

Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board

Date: December 11, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

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

1. Call to Order

The workshop was called to order by Bill Garst at 12:59 PM.

Members Present: Bill Garst, Leilani Doty, Amanda Reed, Tina Lloyd, Ayana Archer, Lindsey Redding, Catherine Striley, Aaron Jarvis, Krista Ott, Erica Barnard, Frank Catalanotto

Members Absent: Jessica Forbes

Staff Present: Tom Tonkavich, Bob Swain, Tyler Yeadon

Guests: William Nice

2. Approval of the Agenda

Lindsey Sterling moved to approve the Agenda; Second: Ayana Archer motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes from October 16, 2024 and November 13, 2024 Business Meetings

Krista Ott moved to approve the amended minutes reflecting Tina Lloyd's participation; Second: Catherine Striley motion passed unanimously.

All members introduced themselves to the present guests before beginning discussions.

4. Old Business

4.1 Continuation of discussion regarding CHOICES funding

- Are these options one or the other? Could it be a mixed approach?
- A grant/foundation – funded approach would require a presentation of the grants available to the BoCC
- A third-party non-profit charitable entity would remove the BoCC control of the funding allocations, option removed from discussion
- Matching funds approach may place strain on small organizations and give advantage to larger organizations. Other types of matching funds may offset this disadvantage, like matching in-kind funds or matching volunteer contributions

- Could survey the CHOICES recipients about the ability to match funding; not enough time to turn around a survey for data. Decision needed by January's BoCC meeting
- Add "Support Organization" terminology to the 501c3 suggestion which would bind the funds within the 501c3 to the County, but the 501c3 does have final decision on funding allocation for County projects
- 4 Options for funding presented:
 - A. Every budget cycle the BoCC adds to the Choices Budget incrementally so when the original fund is depleted the Choices program will be fully funded via General Revenue funds and the BoCC will have already incorporated this item into their budget plans.
 - B. Facilitate the creation of a 501(c)3 Charitable Direct Support Organization that can receive donations and be tax deductible. The funds donated would be restricted to the Choices Program and not used for any other purpose.
 - C. Institute a matching plan, in which the County would match funds or in-kind contributions raised by the individual Choices Partners up to a predetermined limit. This would provide Choices partners with the incentive to develop their own donor bases for future funding.
 - D. Obtain voter approval for a "partial cent" sales tax increase (for a limited amount of time) to increase the Choices Restricted Account.
- Board will vote on each option to be included in a presentation to the BoCC
- Option A; unanimously approved to be included
- Option B; Krista Ott and Erica Barnard opposed, approved to be included
- Option C; unanimously approved to be included
- Option D; Ayana Archer opposed, approved to be included

4.2 Reviewing the BoCC motion the HCAB board must also develop health preventative health techniques based upon the community engagement data.

- CHIP must be reviewed

5. New Business

5.1 Program Updates

- Bill Garst: Director of the Pharmacy has taken another job so Bill will be stepping in for that position and availability will be impacted

- Frank Catalanotto: Coalition Bill was posted, encouraged to join the coalition

Next Meeting: TBD

Public Comment

6. Adjournment

Bill Garst motioned to adjourn. Second: Frank Catalanotto adjourned at 2:20 PM