



Health Care Advisory Board

The regularly scheduled meeting was held May 22, 2019 for a Regular Meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board, at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, in the 9th Floor County Commissioner Conference Room. Quorum present. Meeting commenced at 5:00p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

- Cliff Feldman
- Jill Cherbow
- JoOni Abnar
- Bonnie Ramseur
- Daniel Austin
- Jane Pfeilsticker
- Kirk Zeppi
- Lori Dengler

Members Absent

- Ibrahim Saad, MD
- Dr. James Nguyen, MD
- Barbara Schubert

County Staff Present

- Cheri Coryea, County Administrator
- Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager
- Janice Dunbar-Smith, Administrative Services Coordinator
- Debbie DeLeon, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Public Present

- James McCloud, Genesis Health
- Jean Tarver Moreland

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Lori Dengler welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated she will be facilitating the meeting today due to the Chair and Vice-Chair being out.

Joshua announced that Mr. Matthew LaPointe was appointed to the Business Seat by the BOCC on May 21, 2019.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Cliff Feldman and seconded by Kirk Zeppi to approve the March 27 minutes with corrections on page 2. Motion carried.

HCAB Timeline

Jane Pfeilsticker motioned to revise the timeline for program outcomes to be reviewed at the June meeting, Kirk Zeppi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Health Care Patient Pilot - Update

Joshua Barnett indicated that the Community Patient Health Care Pilot Coordinator position is now in the Financial Management Dept for approval.

County has 57 applications for the currently advertised Health Services Program Manager position, which will oversee the Coordinator position.

Syringe Exchange Legislation

Joshua Barnett shared that the Legislature has submitted HB 171 for Syringe Exchange and is expected to receive Governor DeSantis' signature.

On May 28, staff will meet with Dept of Health and multiple community stakeholders to discuss this bill. The funding for this program allows private, county or municipal funds but not state funds. Committee member asked If this is the county responsibility and if so, where will the funds come from? These details are unknown at this time. It will have a very low budgetary and administrative impacts to the Department of Health and treatment providers. If approved, it would become effective July 1, 2019. Data on blood borne diseases was requested. Joshua stated the Health Department has this data. Questions and Concerns were discussed.

Data and Statistics Overview

Joshua gave an overview presentation of community health and population changes in the Sun Coast region. Manatee County is the fastest growing county in the region, per capita, and uninsured rates have doubled. Growth projections were conservative therefore growth rates were underestimated. Free care provided to uninsured in Manatee County by programs like WeCare, Turning Points and Faith-Based organizations, Manatee County is in the 2nd lowest quintile. A positive correlation exists whereby County-funded health care programs for uninsured also results in increases to free healthcare to uninsured by community physicians.

- Hospital Based Services – Manatee Memorial tracks multiple indicators for population health tracking, including the following: #of eligible Patients, Medicaid Costs, ED Levels, Readmissions 30 days and 6 months, Resident Clinic Referrals and appointments, demographic data, etc. Joshua indicated there has been some traffic changes in where residents obtain care, particularly follow-up care after acute services in the ED. Committee member asked if staff tracked any data with the latest algae bloom. Joshua responded that County is not running red-tide related epidemiologic studies but would check with MMH to see if this was recognized. MMH is required to have an education component aligned to the diseases that cause highest utilization rates.
- Patient Zip Codes – 34205, 34208 34207 and 34221 have the highest utilizers. These zip codes correlate with other indicators of need.

Joshua gave a presentation on the LIP Funding outcomes for MCR Health and MMH and reviewed the admissions report from Manatee Memorial.

Joshua will provide an update to HCAB relative to discussions at the “Access to Healthcare – Community Health Improvement Plan” subcommittee he Chairs with the Department of Health, at the next meeting.

New/Old Business

Ms. Dengler shared a letter that was received from the Manatee County Sheriff's Office in reference to a complaint filed by the Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, Inc. and Mr. Ernest “Sandy” Marshall concerning criminal Sunshine Law violation pertaining the HCAB and staff. The case was closed to due unfounded allegations.

Public Comment

Mr. James McCloud thanked Joshua for his presentation and the understanding of the data that was shared. Joshua had an “Access to Care” meeting that was eye opening for him. What can we do to help the patients that need care after six months with no identification or birth certificate? We need to rely on notarized documents for the patients.

Genesis Medical & Dental will be opening Palmetto and should be open in the next 30 days to the people with no insurance. He has an Orthopedic Physician that will be in place on June 11. He does not have a surgeon on staff at this time.

Ms. Jane Pfeilsticker indicate one of the local technical schools has ultrasound equipment and would like to partner with someone in Manatee County to provide these services. She also stated that Stakeholders of Florida has a radiology program. There are several retired dentists at LECOM that may want to assist Mr. McCloud.

Joshua stated in the Neighborhood Services Department there is a separate contract with Turning Points that requires assistance to help citizens obtain legal identification.

Next Meeting

June 26, 2019, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jill Cherbow. Seconded by Jane Pfeilsticker. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved

James Nguyen MD, Chair

Date