

Health Care Advisory Board

May 29, 2024

12:00 pm

Community Support Services, Conference Room A

218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

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2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - 2.1 **Welcome new members and review of sunshine laws pertaining to advisory boards**
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Approval of the minutes from April 17, 2024
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Health Care Advisory Board

Date: April 17, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Community Support Services, Conference Room A
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Members Present Erica Barnard, Joseph Benton, Frank Catalanotto, Scott Darius ,
William Garst, Aaron Jarvis, Krista Ott, Lindsey Redding,
Shayna Rich, Catherine Striley

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Garst at 1:01 PM

Members Present: Aaron Jarvis, Catherine Striley, Erica Barnard, William Garst,
Krista Ott

Members Absent: Leah Vail-Compton, Frank Catalanotto, Scott Darius, Shayna
Rich, Lindsey Redding

Staff Present: Jaye Athy, Tyler Yeadon, Bob Swain

Guests: Pastor Duncan, Cherisse Britton, Diane Dimperio

2. Approval of the Agenda

*Catherine Striley moved to remove Agenda item 5.1 due to Dr. Butler's
cancellation second: Aaron Jarvis passed unanimously*

*Catherine Striley moved approval of the agenda. Second: Aaron Jarvis motion
passed unanimously.*

3. Approval of Minutes

*Aaron Jarvis moved approval of the previous meeting minutes. Second:
Catherine Striley motion passed unanimously.*

4. Old Business

4.1 Community Health Worker Update

- Pastor Duncan gave a presentation on the CHW program and its updates

- CHWs have 3 main goals surrounding professional development and employment
- CHWs are met with for mentoring at least monthly
- Community engagement has been an integral part of the CHW program and CHW is helping to advertise all other County provided services
- The Food Pharmacy program has reduced the number of ER visits due to nutritional health related issues
- CHW can be a valuable resource in getting individuals without healthcare signed up to receive health insurance

Q&A

- Where is the Pharmacy?
 - In the Manny Building (Former Administration Building)
- Are you working with Bread of the Mighty?
 - Data is shared in partnership
- How many CHW still need to be placed?
 - 3 CHWs are waiting to be placed, there are 3 potential employers, but the contracts are stuck in legal
- How many active CHW are there?
 - 6 CHWs are currently active and placed, 3 are waiting to be placed for a total of 9 CHWs
- How many are funded through the County?
 - 2 are employed fully by the UF Cancer Center, 1 CHW is funded by the County, 1 is funded by DOH Funds, 2 others are funded by separate grants; Funding is very unclear – needs further investigation and legal advice

Update on CHW from Erica Barnard

- 10 trainees by the end of year 2 is the new goal (original goal was 20)
- Dr Guyer had to remove herself from the training component which has caused a change in the training process

- Goal of 5-7 CHWs working towards completion of 500 hours
- Modified the engagement goals to reflect CHWs working in areas where patients assisted cannot be calculated such as community outreach events. New goals are 1500 community engagements per year
- Minimum of 10 achieving employment and 5 achieving full certification

5. **New Business**

5.1 **Update on Alleviating Health Disparities in East Gainesville - Dr. Lakesha Butler**

- Dr Butler had to cancel and could not present

6. **Public Comment**

Member Updates:

Bill Garst – Pharmacies have new MTM programs that could benefit from CHWs

Krista Ott – 2nd full time paramedic started, medicated assisted treatment program has started seeing patients

Erica Barnard – WeCare expanded evening dental services by several more appointments, CHA Is being finalized will come out in June, Evening clinic still busy with high turnout

Aaron Jarvis – UF Shands last week had a bike rodeo with good turnout, UF Health has different entities but just hired a new Systems CEO that will cover all departments and also acting as CEO for the hospital

Jaye Athy – HCAB applications go to the board next week, New CAPP RFA opened today and can be applied to, attempting to get a representative from the East Side clinic to give an update

7. **Adjournment**

Aaron Jarvis moved to adjourn at 2:18 pm Second: Erica Barnard motion passed unanimously

Alachua County Advisory Boards
Annual Workplan/Accomplishments Report
FY 2023-2024

Date: August 22, 2023

Board/Committee Name: Health Care Advisory Board

Chair: William Garst

Board Liaison: Jaye Athy

Brief History of Committee: The Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board consists of community leaders in healthcare that strive for increased access to health care services for low-income and underinsured residents of Alachua County. The Advisory Board seeks to develop strategies for meeting identified health needs within the County and advises the BoCC on actions necessary to better meet the health needs of residents, and to address disparities and inequities affecting residents of Alachua County.

Mission Statement: To identify specific gaps in health services and other issues affecting the health care of low-income, underinsured, and underserved residents of Alachua County.

Major Accomplishments in FY 2022-2023:

- In August 2022, the HCAB presented a plan to address disparities in health care to the BoCC. The Board chose to fund a program to train and deploy Community Health Workers (CHWs) and also funded a health care communications component.
 - Contracts executed for Administrator, Community Mentor/Training Co-facilitator, and Training Coordinator/Lead Facilitator. Agreements for on the job training are also in place
 - Program Administrator position is posted through the Health Department; the FDOH in Alachua County is currently interviewing for the position
 - There have been 3 cohorts of training completed with 19 individuals trained
 - 6 individuals are employed, including one at the FDOH at Alachua County
 - HCAB is currently working with staff to explore options for expenditure of the communications dollars.
- HCAB members participated in the updated Community Health Improvement Plan, released in April 2023.
 - The advisory board supports BoCC policies including financial and/or in-kind support to improve health care access especially for underserved county residents.
- The advisory board continues to monitor updates on and support a syringe exchange program.

Goals & Objectives for FY 2023-2024:

- Increase access to oral health
 - The HCAB will continue to monitor dental therapy legislation as proposed by Floridians for Dental Access (floridiansfordentalaccess.org)
- Increase awareness and encourage use of healthcare resource platforms for agencies/residents
 - As part of the CHW plan implementation, CHW Program Administrator will develop/maintain resource platforms
 - Utilize communication funds to increase awareness of available platforms
- Explore initiatives to increase access to services and resources where residents live (services in place)
- Continue support and monitoring of CHW program implementation
 - Explore options and make recommendations for available Health Care Communication funds
- Receive periodic updates from staff on CHOICES
 - Program monitoring and evaluations