

**Health Care Advisory Board**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**October 26, 2016**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Philip Brown Ernest (Sandy) Marshall Thomas Skoloda	Ray Fusco Henry Raines Kirk Zeppi
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Lori Dengler Beverly Hindenlang Dominique Kohlenberger	Stephen Hall Mildred Isom
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Karen Windon, Deputy County Administrator Cheri Coryea, Director, Neighborhood Services Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager Lynette Miralla-Ramirez, Grants Coordinator	
<b>Public Present:</b>	Mike Meehan Richard Dymond	

The October 26, 2016 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board was held at the Manatee Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of County Commissioner Conference Room.

**Item 1 - Introductions:**

**Philip Brown**, Vice Chair called the October 26, 2016 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board to order at 5:10 pm.

**Cheri Coryea** attempted to establish communication with Dominique Kohlenberger via conference call, but was unable.

**Philip Brown** informed that since there was no quorum of members attending, the meeting would be considered a work session and proceeded to request introductions of those present.

**Henry Raines** entered @ 5:12

**Item 2 – Approval of Minutes:**

**Philip Brown** informed that the August 24, 2016 meeting minutes would be approved during next scheduled regular meeting because of lack of quorum.

**Item 3 – Meeting Structure:**

**Cheri Coryea** explained a new meeting structure to continue moving forward with better use of the time; **Joshua** will present the proposed meeting structure.

**Joshua Barnett** explained that because of time limitations the board members needed to capitalize the meeting time that is available. He considers the need for an **actionable discussion that is concise and encourages meaningful participation**. **Joshua** proposed that the 11 members break down in four sub-committees:

- Ad-hoc Subcommittee (already formed)
- Board Structure
- HMA Report
- Goal, and Aspirations, Challenges, and New Conditions

Each group will work on the specifics of their group assignment.

**Sandy Marshal** suggested to **Joshua** to read the Memo of the Federation of Manatee County Community Associations of March 28, 2016 because their plan correlates with his (**Joshua's**) ideas.

**Item 4 – Actionable Discussion:**

Joshua proceeded to explain that at this point the board needs a discussion that moves toward action that is task oriented and welcomes input. Establish a problem statement focus on solutions and create an action plan, but most importantly focus on things that can be accomplished.

**Item 5 - Review Prior Meeting Discussions for Future Action:**

Joshua explained the need for an Agenda framework change where instead of using the title of “Continue Discussion from Prior Meetings” they use the title of “**Review Prior Meeting Discussions for Future Action**”. Revisiting discussions for reference and not re-discuss (Karen Windon called it “**Continue Celebrating the Problem**”) and seeking involvement from all members.

**Item 6 - Subcommittee Priorities:**

Joshua explained that the four groups would target very specific areas: Ad hoc subcommittee “coverage”; Board Structure; HMA Report Goal; and Aspiration, Challenges, and New Conditions, that way the group can move faster towards action plans. Subcommittee Priorities:

- o Report consensus of their group to the board;
- o To start looking for solutions to present to the Board of County Commissioners; and maybe even change in policy.

After a brief discussion over the Subcommittees Joshua stated that, each group would work independently and report to the larger group.

**Item 7 - Subcommittee Breakout Session:**

- A. **The Ad-hoc Subcommittee**, whose members are already in place, would look for ideas in how to reduce the number of uninsured/underinsured residents of Manatee County. They will assess and review available data searching for Gaps, limitations and solutions, in order to establish the needs with a clear goal. They will define their Action-steps and areas to consider like Coverage, FPL, 200% FPL; and the Silver Plan.
- B. **The Board Structure Subcommittee** would look at the Health Care Advisory Board structure to determine if it is representative of the community or there are Gaps for representation.
- C. **The HMA Report Goal Subcommittee** would deconstruct the HMA report trying to find what is its purpose, benefits, and limitations and obtain any information that can be taken from it to determine if the process should proceed with that goal or if there is a need to reframe it.
  - If is determined to proceed, then decide what reports will be needed?
  - If is determined to Reframe, what instead is needed?

**Ray Fusko** stated that if the County has an IHS billing system why not find out what kind of capabilities has, what it can do in reference to collecting patient information? Could it be integrated into another software that will allow ICD codes to be shared? First find those answers and then you can find out if the billing system could fit as a resource or not.

**Joshua** stated that Ray’s comments should be an Agenda item to be discussed if we are trying to have an understanding of our population.

- D. **Aspirations, Challenges, and New Conditions Subcommittee** would be charged with looking at the aspirations of Manatee County toward health care, the challenges to reach those aspirations and how to work against the challenges.

**Aspirations:** Accessible comprehensive and low cost, high quality health care improved by evidence-based practices for specific indicators including physical, behavioral and preventative care.

**Challenges:** Knowledge and difficulty accessing, coordinating, enrolling and evolving a health care system toward healthier, more affordable and accountable.

**New Conditions:** Utilize data and trained professionals to educate board and future providers of health services.

**Joshua** responded that **Stephen Hall** (Chair) and he will be involved too, but each person could email him or Stephen with their first and second committee choice and that will be taken in consideration.

**Philip Brown** stated that in summary the group would be divided in in subcommittees to wrestle with some issues and share their conclusions and approach to be incorporated or not. Divide the work and have confidence that we as a group will have a vote in a set of recommendations in how to deal with the problem. He also said that as items are completed we could jump into another.

**Tom Skoloda** expressed the frustration of being meeting for a year and nothing has been done.

**Joshua** said by Outlining the Process, and discussing in break through sessions you are capitalizing on the time and moving forward at the same time. Any limitations or potential solutions we bring back to the group.

**Ray** requested some answers related to the budget allocated for Health Care, and **Karen Windon** answered.

**Sandy Marshall** questioned about AHCA and the LIP Agenda Item approved by the BCC. **Karen** gave an explanation of the AHCA process the way that was before and the changes for this year. Manatee County negotiated an amount with AHCA and MMH but this is a one-time situation.

**Cheri** stated the Fiscal year ended in September 30 it will take until December 31<sup>st</sup> for bills to be reconciled, she believes that by January 2017 they will have a real picture of what happened on 2017.

**Phil** stated that during next meeting, the first hour will be on your assigned subcommittee, and **Stephen** will make the assignments with **Joshua**.

Few members expressed to **Joshua** their committee preference.

#### **Item 8 - New/Old Business: Limited to 2 Minutes**

**Sandy Marshall** said there was a lot of good information in the minutes about patients information data, the Qure-4u program and asked how that interfaces with the Paramedicine Program. **Joshua** said that the Paramedicine Program targets "high users" and how to keep them out of the hospitals.

**Comments about the Qure-4u:** **Henry**s said the program is comparable in a way to Athena Health, **Tom** said their goal is to decrease the number of uninsured, and **Ray** said that the goal is to reduce the County risk. There are many possibilities, he referred to a New Hampshire plan that uses a waiver, and legal aliens are eligible.

**Ray Fusco** asked if there was a cap to hospitals bills under current contract. **Karen** affirmed that there is a cap. **Ray** added that sometimes is just a business decision in how to contract with the hospitals if a Medicare or Medicaid rate, since they are different. **Ray Fusco** said that solutions are not as simple as people think. Better to focus on issues and resources, what is available for people and define where they can be more effective, and what really can be done.

**Henry Raines** stated about the need to do some research on premiums, charitable organizations, and that the Two-tier idea could be used as a goal.

**Philip Brown** commented that the group have to rely on the staff to get the data. Perhaps some of the issues need to be broken out. **Joshua** said "in reality what you need is to define a clear goal".

**Karen Windon** commented that the group is going in the right direction.

**Cheri Coryea** stated that it seems that everybody is agreeing with the new structure and that will help in moving forward.

**Tom Skoloda** said that maybe we need people with less knowledge that way we can think out of the box. Joshua said that residents who are experiencing or have experienced what it is like to live without health insurance should be part of the discussion and he would like to have more public to attend the meetings and comment or email him.

**Karen** said that there is no expectation for the advisory board to provide a final document to clear the pressure of that thought.

**Phil Brown** commented than in summary he sees a sense of frustration, but we need to trust and respect the knowledge each brings to the group. We are slow getting to bond closer; maybe we need more face time/more meeting time. Clear the steps from getting to the final topic. He suggested that maybe we could close the meeting with: what went well and what could be improved. Phil reminded to email during next 24 hours your committee preference to Joshua or Stephen.

**Item 9 – Public Comment: Limited to 3 Minutes**

**Michael Meehan** informed he has gone to the BCC last regular meeting and has given them information related to a Deductible support Program. He stated that to sign up people to the Obamacare at the RAM event is a good idea , but where people is having a problem is with meeting the high deductible, therefore, he suggested to give them a Voucher for \$300 to \$500 to support their deductible and at least will cover for 4 or 5 medical visits.

**Richard Dymond** said Good job tonight!

**Item 10 – Next Meeting:**

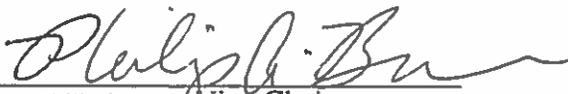
Because the scheduled meeting date is the day before Thanksgiving, the group decided to change the next meeting date to **November 16, 2016** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the BCC Conference Room located on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Manatee County Administration Building.

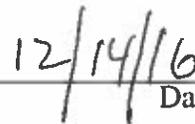
**Make note that the December Regular meeting was also changed to December 14, 2016.**

**Item 11 – Adjourn**

Philip Brown, Vice Chair, adjourned meeting at 7:10 pm

APPROVED:

  
Philip Brown, Vice Chair

  
Date