BoCC to support proposed Dental Therapy legislation and to approve renewal of Alachua County's membership in Floridians for Dental Access as a government member.
- Dental Therapy Legislation was successfully passed by 2 legislative committees in 2024 and will be re-introduced for anticipated passage in 2025.

2024-2025 Workplan

- Oral health – Support dental therapy legislation
- Continued support and monitoring of CHW program implementation
- Support resource training and relationship building
- Participate in the 2025 Community Health Improvement Plan
- Encourage BoCC policies including financial and/or in-kind support to improve healthcare access especially for underserved county residents

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