

BOARDS & COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT
Calendar Year 2017

DATE: June 30, 2018

COMMITTEE NAME: Health and Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC)

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Michael Jenkin

STAFF SUPPORT: Mary Garcia, St. Johns County Health and Human Services

BCC LIAISON: Commissioner Jeb Smith

BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMITTEE: In 1997, the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Committee were combined to form the Health and Human Services Advisory Council to the Board of County Commissioners. The Council evaluates human services programs in the community, assists in determining the effectiveness of programs to help reduce duplication of services, and assures the health and human services needs of the residents of St. Johns County are met. The Council review applications requesting County funding for programs that provide health, mental health, substance abuse, and social services and submit recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Council performs its functions and duties without regard to the race, religion, gender or national origin of any affected person.

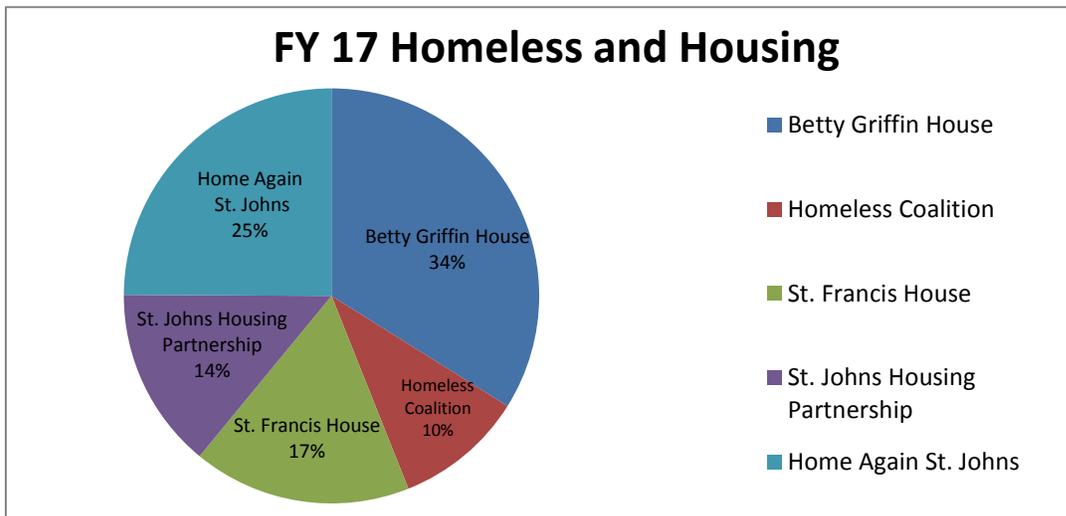
MISSION STATEMENT: The health and well-being of a community is a function of its quality of life, including the delivery of health and human services supported by public policy and funding those in need of such services. Our mission is to be responsive to those needs and to recommend funding programs worthy of public support for citizens of St. Johns County.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017:

- Advisory Council members attended Health Leadership Council meetings and meetings with staff from the Florida Department of Health of St. Johns County as they gathered data from the community for the Community Health Assessment through surveys and focus groups. According to the Department of Health, 1% of St. Johns County is represented in their findings and the Advisory Council intends to use the finished Community Health Assessment to guide them with independent agency funding for Fiscal Year 2019.

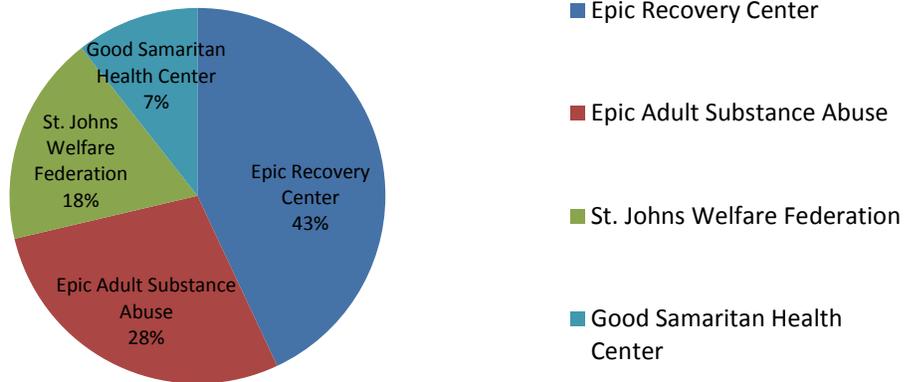
- The Council developed a survey and distributed to independent agencies via Survey Monkey. The survey included targeted questions for the funded agencies to answer, such as: *explain how your outcomes compare to industry outcomes, what evidence-based practices are being used to address community needs, and how the impact of your programs outweighs the cost.* The Advisory Council plans to use these answers to revamp the performance reports that are currently being provided to the County and the Council by the agencies on a quarterly basis
- The Advisory Council sponsored a presentation for all community partners on Asset Based Community Development or ABCD. The presentation was given by Susan Ponder-Stansel and Margaret Lynn Duggar, who are both members of Communities for a Lifetime Leadership Council. This is a strategy for community driven development and the concept centers around building on the assets that are already found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations and institutions to come together to build on their assets, rather than concentrating on their need.
- The Advisory Council requested a representative from Home Again St. Johns, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care for Homelessness, attend Advisory Council meetings so that a monthly update can be provided to the Council concerning the 207 site, the Point in Time Count and other matters related to homelessness. Flagler Hospital began sending a representative to Council meetings when they took over as the lead agency and Council members made a point to attend the general meetings of the CoC, in order to ensure a close working relationship.
- In addition to providing written quarterly reports, local agencies gave presentations to the Advisory Council in an effort to keep them informed of the effectiveness of the services being provided through County funding. Each funded agency was expected to present at the General Meeting of the Advisory Council, on a rotating basis.

- HHS Advisory Council funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018 will remain at FY 17 levels, and can be seen in the following charts. The Council had the option to extend the independent agencies' contracts for a 12 month period, as this was included in the previous contracts. The Council, in conjunction with Health and Human Services and County Purchasing staff, will continue to refine the Funding Application process, and Fiscal Year 2019 funding decisions will be based, in large part, on the Department of Health's new Community Health Assessment, which is projected to be complete in April of 2018.



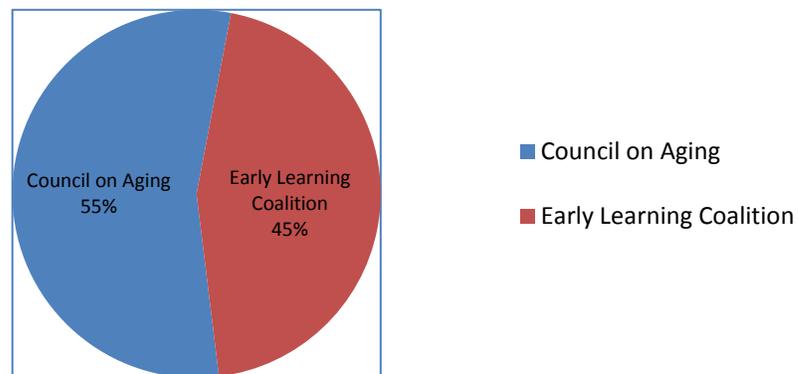
Total Recommended Funding: \$601,654.00
 Betty Griffin House: \$204,101.80
 Homeless Coalition: \$60,251.52
 St. Francis House: \$102,300.68
 St. Johns Housing Partnership: \$85,000.00
 Home Again St. Johns: \$150,000.00

FY 17 Community Health Care



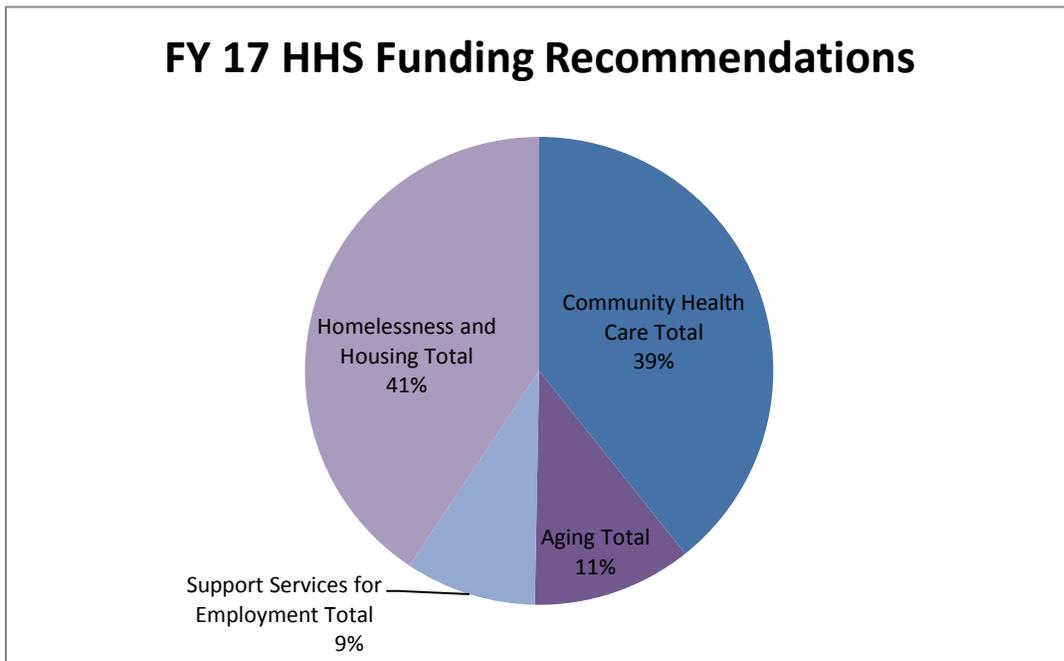
Total Recommended Funding: \$581,076.00
Epic - Recovery Center: \$250,000.00
Epic - Adult Substance Abuse: \$164,432.00
St. Johns Welfare Federation, DBA Bayview: \$105,064.00
Good Samaritan Health Center: \$61,580.00

FY 17 Aging and Support Services for Employment



Total Recommended Funding: \$296,775.00
Council on Aging: \$163,063.00
Early Learning Coalition: \$133,712.00

FY 17 HHS Funding Recommendations



Community Health Care	\$581,076.00
Aging	\$163,063.00
Support Services for Employment	\$133,712.00
Homelessness and Housing	\$601,654.00
Grand Total	\$1,479,505.00

Commissioner Jeb Smith, BCC Liaison, attended nearly all of the Council meetings this year. His input and updated information concerning our County provided needed educational information to the Council and assisted them in completing their duties.

The HHS Advisory Council would like to thank Commissioner Smith and all of the County Commissioners for their ongoing support, as well as the County staff members who supported the HHSAC throughout the year.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2018:

1. Continue to work with the Continuum of Care for Homelessness to ensure the effective coordination of services by all community service providers and continued participation by community stakeholders to address homelessness in St. Johns County.
2. The Advisory Council, with the assistance of the County Health & Human Services Department, intends to revamp the independent agency funding process that was used in FY15. The Council will use the Department of Health's Community Health Assessment, due to be complete April of 2018, as a guide to target the County's greatest needs.
3. Continue to monitor funded agencies quarterly reports and request a rotation of presentations by these agencies at HHSAC general meetings.

