



## Health Care Advisory Board

The January 22, 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 5:05pm. A quorum was established.

### Roll Call

#### Members Present

- JoOni Abnar
- Jill Cherbow
- Lisa McCoy
- Dr. James Nguyen in at 5:25pm
- Jane Pfeilsticker
- Geneva Presha
- Bonnie Ramseur
- Dr. Ibrahim Saad

#### Members Absent

- Daniel Austin
- Cliff Feldman
- Matthew Lapointe
- Kirk Zeppi

#### County Staff Present

- Ava Ehde, Director Neighborhood Services (via phone)
- Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager
- Janice Dunbar-Smith, Administrative Services Coordinator
- Debbie DeLeon, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
- Pascale Edouard, Health Care Services Program Manger
- Stephanie Cinque, Patient Health Care Coordinator

#### Public Present

- Ruth Harenchar
- James McCloud
- Dr. Conard

### Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair, Jill Cherbow welcomed everyone to the January 22, 2020 meeting.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2019 and November 20, 2019

A motion was made by Lisa McCoy seconded by Dr. Ibrahim Saad to accept the minutes for October 23, 2019. Motion carried.

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### Meeting Schedule & 2020 Timeline

Joshua Barnett asked the members if there were any questions or concerns regarding the meeting schedule? After a discussion regarding the July and December dates, members decided to keep them on the calendar and if necessary, revisit at a future meeting. A motion was made by Jane Pfeilsticker, second by Lisa McCoy approving the meeting scheduled as presented.

Time Line – Joshua stated that the schedule will be updated and revisited for the next meeting.

### Patient Health Care Advocacy Program Update

Stephanie Cinque, Patient Health Care Coordinator shared that the Department of Health (DOH) has agreed to provide the staff for this program. DOH has also agreed to the following:

1. Hiring of OPS Staff
2. Employees hired will receive health benefits but will not participate in the Florida Retirement Systems (FRS).
3. DOH will be the Contract Administrator.

Stephanie distributed and reviewed a high utilize group (HUG) exploratory questionnaire. The objective of this questionnaire was to obtain feedback from clients enrolled in the indigent healthcare program in order to inform the implementation of the program. Target areas of the questionnaire will be in zip codes with high utilizers, including 34205 and 34208. At this time the biggest issue is transportation, most do not have cars. Feedback was received on the questionnaire and use of the survey itself.

### Dr. Nguyen enters @5:25pm

Stephanie indicated that Lyft has a program to assist with medical appointments for the disabled or veterans and would be explored.

Questions and concerns were raised in regard to obtaining feedback from the clients enrolled in the indigent health care program and how to build relationships in order to gain their trust.

Stephanie also shared that she went on a ride-a-long with the Community Paramedic program staff. Found it to be a great experience and wanted to learn what e-health systems they were using. She feels the Paramedicine Program can be beneficial for the Health Care Advocacy Program's success.

### Review BOCC End of Year Summary: Commissioner Comments

### Dr. Nguyen exit @6:05pm

Joshua Barnett played the recorded Health Care Advisory Board presentation provided on December 10, 2019 for the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The BOCC would like to see an annual work session each year. The next scheduled work session will be held on April 14, 2020. The BOCC had questions and concerns in regard to the general increases in health costs and the population growth observed in Manatee County and the changes in Low Income Pool (LIP) funds from the state Medicaid office (AHCA).

### Indigent Health Care Administrative Funding Procedures & Budget Setting

Joshua reviewed the budget recommendations established and approved by this Advisory Board. Questions and concerns were discussed regarding the LIP funds and how they are distributed. Joshua shared that this funding has decreased in some areas from what was observed in the former Governor's administration. With these funds, we must be mindful of the service that is being provided through the agency.

### Passage of Infectious Disease Elimination Ordinance, An Overview

Ava Ehde gave an update and indicated that the Infectious Disease Elimination Act was passed by the Governor on July 1, 2019, and the local Ordinance 19-46 was by the County Commission. She shared that briefings were provided to all Commissioners, and the BOCC

subsequently approved the ordinance unanimously. Joshua also indicated Hillsborough County is now reviewing this issue as well.

Joshua reviewed the presentation that was presented to the BOCC on January 13, 2020. A copy of the frequent asked questions (FAQ's) were distributed as well. He shared that we are currently a Hepatitis A State of Emergency which is continually monitored by the Department of Health. Ava shared that staff were invited to attend the Governor's Opioid Task Force Meeting that was held on January 9, 2020 in Tampa and its focus was the opioid litigation. A Statewide meeting is scheduled to be held at Manatee Memorial Hospital on February 24, 2020.

### Letters of Appreciation for former HCAB Members

Joshua presented Letters of Appreciation to be signed by the Chairman for past members. A motion was made by Jane Pfeilsticker and seconded by JoOni Abnar to approve the signing of letters of appreciation by the Chairman for Dr. Francis Curd, Dr. Arthur Cohen, Lori Dengler, Barbara Shubert, and Dr. Tom Skoloda.

### New/Old Business

None

### Public Comment

None

### Next Meeting

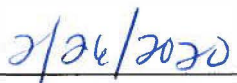
February 26, 2020 at 5:00pm

### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

### Approved

  
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James Nguyen, MD - Chair

  
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Date