

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST
BRADENTON, Florida
March 29, 2016**

Present were Commissioners:

Vanessa Baugh, Chairman
John R. Chappie, First Vice-Chairman
Robin DiSabatino, Second Vice-Chairman
Charles B. Smith, Third Vice Chairman
Betsy Benac
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr.
Carol Whitmore

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney
Quantana Acevedo, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Also present were Healthcare Advisory Board members:

Philip Brown, Vice-Chairman
Lori Dengler, Secretary
Beverly Hindenlang
Thomas Skoloda
Kirk Zeppi
Ray Fusco
Dominique Kohlenberger
Mildred Isom
Henry Raines
Ernest (Sandy) Marshall

Also present were Consultants:

Gary Crayton, Health Management Associates
Maurice Lemon, Health Management Associates



Chairman Baugh called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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INTRODUCTIONS

The County Commission, Healthcare Advisory Board members, consultants, and County staff introduced themselves.

1. **REPORT**



Karen Windon, Deputy County Administrator, made introductory comments.

Maurice Lemon and Gary Crayton, Health Management Associates (HMA), utilized a slide presentation to review HMA overview and expertise, the project team, Manatee County goals, 2015-2020 CHIP, and key challenges.

 Discussion ensued about uninsured and underinsured, need to look at the overall picture in order to assist those in need, Resolution R-15-173 references the medically needy, eligibility is income less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for the family unit, and looking for a broad scope of services.

 Mr. Lemon and Mr. Crayton continued the slide presentation to review deliverables and milestones, stakeholder interviews, environmental scan, and the project schedule.

Questions posed by the Healthcare Advisory Board included purpose and duties for the Healthcare Advisory Board (specifically visiting facilities), Sunshine Law, feedback from healthcare providers, what does progress look like, how would the Board define success for the HMA contract, what are the Board's priorities for the Healthcare Advisory Board, role of the Healthcare Advisory Board after the plan implementation and final report, HMA recommendation versus the Board's recommendation, and goals.

Discussion continued regarding not solving the healthcare problem but at least make progress, money is not always the solution, coordinating resources and transparency, population, commend the consultants, coordination between HMA, the Healthcare Advisory Board, and the Financial Advisory Board, hospital gauging, understanding funding resources, community approach is necessary in solving the problem, need concrete information to prevent limitations, Financial Advisory Board meeting schedule, how many people are being referenced by providers, central database of providers and prices, insured are opting to not utilize their insurance due to high deductibles, community para-medicine, consultants providing a draft plan as a guide for the Healthcare Advisory Board, need to remember doctors are providing for the uninsured, 2-1-1 System, and thank you to the Healthcare Advisory Board.

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, noted the Financial Advisory Board will make a presentation in April 2016, and they will not be making budget recommendations.

Public Comment

Michael Mehan announced he attends the Healthcare Advisory Board meetings regularly. He suggested expanding the hours of operation for Manatee Rural Health Services and asking healthcare providers to provide prices and services to be posted for public access.

There being no additional comments, Chairman Baugh closed public comment.

Mr. Hunzeker made closing remarks.

 Mr. Brown read statistics from Herald Tribune article regarding Medicaid expansion coverage. He inquired if additional joint sessions with the County Commission can be scheduled in the future.

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ADJOURN

 There being no further business, Chairman Baugh adjourned the work session at 4:58 p.m.

Minutes Approved: April 12, 2016