

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(HHSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 20, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Daly, Chair; Tara Haley, Vice Chair; William Cover; Eric Colon; Tina D'Allesandro

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Shannon Nazworth; Vasco Valov;

**STAFF PRESENT:** Shawna Novak, HHS Director; Angie Cowling, HHS Staff Support; Mary Garcia, HHS Staff Support

**BCC LIASON:** Jeb S. Smith, County Commissioner

**VISITORS:** DeAnna O'Flaherty; Marissa Vetter; Toby Erwin; Paige Myers-Hartwell; Caige McAuliffe; Nancy Eisele; Lauren Lowry; Sue Richerson; Sharon Gesek; Judith Dembowski; Kelly Franklin; Sandra Jackson; Anita Miller-Sackman; Travis Barton; Kelly Battell; Kyle Dresback; Mary Hepler; Chris Mastoridis; Patti Greenough; Debi Redding; Dwan Hunte

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**MINUTES – April, 2019 Meeting (no May meeting):** Chip Cover **motioned** to approve the minutes. Eric Colon seconded the motion; minutes were **approved unanimously** by the Council.

**REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER JEB SMITH:** Commissioner Smith reported County Commissioners are currently involved in the budget process and they have directed OMB to shift some millage from the General Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund, in order to shore up some of the County's infrastructural needs and they have also asked that approximately \$1,000,000 be set aside for discretionary spending. Commissioner Smith went on to say Eddie Creamer, St. Johns County Property Appraiser, confirmed that the gross taxable value is at an increase of approximately 9.13%, when he addressed the Commissioners at the June 18<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting. Commissioner Smith then gave a brief history of events surrounding the Bayview Facility and the additional funding the County Commission extended to the agency for Fiscal Year 2019. Commissioner Smith explained a portion of the funding from the County came from money left in the budget for the homeless campus site preparation and the rest came from the General Fund. Commissioner Smith stated the County Commission was promised that the asset that is the Buckingham Smith facility would be liquidated in order to resolve the debt to the County. Commissioner Smith went on to say this property is under contract but, he explained, there are some things that must

occur before the sale is complete and these particulars have delayed the sale. Commissioner Smith said it was necessary for the Industrial Development Authority to give their approval to amend the bond, which they did on June 3, 2019, and that will also be a recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners will hear at their July 16, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Smith stated the Minnesota Court must also rule, and will do so on July 17, 2019. Commissioner Smith concluded by stating the \$1.2 million contract on the Buckingham Smith facility has been extended until July 31, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Homeless Workgroup Update:**

1. **Continuum of Care (CoC) Update:** Lauren Lowry reported the current DCF contract and grant line expire on June 30, so they are in the process of getting the new contract executed for all three grant lines. Ms. Lowry said the contract is currently under review by Flagler Hospital's legal department and will be sent to DCF when that process is complete. Ms. Lowry said they are hoping to have the contract executed the first week of July and the six subcontracts for the funded agencies will then be signed by all parties.

2. **HMIS Lead Agency Support/Point in Time Update (PIT Count):** Ms. Lowry reported both the federal and state PIT reports have been submitted, as required, and she reported they are currently onboarding new public partners and performing necessary training.

b. **2019 Goals:** Charles Daly stated the Advisory Council goal to hold a grant workshop for funded agencies was accomplished in April and reported on at the April meeting. William Cover reported the Department of Health has not yet been able to meet with him but he does intend to move forward with his goal to create a number of different youth-focused metrics for issues that are unique to children or to possibly segment children out of targets that are already established.

c. **Update – Independent Agency Funding Process:** Angela Cowling reported 19 applications have been received and the total ask amounts to \$2,746,000. Ms. Cowling reported scoring will be completed on Friday, June 28, 2019, and those scores will be announced at the HHSAC General meeting on July 18, 2019. Ms. Cowling went on to say recommendations will not be made until August 1, 2019, at the HHSAC Executive meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **St. Johns County School District – School Support Services:** Kyle Dresback said he was asked to come and speak specifically about the County school district's student and social services departments. Mr. Dresback began by

explaining the Marjorie Stoneham Douglas Safety Act, which was passed recently, and he said it revolves around three different components. Mr. Dresback stated the first component is security, including safety officers on campus; the second, he said, is hardening of school facilities; and the third, he explained, is mental health and student services. Mr. Dresback said the school district looks to see what can be done to prevent a tragedy and to help those students that are in crisis. Mr. Dresback said monthly reports are compiled and he handed out a year-to-date tally, effective May 31, 2019, of various categories. Mr. Dresback reviewed all of these figures and gave some background on each category. As part of his presentation, Mr. Dresback said the year-to-date homeless student tally is 787, with 609 still actively homeless, 378 crisis consultations, 226 mental health hospitalizations and 1,086 mental health referrals. Mr. Dresback said new student growth is typically 3-5%, each year, and he stated there have already been 2,500 new school registrations in St. Johns County this year and, considering most registrations happen in July and August, this is a rather significant number. Mr. Dresback was asked how many students are currently registered in St. Johns County at this time and he said there are 39 schools and just over 40,000 students. Mr. Dresback went on to say he started with the school district in 1996 and there were approximately 18,000 students enrolled at that time, so the figure has more than doubled in little more than 20 years. Mr. Dresback said there are 7 social workers and 18 psychologists across the all schools and there are also nurses and counselors in each school. Mr. Dresback said the school district works with Wolfsons, Nemours and the Department of Health to provide training to their staff, including mental health training. Mr. Dresback said all of their nurses have taken Youth Mental Health First Aid and received their certification. In answer to a question concerning student homelessness, Mr. Dresback said the school district does use Flagler Hospital's Care Connect in order to streamline services and ensure all of a family's social determinants are considered.

**REPORT FROM JOY ANDREWS, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** Joy Andrews was unable to attend.

**FUNDED AGENCY UPDATES:** No updates due to funding period blackout period.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**

**Homeless Advocacy Council:** No representation at this meeting.

**SMA Healthcare:** Sandi Jackson reported they have hired a new Coordinator for their mental health drop in center. Ms. Jackson introduced Ms. Dwan Hunte, who said she is excited about working at the center and she said she has already been fostering relationships with nearby banks and retailers. Ms. Hunte said she has arranged for a bank manager to come in and give financial literacy classes, both for clients and their families. Ms. Hunte said she has also arranged a meeting with the Publix directly across the street from the center, to discuss the possibility of food donations for the holidays.

**Florida Department of Health St. Johns:** Paige Myers-Hartwell reported the State of Florida has a new Surgeon General, Scott Rivkees. Ms. Myers-Hartwell read Dr. Rivkees biography and stated he is a practicing pediatric endocrinologist and a strong advocate for children's health. Ms. Myers-Hartwell also gave a reminder regarding hurricane season and the importance of preparedness.

**Flagler Hospital:** Those in attendance stated nothing to report.

**Health & Human Services Department:** Shawna Novak stated she had nothing to report.

**Faith Based Community:** No representation at this meeting.

**Public Safety:** Those in attendance stated nothing to report.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Executive Meeting:** Due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, the executive meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building, Kingfisher Conference Room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

**Regular Meeting:** Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building, Kingfisher Conference Room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.