

ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HHSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Haley, Chair; Charles Daly, Vice Chair; Kathleen Patneau; Howard Hitzel; Chip Cover

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shannon Nazworth
(one vacancy)

STAFF PRESENT: Shawna Novak, Director, Health & Human Services; Joseph Cone, Assistant Director, Health & Human Services; Tracy Dillon, Manager, Social Services; Katrina Tanner, Contract Coordinator, Social Services; Mary Garcia, Administrative Coordinator, Social Services

BCC LIASON: Commissioner Krista Joseph – via Zoom
Sarah Taylor – Assistant County Administrator

VISITORS: In Person – Anita Daniel; Sara Rutan;
Via Zoom – Debi Redding; Emma Hayes; Fred Baker; Brian Robinson;
Chynequa King; Nancy Russo; Eric Gipson; Erika Coloma; Kelly Franklin;
Sandi Jackson; Schuyler Siefker

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

MINUTES – February, 2023: Charles Daly **motioned** to approve the February, 2023, general meeting minutes with one correction to spelling. Kathleen Patneau seconded the motion; minutes **approved unanimously** by the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER JOSEPH: Commissioner Krista Joseph said she was available for questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Continuum of Care (CoC) Update:** Anita Daniel said she has been working on the RFP that will provide funding for service providers for the next two years and she said it should be released soon. Ms. Daniel said they have just completed monitoring of all of their funded agencies and she said there were no major findings. Ms. Daniel said the CoC general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8th, and she said there will be a fair housing discussion with staff from Legal Aid in attendance. Ms. Daniel said the annual meeting will take place on April 12th, at the HHS building, and the Point in Time data will be presented.
- b) **Update from San Marcos Heights & Victoria Crossing Multi-Family Developments:** Michael Hartman, Turnstone Development, was unable to attend the meeting but he did send an update: the project is 81% complete as of the end of February and all buildings are anticipated to be done by mid-June. Applications are currently being accepted and processed and each building will

be fully leased before its completion date. The County's Social Services office located in the community center will be ready for occupancy on March 31st.

Erika Coloma, SPM, property management company for San Marcos Heights, reported they are 62% occupied and she said they still have a few 2 bedroom units available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **BRAVE Program – Jennifer Wills:** Unfortunately, Ms. Wills was unable to attend and her presentation will be rescheduled.

REPORT FROM SARAH TAYLOR, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Sarah Taylor did not have anything to report on behalf of County Administration at this time.

FUNDED AGENCY UPDATES:

Early Learning Coalition (ELC): Staff of ELC asked to be excused from this meeting in order to attend a conference.

Council on Aging (COA): Brian Robinson said things are going well across all programs and centers.

Epic Behavioral Healthcare: Sara Rutan reported they have been working to streamline processes for those in medication assisted treatment at the jail. Ms. Rutan said intensive outpatient treatment for the JET program is up and running and there are currently eight people enrolled. Ms. Rutan stated a Recovery Care Symposium organized by St Johns Recovery Coalition will take place on March 18th at Flagler College's Ringhaver Student Center.

Good Samaritan/Wildflower Clinic: Chynequa King reported that they are currently recruiting for dentists and other medical professionals. Ms. King said they are also in need of more volunteers.

St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS): Emma Hayes reported they have hired another case manager and another therapist and they are currently interviewing for an additional therapist. Ms. Hayes introduced Fred Baker, Supervisor of their new Coaches Program. Mr. Baker explained the program supports youth, ages 6-21, who have limited support systems, a history of behavioral health issues, and who have not been successful with traditional services and need a more intensive program.

Betty Griffin Center (BGC): Kelly Franklin reported they are still seeking overnight advocates and she stated 30 hours of domestic violence training and 30 hours of sexual assault training is necessary and will be provided.

Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition (ESHC): Debi Redding reported the Northeast Florida Builders Association is working with them on the renovation efforts on their older homes and she said five of those homes are complete. Ms. Redding said they are also working with Gulfstream Design on a master site plan for their campus, which would include eight new duplexes, a new office space, and parking lot.

St. Francis House (SFH): No representative in attendance.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Homeless Advocacy Council: No representative in attendance.

SMA Healthcare: Sandi Jackson said she was happy to report that SMA completed another successful CARF survey last week.

Department of Health: Shane Lockwood was unable to attend but he did ask Shawna Novak to report that they have been successful in the distribution of NARCAN at area events and he thanked HHS for putting DOH in contact with community partners. Mr. Lockwood also sent word that they continue to promote the WIC program and this is bringing in new participants.

Flagler Health +: Anita Daniel said she was proud to report that Flagler Health + is an official Healthy People 2030 Champion. Ms. Daniel said they have started conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment and she said they are working with a consultant who is currently conducting community stakeholder interviews. Finally, Ms. Daniel reported the BRAVE summit will take place on March 29th, at the Amphitheater, from 3pm-7pm.

Health & Human Services Department (HHS): Shawna Novak reported April is Child Abuse Prevention month and she said staff from the Family Integrity Program will be partnering with SAYS for an event on their campus on April 1st. Ms. Novak said there will also be a proclamation at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 4th. Ms. Novak stated the County will exercise its option to renew contracts with funded agencies as the Department of Health is currently working on the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan and those results will not be ready in time for an RFP this year. Ms. Novak said the County is entering the budget process for FY 24 and she said she expects funding to remain flat this year.

Faith Based Community: No representative in attendance.

Public Safety: No representative in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Meeting: Thursday, March 16th, at 3:30 p.m., in the Kingfisher conference room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 6th, at 4pm, in the Kingfisher conference room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and by Zoom

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.