



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Presentation on the Community Health Worker Program and Recommendations for Sustainability

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation on three options to continue the Community Health Worker program for Board consideration and request for direction.

Recommended Action:

1. Continue the existing program structure through September 30, 2025.
2. Transition the key functions to the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Team on October 1, 2025.

Prior Board Motions:

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.

April 11, 2023 the Board approved the original agreements with the Florida Department of Health, Community Partners and Engagement Consultants, and Dr. Laura Guyer.

May 9, 2023 the Board initially approved the CareerSource On the Job (OJT) Training Agreement and Guidelines

September 10, 2024 heard a presentation on the CHW program status and requested staff report on options to sustain the program.

October 22, 2024 the Board approved revisions to the OJT contract and guidelines.

Fiscal Note:

Existing funds under revenue recovery will be utilized until expended. Option 1 and 2 a funding source will need to be identified. Option 3 existing Mobile Integrated Healthcare funds will be utilized.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The Board of County Commissioners entered into a subrecipient agreement on April 18, 2023 with the

Florida Department of Health in Alachua County to provide a Program Administrator for the Community Health Worker Program. As part of this agreement, the Program Administrator is required to report yearly to the Board of County Commissioners. During the most recent update, the Board requested staff return with a recommendation on restructuring the program for long term sustainability. The Community Health Worker program was created in response to several recommendations made by the Health Care Advisory Board to improve access to health care for those of limited financial means as well as address known health disparities.