

**Health Care Advisory Board
April 25, 2018**

The April 25, 2018 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board was held at Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, in the 9th Floor Board of County Commissioner Conference Room. Work Session began at 5:12PM. Quorum present as of 5:22PM with regular meeting commencing at that time.

Members Present: Lori Dengler
Barbara Schubert
Sandy Marshall
Kirk Zeppi 5:22PM
Dr. Francis Curd
Tom Skoloda
JoOni Abnar
Dr. James Nguyen 5:38PM to 6:10PM

Members Absent: Daniel Austin
Ray Fusco
Dr. Arthur Cohen
Bonnie Ramseur

County Staff Present: Cheri Coryea, Deputy County Administrator
Janice Dunbar-Smith, Administrative Services Coordinator
Lynette Miralla-Ramirez, Grants Coordinator / Contract Manager
Ava Ehde, Interim Director Neighborhood Services Department

Public Present: James McCloud
Glen Gebillina

1. **Introductions:** Sandy Marshall, Vice Chair introduced all members.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Deferred due to no quorum
3. **Voting of Chair:** Deferred due to no quorum
4. **Review of Timeline:** HCAB is on track with the planned timeline allowing for the annual report to be delivered to the Commission by the HCAB in August. County staff have informed BOCC of subcommittee discussions during prior work sessions.
5. **Discussion of Mr. Marshall's letters:** Deferred due to no quorum.
6. **Subcommittee Consensus Documents for BOCC:** 2019 Health Care Recommendations and HCAB Indigent Health Care Data Request Summary Claims Processed in FY 2017 reviewed - see attachment. Discussion focused on:
Appropriateness of financial guideline of 200% of the poverty level. Clarification HCAB charge is to make best use of resources if possible without hindering access to care. Eligibility guideline has consistently been 200% of poverty level, in the past it was 150% and 135%; request to review county funding/funding sources for all agencies; suggestion to revisit the ability to fund health insurance through a separate agency as a pilot program; suggestion to consider a grants program possible pilot programs – this would require an employee to write and manage the grants with hope the funding would offset the expense; Discussion of the importance of lay persons within the community, page 4 C III c remove HS or BA. A quorum was established at 5:22 pm. Some hospitals have general dentistry residency programs, this is a high cost and professionally competitive area. Suggestion to talk with LECOM re opening a dental clinic in an

area of the community where there is the most need. Need for cab/Uber vouchers. Marketing program using community liaisons, barber shops, church groups, Social Media.

Motion made by Kirk Zeppi and second by Dr. Francis Curd to take 2019 Health Care Recommendations to second level draft #2 with suggestions from this evening's discussion.

Review at May meeting.

7. **Approval of Minutes:** February minutes: Motion to accept by Kirk Zeppi, second by JoOni Abnar, vote unanimous. March Minutes: Motion to approve by Dr. Francis Curd, second by Kirk Zeppi, vote unanimous.
8. **Voting of Chair:** Sandy Marshall stepped down from chair making a motion nominating Dr. Francis Curd as HCAB Chair. Motion second by Barbara Schubert. Dr. Curd accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed. Motion made to elect Dr. Francis Curd as chair by Sandy Marshall, second by Barbara Schubert. Vote unanimous. Dr. Curd resumed meeting as chairman. Sandy Marshall remains Vice Chairman and Lori Dengler secretary.
9. **Discussion of Mr. Marshall's Letters:** Sandy Marshall asked for a vetting by the HCAB of four letters he has written to various County staff and Commission from October 2017 through February 2018. These letters have been shared with the HCAB at various meetings during that time. Discussion ensued about County staff role to the HCAB. Mr. Marshall suggested that County staff are subordinate to the HCAB and all Healthcare work they do is required to be vetted through the HCAB. This was contradicted by many of the HCAB members. Ms. Coryea provided a reference to Resolution R-17-035, Section 2, F. – To the extent such resources are available to it, the Advisory Board may be assisted in these duties by County staff, consultants and other sources, G. - The County Administrator shall assign one or more County employees with the suitable knowledge and background to serve as the County's staff liaison to the Advisory Board (the current assigned liaison is Deputy County Administrator Coryea). The County Attorney shall ensure the Advisory Board is provided with necessary legal advice. Members expressed concerns voiced by Sandy Marshall are not consistent and in opposition to prior formal votes taken by the HCAB. Motion made by Sandy Marshall to recommend changes in procedure as outlined in his letter. No second. Motion failed. Sandy Marshall asked that discussion of the other three letters be placed on the next agenda, Tom Skoloda and Barbara Schubert objected to this request indicating that members had received the letters many times and have no wish to spend additional time on these items. Sandy Marshall objected, no motion was made and the subject was closed.
10. **Public Comment:** James McCloud: Commented on importance of community health workers being essential to the success of any program. Dental services for children are considered. Concern voiced for adult dental needs.
Glen Gebilina: Housekeeping: have public sign in with agenda and materials provided to public attendees. Commented on availability of grant money with suggestion a grant writer be considered.
11. **New Business:** Executive session meeting requested by Barbara Schubert. Chairman Dr. Francis Curd acknowledged the request and all members agreed to the executive session. Chairman Curd opened the session. Barbara Schubert directed her concerns about the HCAB being unable to move forward with healthcare changes/recommendations over the last year due to Mr. Marshall's insistence on reviewing his demands with the four letters as well as a continued unacceptance on Mr. Marshall's behalf to move beyond topics that the HCAB had already

resolved and voted on. Further, she described his conduct at meetings as being unorderly, unwilling to yield the discussion for other members to speak, thus using an excessive amount of time to dominate topics and push the board past their scheduled time making them unable to finalize their discussions. Finally, she indicated that on many occasions Mr. Marshall has repeatedly attempted to substitute his own will for the will of the HCAB at large. Ms. Schubert asked Mr. Marshall if in the best interest of the work of the HCAB he would voluntarily resign from the HCAB. Mr. Marshall provided his response of the concerns to Ms. Schubert indicating he has spent a great deal of his life working on this subject and was not interested in resigning from the HCAB. A second request was made by Ms. Schubert to Mr. Marshall to voluntarily resign of which he also declined.

Motion made by Barbara Schubert to request the HCAB to ask the Board of County Commissioners to remove Sandy Marshall from his position on the Healthcare Advisory Board due to his repeated display and continued lack of orderly conduct at regularly scheduled meetings such that he is hindering the Healthcare Advisory Board from performing its duties and fulfilling the charges given to them by the Commission. Seconded by Tom Skoloda. Discussion occurred, members individually spoke about their concerns of the important work needed to be completed by the Board. Each agreed that the efforts to relive topics for extensive periods of time ignoring formal votes to move forward was creating an unwelcome strain on each meeting and discouraging members. Each acknowledged Mr. Marshall's dedication to Healthcare and previous work done. Mr. Marshall defended his position to desire to stay a member of the board. Vote taken: 5 in favor (Schubert, Skoloda, Dengler, Abnar, Curd), 2 opposed (Zeppi and Marshall). Motion passed.

12. Executive Session – Adjourned by Chairman Curd

13. Next Meeting: May 23, 2018 5:00PM

APPROVED:

Francis Curd, Chair

Date