



Health Care Advisory Board

The **June 24, 2020** Health Care Advisory Board was held at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, in the 9th Floor of County Commissioner Conference Room. A Quorum was present. Meeting commenced at 5:03pm. A quorum was established.

Roll Call

Members Present

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| ▪ JoOni Abnar | ▪ Jane Pfeilsticker |
| ▪ Jill Cherbow | ▪ Bonnie Ramseur |
| ▪ Cliff Feldman | ▪ Kirk Zeppi |
| ▪ Matthew Lapointe | ▪ Geneva Presha |
| ▪ Dr. James Nguyen | |

Members Absent

Lisa McCoy
Dr. Ibrahim Saad

County Staff Present

- Ava Ehde, Director Neighborhood Services
- Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager
- Janice Dunbar-Smith, Administrative Services Coordinator
- Debbie DeLeon, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
- Pascale Edouard, Health Care Services Program Manager
- Jim Gagliardi, Business System Support Manager

Public Present

James McCloud

Welcome and Introductions

This meeting was held virtually, and Mr. Jim Gagliardi presented instructions as to how this meeting will be held and the procedures for the Chair to call upon Members who wish to be heard.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2020

A motion was made by Jane Pfeilsticker, seconded by Matthew Lapointe to approve the February 26, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Joshua expressed gratitude to Ron Hardy, Seth, and Jim Gagliardi of Manatee County Government for their support with setting up the technology for this meeting.

2020 Timeline

Joshua Barnett reviewed the timeline and indicated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic several meetings were canceled. Mr. Barnett indicated that items initially scheduled for discussion at

the March, April and May meetings would be addressed at this meeting, and the July meeting will be held.

COVID-19 Activities Update from Health Care Services Section

Mr. Barnett updated the Board on the activities of the Health Care Services Section in response to the Pandemic.

- Provided regular updates to Board of County Commissioners with a Data Dashboard
- Worked on hospital overflow and personal protective equipment (“PPE”) issues
- Arranged temporary shelter for the medical and ems personnel who tested positive and who could not safely quarantine at home
- Participated in the Mega Food Pantry to help distribute food
- Worked with FL Department of Health on Covid epidemiology
- Started a wellness outreach initiative concentrating on elderly, special needs & veterans and expanding to first responders and LEOs (with assistance from Brain Health Initiative student and faculty volunteers)
- Communicated with physician community via phone & email
 - Closure of ambulatory surgical centers to preserve PPE

Ava also indicated staff provided hygiene stations to the public.

Ava shared a document that staff is creating as best practices.

Indigent Health Care Funding Priorities

Joshua Barnett gave an update to the Patient Health Care Program. He shared that Stephanie Cinque has accepted a position with the School Board. After a search for a replacement Stephanie Seiffert has accepted the position. Her background is in emergency care, she is a former flight paramedic and has 25 years’ experience in clinical care.

Jill Cherbow asked if the work that Stephanie Cinque did will still be used for to continue with this program. Joshua responded that Ms. Seiffert will build upon Ms. Cinque’s excellent work.

Staff has been monitoring the substance abuse treatment available. Staff worked closely with Centerstone and Central Florida Behavioral Health Network to ensure that services did not close during this pandemic.

Staff is monitoring the needs of unemployed and underemployed citizens adversely affected by the Pandemic and expectations regarding substance abuse and other problems. Staff also continuing to monitor the syringe exchange program as well, seeking an applicant to provide these services.

Working to improve the dental health program. Claims are very low at this time but continue to provide reimbursements to Genesis and Turning Points who continue to provide these services to the community.

Staff is monitoring other counties for comparison to see what others are doing to deal with the Pandemic.

OD2A (Opioid Data to Action) CDC Grant with DOH

Mr. Barnett informed the Board that the County received a grant to assist with technical assistance on harm reduction. Mr. Barnett briefly reviewed how the grant money would be used to review the literature and conduct a community survey.

Update: Indigent Health Statistics

Pascale Edouard presented a PowerPoint presentation on the statistics for inpatient/outpatient detox level of care.

Focused on clients receiving alcohol and drug treatment.

How are the facilities providing access during the pandemic? Pascale indicated some were providing services virtually. Was there some technology assistance to follow-up with the patients? Ms. Edouard discussed how Centerstone has made adjustments to continue providing services during the Pandemic and to ensure Centerstone remains a safe place to go to receive services.

New/Old Business

Mr. Barnett indicated that the Staff health care services update will be brought to the BOCC.

Jane Pfeilsticker made a motion, seconded by JoOni Abnar, to recommend to the BOCC to adopt an ordinance requiring the wearing of face coverings in pharmacies and grocery stores, leaving to BOCC's discretion to add other places at which face coverings should be required. The Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. McCloud updated the Board on the Genesis dental practice. Genesis is moving their office from Nokomis to Sarasota effective July 15, 2020. Genesis is negotiating for a third office in Nokomis. Received funding from the Manatee Community Foundation for a Tele dentistry Program. Also received a grant from Gulf Coast. Trying to get through the pandemic and has not closed.

Next Meeting, July 22, 2020

Adjourn

A motion was made by Matt Lapointe and seconded by Jane Pfeilsticker to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved

James Nguyen, MD - Chair

Date