

**HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2017

Board Members Present: Stephen Hall Ray Fusco
Thomas Skoloda Ernest (Sandy) Marshall
Henry Raines Lori Dengler
Kirk Zeppi Mildred Isom
Dominique Kohlenberger

Board Members Absent: Philip Brown

Staff Present: Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager
Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood/Community Services Department Director
Lynette Miralla-Ramirez, Grants Coordinator

Public Present: James McCloud Richard Conard, MD
Josiah Deleon

The February 22, 2017 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board was held at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, in the 9th Floor Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

Item 1 - Introductions:

Stephen Hall, Chair, called the February 22, 2017 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board to order at 5:05 pm.

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes:

Stephen Hall opened discussion of the minutes from the January 25, 2017 meeting.

Action: Accept the minutes from January 25, 2017. **Vote:** Motion Passed Unanimously.

5:18 pm Lori Dengler entered the meeting.

Item 3 – 2017 Meeting Schedule:

Joshua provided the 2017 meeting schedule and requested approval for alternate dates of November 15th and December 20th due to Holidays. 2017 Meeting schedule accepted with alternate dates.

Item 5- BOCC Update:

Joshua provided information presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and their recommendations. Stephen Hall added his impression of the meeting and BCC expectations for the additional requested membership. Joshua also added that during the Opioids Work Session with the BCC he clarified misconceptions related to the location for the opioids abusers using available IHS preliminary data.

Item 4- Presentation: Manatee County Para-medicine:

James Crutchfield, Chief of the Community Para-Medicine Program, provided a video followed by a formal presentation of the Para-Medicine Program. He explained the scope of the program, their funding, types of calls they receive, and some success stories. He mentioned the partnership with Lake Erie School of Pharmacy and how students help in identifying medication issues, alternate medication, and even cost reducing drug alternatives. This helps to improve the patient's health, and to work within their limited resources. He offered information about employee's medical certifications and other requirements, and provided additional Manatee County data requested by membership during the presentation.

The presentation led members to discuss how to engage other groups to work with the Para-medicine project, suggestions for billing for services, lobbying for a paramedic bill so they can bill for their services, and even the possibility of using the program as a triage in referring to other programs.

Joshua indicated that per previous conversations this now creates possibilities to engage other groups to work closer with the Para-medicine program as a preventive care approach.

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Stephen Hall mentioned that there is knowledge of 1,500 identified utilizers who are uninsured and need to be integrated and connected to adequate services. The addition of three Case Managers at \$50,000 each may be a better approach to optimize the spending and reducing the cost.

Additional discussion followed a single public comment requested. Meeting did not follow Agenda order.

James Crutchfield said that his program fills the gaps. They are not considered a provider so that is why their services are not billable.

Item 8: Public Comment- Limited to 3 Minutes

- Chair accepted comment from Mr. James Mc Cloud, who stated that Para-medicine is a diversion program that represents costs savings and is very appropriate in preventing visits to the ER. He reinforced the importance of looking at disease prevention before anything else as that is where the savings are.
- Joshua stated maybe the group wanted to integrate Para-medicine when looking at patients profiles.

Item 6: Dental Coverage:

Joshua informed that since Dental has been identified as a priority, he has met with LECOM and they are willing to help with dental needs and looking forward to a new partnership.

Item 7: New/Old Business- Limited to 2 minutes

- Ray Fusco commented about Vivitrol usage in Sarasota Jail. He commented there should be a National Data Bank where a person's access to medications/opioids could be verified.
 - Joshua commented that currently a PDMP is in place, but limited utilization by physicians and that Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) in the jail setting is currently being discussed
- Mr. Marshall asked Dr. Conard to provide more information about the dental aspect of the RAM clinic to which Dr. Conard responded that there were 1,300 volunteers and \$947,865 in services provided.
- Stephen Hall also asked Dr. Conard if he saw an influx from other areas to which he responded that there were people from as far as Texas.
Dr. Conard also told the membership they were not going to solve the indigent health care problem unless you expand the BCC level of responsibility.
- Cheri mentioned a new house bill for peer coaching and Joshua expanded it will provide funds for the community to sustain substance abuse recovery.

Item 9: Next Meeting

The next meeting date is **March 22, 2017** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the BCC Conference Room located on the 9th floor of the Manatee County Administration Building.

Item 10: Meeting Debriefing

Moved to adjourn.

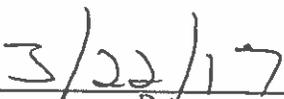
Item 11 – Adjourn

Stephen Hall, Chair, adjourned meeting at 6:50 pm

APPROVED:



Stephen Hall, Chair



Date