



ADOPTED - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS)

MEETING DATE and TIME: May 12th, 2016 at 9:00AM

MEETING LOCATION: Basement Conference Room – 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

PERSON PRESIDING: Elizabeth Hernandez-Cayson (Chair)

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Patrick Halperin (Vice-Chair), Sharon Greene, Randy Palo, Sandra Chamblee, Chief Deputy Michael Gauger, Pamela Gionfriddo, Barbara Cox Gerlock, Dr. Christine Koehn, Barbara Jacobowitz

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Nate Nichols, Edward Holloway

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Bolton, Taruna Malhotra, Sonja Holbrook, Stessy Cocerez, David Rafaidus, Helene Hvizd, Geoffrey Downie, Amalia Hernandez, Dr. Alina Alonso (FL Dept. of Health), Kathy Serock (Children's Home Society), Seth Bernstein (Boystown), Richard Radcliffe (League of Cities)

DISCLOSURES: None.

CHAIR & STAFF COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: ***2.A/B. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions / Adoption of Agenda***

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the agenda by Barbara Jacobowitz. Second by Sandra Chamblee. Agenda approved and adopted by unanimous vote.

REGULAR BUSINESS - ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: ***3.A. Adoption of CAC Regular Committee Minutes (April 14th, 2016)***

Discussion: Barbara Cox Gerlock requested the hyphen be removed from her name on the previous minutes.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Sandra Chamblee. Second by Barbara Cox Gerlock. Minutes were approved and adopted by unanimous vote.

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Agenda Item: ***3. B. Zika Presentation (Dr. Alina Alonso, FDOH)***

Dr. Alonso gave a presentation on the current situation with the Zika Virus. She gave several facts pertaining to the virus including that there have only been imported cases in the United States, there has only been one reported death of an elderly gentlemen in Puerto Rico (as of the time of her presentation), 80% of those infected don't know they have the virus, and it is being transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito, which lives around homes and bites all throughout the day. Outbreaks have been tracked since 2007. A high number of cases of Microcephaly are being linked to this current outbreak of the virus but there has not been an elevated number of cases in Africa, which is the believed origin of the Zika Virus; because of this, it is believed that the rising cases of Microcephaly could actually be an after effect of introducing larvacide into lakes, rivers, and streams as an attempt to eradicate the virus-carrying mosquitos in South America. Although this method is killing mosquitoes, many locals still drink from these water sources and are ingesting the poison. Once someone is infected and cured, they can no longer contract the disease again however, because it has become a "sexy disease", which means it is sexually transmitted through sperm, it is possible for a man's semen to harbor the virus and infect others this way. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) posts updates on the Zika situation on their website and although we're currently in a

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Agenda Item: **4.B. Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

- Pam Gionfriddo invited everyone to participate in this year’s Virtual 5K in honor of Mental Health Month (May); there is a \$30 entrance fee and you just have to call in your miles.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item: **4.C. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

- None

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Agenda Item: **4.D. Good News Item(s)**

- Wendy Tippett is the new Director of Human Services and she will be starting on Monday, May 16th, 2016.
- Dr. Christine Koehn is one of the nominees for the 2016 Leadership Excellence Award.
- Several members of the Community Service Department staff gave brief presentations about programs within the Community Services Department at the May 10th Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) meeting.

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Agenda Item: **4.E. Potential Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Seth Bernstein expressed interest in bringing some external evaluators from the University of Florida and the University of South Carolina to the June 9th CAC meeting.
- David Rafaidus noted that the upcoming CAC/HHS meetings will have “full agendas” due to the scheduling of keynote speakers (Dr. Avossa w/the PBC School District), updates on the different community indicators, FAA information & CAC membership.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: *June 9th, 2016*

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: *May 26th, 2016*

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: **5. Meeting Adjournment**

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Motion by Dr. Patrick Halperin. Second by Sharon Greene. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the CAC Regular Committee on *June 9th, 2016*.

_____, CHAIR 

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