

ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HHSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Haley, Chair; Charles Daly; Kathleen Patneau; Leslie Barstow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Hitzel; Shannon Nazworth; Chip Cover;

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

BCC LIASON: Commissioner Sarah Arnold – District 2 – via Zoom

VISITORS: In Person – Paige Stanton; Jennifer Wills; Kristine King; Nangy Pulsfus
Via Zoom – Anita Daniel; Schuyler Siekfer; Brian Robinson; Judi Dembowski; Chynequa King; Sara Arnold; Debi Redding; Sara Rutan

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

MINUTES – May, 2024: Kathleen Patneau **motioned** to approve the May, 2024, general meeting minutes. Charles Daly seconded the motion; minutes **approved unanimously** by the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Commissioner Arnold reported the Children’s Alliance kick-off meeting will take place in September and she said that anyone who wished to attend and wasn’t yet invited should reach out to her office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Continuum of Care (CoC) Update:** Anita Daniel reported all is going well and they are in process of determining how to allocate the additional ESG and Challenge funds in the new fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **BRAVE Summit:** Ms. Wills said she and Paige Stanton came up with the idea for the BRAVE summit (Be Resilient and Voice Emotions) in 2021, and the first year saw only 56 attendees. Attendance has grown each year since, and Ms. Wills said that this year’s summit, held at the amphitheater in March, had approximately 1,400 attendees, from 21 counties, with buses being chartered so as not to put the onus of travel arrangements on other county school districts. Ms. Wills said there was also a parent, caregiver, and guardian event held at the same time with approximately 80 attendees. Ms. Wills shared some testimonials from the high school students that attended, as well as artwork and poetry that was submitted as part of a competition titled “Beauty in Imperfection”. Ms. Wills said that there were 41 vendors involved with the event and every activity targeted mental well-being. Ms. Wills said the event was a tremendous success and she shared that 83% of attendees stated the summit influenced them to reach out for

mental health support and 100% said they knew better how to access resources for mental health after attending the summit.

REPORT FROM JOSEPH CONE FOR COUNTY ADMIN AND HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: Mr. Cone reported that he and Shawna Novak met with Joy Andrews to review Health & Human Services budgetary needs for FY25. Mr. Cone said there were a lot of good questions and some excellent feedback from Ms. Andrews and her Deputy County Administrators.

FUNDED AGENCY UPDATES: No updates – blackout period for independent agency RFP.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Homeless Advocacy Council: No representative in attendance.

SMA Healthcare: No representative in attendance.

Department of Health: Shane Lockwood was unable to attend but sent report that they recently held car seat technician training and were able to certify 10 individuals from their staff, the sheriff's office, fire rescue, and UF Health.

UF Health: Paige Stanton reported they have a new interim CEO, Kerry Watson, and a new Chief Medical Officer, Huson Gilberstadt. Ms. Stanton also reported the mobile outreach clinic bus has been under renovation but is expected back in mid-July. Ms. Stanton said they will be ramping up clinics throughout the community to serve those that are uninsured and under insured.

Faith Based Community: No representative in attendance.

Public Safety: No representative in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Meeting: Thursday, June 20th, at 3:30 p.m., in the Kingfisher conference room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 1st, at 4pm (there will be no July meeting) in the Kingfisher conference room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and by Zoom

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.