

Healthcare Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Manatee County Administration Building

1112 Manatee Ave W. Bradenton Fl. 342054th Floor Manatee Room

January 5, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Board was called to order at 4:01 pm by Karen Windon.

Members Present

Stephen Hall – Business
Beverly Hindenlang – Higher Education
Philip Brown – Social Services
Thomas Skoloda – Substance Abuse
Kirk Zeppi – Behavioral Health
Ray Fusco – Health Care
Dominique Kohlenberger – Health Care
Henry Raines – At Large
Lori Dengler – At Large
Ernest (Sandy) Marshall – At Large

Staff Present

Karen Windon - Deputy County Administrator
Brenda Rogers - Director, Community Services Department
Andy Guyre - Human Services Division Manager
Allen Donahue - Human Services Program Manager
Mary Pendleton-Brown – Fiscal Services Manager
Lori Rizzo, - Office Specialist
Robert Eschenfelder - Chief Assistant County Attorney
Cassidy Rickrode – Budget Analyst

Not Present

Vacant – Medically Needy Healthcare Consumer

Public Present

Richard Dymond, Richard Conard, Pam Eubanks, Glen Gibellena, Jeannie Slater, Valerie Vale, Victoria Kasdan, Kevin DiLallo, Joe Hwang and William Pittman.

Approval of Minutes

No prior meeting minutes – This is the first meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Board.

Open Issues

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New Business

Introductions – Each member was asked to provide a short synopsis of their experience and work history.

Dominique Kohlenberger entered @ 4:04

Ernest Marshall entered @ 4:06

Henry Raines entered @ 4:07

Ms. Windon announced that 3 applications have been received for the vacant medically needy position and will be evaluated at the next commission meeting.

Sunshine Law Review – Chief Assistant County Attorney Robert Eschenfelder provided an explanation of the legal responsibilities of the board to include the Florida Sunshine Law, public records, conflicts of interest and what is and is not appropriate.

Robert Eschenfelder departed @ 4:47

Overview of Advisory Board – Andy Guyre provided several resources to the Advisory Board members including Resolution R-15-173 which created the Advisory Board, a summary of the physician funding documents, a list of funded medical programs and a reference binder including the agenda and presentations of this meeting

Mr. Guyre also presented an overview of the objectives of the Advisory and stated that specific objectives as related to healthcare would come from the Board of County Commissioners at a joint workshop in the future.

Beverly Hindenlang entered @ 5:02

Karen Windon led a discussion regarding dates and times for meetings. The consensus for the next several meetings is to hold it from 5pm – 7pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Ms. Windon presented background information on the past funding mechanisms for funding of healthcare related items in Manatee County. Discussion ensued.

Ray Fusco departed at 5:45

Brenda Rogers presented information regarding the Health Information Exchange program which is being started for key providers in Manatee County.

Citizen Comments

- Jeanie Slater addressed the committee and stated the committee should identify deliverables as soon as possible. Additionally she cautioned that many agencies provide care for free which may or may not show on the counties financial data.
- Glen Gibellina addressed the committee. Stated there should be microphones like there is during the BCC meeting for the public to hear better. Stated he was locked out during a bathroom break and had to be let in by someone. These meetings are supposed to be open to the public and this should happen. He believes every meeting should be video recorded and provided to the public. The County should look into electronic comment cards so there is no confusion about who wishes to speak. There is a need to provide better information to the public on meetings. Expressed that the idea to have meetings on the 9th floor is a bad idea due to the size of the room. Stated he will be at every meeting and as of next month he will be videotaping every meeting.
- Victoria Kasdan, Executive Director of We Care, addressed the Committee. She will bring the up-to-date information Karen Windon had previously referenced during discussion to the next meeting. Stated the new Health Information Exchange is a wonderful idea but is unsure if the infrastructure is available for smaller agencies. Specifically the financial impact and training component needs to be evaluated prior to implementation.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- A Chairman will need to be appointed.
- The calendar of future meetings will need to be confirmed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm by Karen Windon. The next general meeting will be at 5 pm on January 27, 2016, in the BCC Conference Room located on the 9th floor of the Manatee County Administration Building.

APPROVED:



Karen Windon, Acting Chairman



Date