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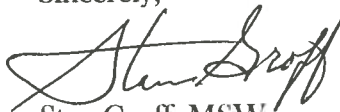
Allen Donahue  
Manatee County  
1112 Manatee County Avenue West, Suite 902  
Bradenton, FL 34205

Greetings:

Enclosed please find my application and supporting documents for the position of Child Advocate opening on the Manatee County Children's Services Advisory Board. I have extensive experience in this area and would like to make a contribution on behalf of children here in Manatee County. As you can tell, most all of my experience has been in Minnesota. A year ago, we moved to our Parrish home following my wife's retirement. Much of my experience and training is transferrable from one state to another and want to assure you that I will add value to this committee. A point of emphasis not well made on the application form is my service on the board of the Minnesota Children's Alliance—a support organization for Children's Advocacy Centers found here in Florida and in many states. The sister organization here in Florida is the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
Stan Groff, MSW



# MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 902  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
www.mymanatee.org/advisory\_boards

Phone: (941) 745-3700  
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## APPLICATION for ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK

For which Advisory Board are you applying? A separate application is required for each advisory board.		Name of Advisory Board: Childrens Services	
Some advisory board positions have specific requirements for applicants. For more information please click on this link to the Manatee County website at: <a href="http://www.mymanatee.org/advisory_boards">www.mymanatee.org/advisory_boards</a> .		Please specify the seat you are interested in: Child Advocate	
Name Stanley A. Groff, MSW			
Home Street Address 11114 58th St. Cir. E.			
Home Mailing Address Same			
City, State, Zip Parrish, FL 34219			
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone 612-366-7700	
Email address stan_groff@yahoo.com			
Occupation (if retired, please indicate) Retired			
Business name			
Business street address			
City, State, Zip			
Are you registered to vote in Manatee County? (This is a requirement of certain boards/commissions)		Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
I reside in County Commission District #		1 <input checked="" type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 <input type="radio"/>
(This can be found on your Voter Registration Card or click on this link to a County Commission District Map)			
Do you reside in unincorporated Manatee County?		Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
If No, please indicate the City _____			
The Board of County Commissioners strives to ensure equal access for minorities and women to serve on advisory boards/committees/commissions. Providing this information will help Manatee County compile information needed to comply with the reporting requirement in Florida State Statute 760.80.			
Gender	Male <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Female <input type="radio"/>	
Race	African American <input type="radio"/>	Asian American <input type="radio"/>	Caucasian <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Hispanic American <input type="radio"/>	Native American <input type="radio"/>	Other <input type="radio"/> _____

Please list any governmental Advisory Boards/Committees/Commissions on which you currently serve.  
None

Please list any Manatee County Advisory Boards/Committees/Commissions on which you have previously served (include dates of your service).  
None

Why do you want to serve on this Advisory Board or Committee?  
I have a strong interest in the well-being of children and families. I have spent my whole career in service to that end. This committee concerns itself with programs and resources devoted to the protection of Manatee Counties most vulnerable young people which matches perfectly my background and expertise as a former child welfare administrator and advocate.

Describe your education and experience that will provide a benefit to this Advisory Board.  
I have a bachelor's degree in sociology and a masters degree in social work. I have been a child protection social worker, supervised other child welfare social workers in their work, served as director of public county social service departments charged with the protection of children, and have directed public health service to serve children. I also served on the board of the Minnesota Childrens Alliance.

List your professional credentials, licenses or certificates that are relevant to this Advisory Board.  
Masters of Social Work--FSU

List organizations and positions in which you serve in local civic or community groups.  
Member--Parrish Civic Association

Do you or your immediate family members have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or agency which does business with or receives funding from Manatee County Government? Yes  No  If yes, please explain.

Do you know of any other reason that would prohibit you from serving on this board that could be deemed as a conflict of interest? Yes  No  If yes, please explain.

If you are appointed, are there any days of the week or months of the year you will be unavailable to serve due to job or travel? Yes  No  If yes, please explain.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. For questions regarding a specific advisory board, committee, or commission, including the duties and requirements, please contact the County staff liaison listed on that board's webpage.
  2. Certain advisory boards, committees, and commissions have specific membership requirements including a valid voter registration card, financial disclosure and/or the submission of other information.
  3. Attendance is required at advisory board meetings. Three unexcused absences may be grounds for removal.
  4. Florida State Statute 119.07 designates this application as a public document to be made available for anyone requesting to view it. If you qualify for exemption from public disclosure under the terms of this statute, please explain:
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5. Advisory boards, committees or commissions having the authority to make factual determinations, review permit applications, issue permits, grant variances, or impose fines exercise a part of the County's sovereign powers and members are prohibited by Florida law from holding more than one such position. If you currently hold another state, municipal or county government appointment, County staff will assist in confirming your eligibility to serve on the board for which you are applying.

**NOTICE**

**Applications must be complete and signed to be valid.** Resumes may not be substituted for the sections on the application but you may include extra pages to provide additional information. Applications will not be processed unless each section has been completed and all supplemental information sought by County staff has been provided. Applicants will not be permitted to change information on their submitted application materials once they have been received by the County.

The following advisory boards require a questionnaire that must also be completed and a current resume for the applicant to be considered for appointment. See pages 4 and 5 of this form.

**Children's Services Advisory Board – page 4  
Healthcare Advisory Board – page 5**

**Please sign and date below**

I have reviewed the qualifications of this position and the duties of the board or commission for which I am applying and certify that I am fully able to serve. I agree to commit the necessary time to fulfill these responsibilities. I understand that I am offering my service without compensation. I agree to abide by all Manatee County Commission rules and policies either published or in effect by usage, and all regulations and laws of the State of Florida. I further hereby acknowledge that should my professional, residential or other status change subsequent to my appointment to this board or commission, I have a continuing obligation to inform the County's staff liaison of that change to the extent it may alter my eligibility to continue in service.

By typing my name and submitting this application, I confirm that the information provided in this application is true and complete, and this constitutes my signature under the Florida Electronic Signature Act.

**Electronic Signature**    **Type or Sign Name** *Stanley A. Groff*    **Date** 7/5/2017

Your application may be mailed to the address below.  
Mail: Board of County Commissioners  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 902  
ATTN: Advisory Boards  
Bradenton, FL 34205

You may also fax or email your application, as follows:  
Fax: 941-745-3790  
Email: Save this pdf form to your computer and then attach it to an email. Email to this address:  
advisoryboards@mymanatee.org

**The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions including one's access to, participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for meetings as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Citizens Action Center, three days before a meeting at 742-5800; TDD ONLY 742-5802 and wait 60 seconds; or FAX 745-3790.**

# Supplemental Questions for Applicants to the Manatee County Children's Services Advisory Board

Please complete all questions with current and accurate information.

Are you affiliated with any agency that receives Children's Services dedicated millage funds from Manatee County? Affiliated means: an employee of the agency; owner of the agency; voting member on the agency's Board of Directors; contract with the agency, or indirect contract with the agency.

Yes  No

If yes, please select the agency from the list below. Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AMIkids Manatee, Inc.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Insight Counseling Services                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Suncoast   | <input type="checkbox"/> Manatee Children's Services, Inc.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Manatee Community Action Agency            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centerstone of Florida                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Manatee County Girls Club (Just for Girls) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Haven                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D.L. Randall Foundation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Myakka City Community Center               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County | <input type="checkbox"/> Pace Center for Girls                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Seals of SW Florida                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Palmetto Youth Center                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Consultants Consortium         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarasota Family YMCA                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange Club Family Partnership Center    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarasota Manatee Assn. for Riding Therapy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Network on Disabilities             | <input type="checkbox"/> School District of Manatee County          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Resources                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Selah Freedom, Inc.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding Empty Little Tummies               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tallevast Community Center                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation for Dreams                      | <input type="checkbox"/> The Salvation Army                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hope Family Services                       | <input type="checkbox"/> United Community Center                    |

Please explain the affiliation you have with the above agencies:

An application to the Children's Services Advisory Board requires a **current and comprehensive** resume or curriculum vitae, which may be emailed along with your application to [advisoryboards@mymanatee.org](mailto:advisoryboards@mymanatee.org), or may be mailed or faxed to Manatee County at the address and fax number provided on page 3.

# Supplemental Questions for Applicants to the Manatee County Healthcare Advisory Board.

Please complete all questions with current and accurate information.

What is your field of expertise? (Please indicate all that apply)

- Healthcare
- Behavioral/Mental Healthcare
- Substance Abuse Care
- Social Services
- Higher Education
- Medically Needy Consumer of Healthcare
- Representative of the business community not listed above (please explain below)

Are you an employee, contractor for, owner or voting member on the Board of Directors of any agency that receives funding from Manatee County directly or indirectly? Yes  No   
If Yes, please explain:

Do you currently, or have you in the past 5 years, participated in any community health care initiatives or committees (e.g.: Health Care Alliance, Chamber Health Care Committee, Acute Care Committee, etc.)?

Yes  No

If yes, which ones? (include dates of service)

In Minnesota: 1) Mayo Board of Directors--I-35 Regional Medical Clinics 1/2010-12/2016; 2) South

An application to the Healthcare Advisory Board requires a **current and comprehensive** resume or curriculum vitae, which may be emailed along with your application to [advisoryboards@mymanatee.org](mailto:advisoryboards@mymanatee.org), or may be mailed or faxed to Manatee County at the address and fax number provided on page 3.

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**January, 2013—July 2015—Steele County Minnesota Health Department**

- County Health Department Director
- Dodge/Steele County Community Health Services Director (a planning and grant acceptance function for two counties)

**July, 2010—2012—Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank**

- Provide consulting, representation and lobbying services during the past several legislative sessions and interim services.

**Jan. 2007—July, 2010--Assn. of MN Counties & Minnesota Social Services Assn.**

- Provide representation and lobbying services for these two organizations during the 2007 and 2008 Sessions of the Minnesota Legislature. Also represented Steele County during the 2008 Session. During the 2009 session and beyond, represent the Minnesota Social Services Assn. exclusively.

**March 2005—Dec. 2006--South Country Health Alliance**

- Project development lead for a managed care Medicare product for the disabled with Owatonna, Minnesota based South Country Health Alliance (AbilityCare program implemented Jan. 1, 2006)

**March 1980—March 2005--Steele County Minnesota Human Services**

- Human Services Department Director
- Transit Department Director
- Executive Staff, Human Services Committee-Steele County Board

**Sept. 1989–Sept. 2003--St. Mary's University of Minnesota**

- Health and Human Services Administration, Graduate Adjunct Assistant Professor
- Curriculum Committee, Member
- Faculty of the Year Award, 1996

**Prior Public Service—1965/1980**—County child protection social worker, county social services supervisor and director in several counties, state planning agency

Mayo Clinic Health System—Owatonna/Faribault Board (2010-2016)

- Vice-Chair (2012-Present)
- Physician Compensation Committee

Owatonna Hospital Board (1996-2005)

- Chair (1999-2002)

South Country Health Alliance, Co-Founder (A multi-county owned Medicaid HMO)

Exchange Club Center for Family Unity, Co-Founder

Clothesline Board, Founder

Channel One Food Bank, Rochester, MN—Past President

Minnesota Social Services Association—Past President

Governance and Nominating Committee, Allina Corp.

Minnesota Social Service Association—Morris Hursh Award 2016

**Education**

- Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL: Masters of Social Work, Concentration: Administration and Research
- University of Minnesota, Morris, MN: Bachelor of Arts, Major: Sociology
- Numerous national health care conferences, seminars, topic specific trainings in health and human services
- University of Alabama, Montgomery—Certificate/Human Services Management