

Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board

Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: CSS, Conference Room A, 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Garst at 1:05 PM.

Members Present: Bill Garst, Leilani Doty, Catherine Striley, Aaron Jarvis, Jessica Forbes, Erica Barnard, Krista Ott, Amanda Reed, Tina Lloyd

Members Absent: Ayana Archer, Frank Catalanotto, Lindsey Redding

Staff Present: Tom Tonkavich, Jaye Athy, Tyler Yeadon

Guests: N/A

2. Approval of the Agenda

2.1 Voting for new Vice-Chair

Catherine Striley nominates Leilani Doty.

Aaron Jarvis moves to elect Leilani Doty as Vice-Chair Second: Bill Garst motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Approving Agenda

Aaron Jarvis moved to approve amended agenda; Second: Krista Ott motion passed unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes from September 18, 2024 Business Meeting

Leilani Doty moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Second: Catherine Striley motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

4.1 Continuation of discussion regarding CHOICES funding

Concept suggested by staff of reworking CAPP and CHOICES to be geared towards social determinants of health or a broader more holistic approach rather than poverty reduction to merge the two together into one RFA.

Questions:

- Are there models in other counties to provide inspiration?
- DOH is having trouble with grants as well due to the Central Office in Tallahassee, it also depends on the type of funding being requested and that is popular at the time. The newest type of funding that will be coming is Women's Health following a White House initiative.
- Would a matching plan be feasible? For example, ACORN raises \$25,000 and the county matches those funds?
- The County would need to track those dollars to services due to using tax dollars. CTAC's largest complaint they have is the amount of attention that is paid to the funds which places a burden on the vendors. Reimbursement style also puts the initial burden on the agency, CTAC has opted to offer 20% upfront to help ease the financial burden to small agencies.
- Could we separate out the dedicated CHOICES funds and let it grow interest to then fully fund the programs later with dedicated Trust money?
- That would not be possible, the trust is already to the point where a full depletion is inevitable.
- When does a decision need to be made?
- Before budget planning, sometime in January

5. New Business

N/A

Updates:

- Krista Ott – trying to recover from shelter operations from the storms, about 50 new referrals a month into programs. Hiring again positions open for Firefighters
- Tina Lloyd – Anniversary Dinner raised \$62,000 and brought in \$56,000 after expenses.
- Amanda Reed – GI clinic is coming to Grace Healthcare with a Hep C, colon cancer etc. screening
- Jessica Forbes – Alachua Elementary School just let go 4 teachers from low VAM scores which sparked an emergency community board meeting
- Bill Garst – Walgreens is closing 1200 stores nationwide which will impact pharmacy availability

Next Meeting: November 13 at CSS Conference Room A

6. Public Comment

N/A

7. Adjournment

Catherine Striley motioned to adjourn. Second: Aaron Jarvis adjourned at 2:19 PM