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RESOLUTION NO. 88-102

WHEREAS, social problems with mental health and substance abuse is a continuing and enlarging reality in St. Johns County; and,

WHEREAS, in order to preserve and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, it is desirable to address these problems and to seek solutions and remedies; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners deems it to be in the best interests of the community at large to establish a citizens advisory committee to study and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on mental health and substance abuse programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Committee to exist and to serve at the discretion, pleasure and direction of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners may from time to time by resolution, at its discretion and as it deems appropriate or desirable, adopt, amend, abolish, or otherwise change the rules and directives under which the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Committee exists and operates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following rules and directives are hereby adopted for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Committee:

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH and SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Qualifications

Members must be registered voters in St. Johns County.

2. Composition, appointment and term of members of the Committee shall be as follows:

a. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members, seven (7) members who, in a reasonable fashion, shall represent a cross-section of the adult, racial, ethnic, religious and gender composition of St. Johns County. Three (3) members from the Mental Health Substance Abuse professional community and one (1) member from Law Enforcement (City/County).

b. All Committee members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. The Advisory Committee will review candidates for any vacancies and make recommendations to the Board. The Chairman of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Committee shall be elected annually from among the appointed members of said Committee.

c. Terms of the Committee shall be for two years. However, for the initial appointees, 5 shall serve one-year terms and the remaining 6 shall serve two-year terms. No one shall serve more that three (3) consecutive terms. Missing of three consecutive meetings shall indicate intent to resign.

3. The functions of the Committee shall be as follows:

a. Committee shall meet at least quarterly or more frequently at the request of the Chairman *or at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.*

b. Submit reports to the Board of County Commissioners concerning its actions, including recommendations pertaining to legislation and regulation.

c. Review annually the proposed budget for Mental Health/Substance Abuse and evaluate quality and quantity of services received.

d. Advise the Board of County Commissioners on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse needs of the community, i.e. the quality, availability, and accessibility of services presently funded by the County.

e. Develop and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners short and long range planning to meet the needs of the community.

f. Develop a plan for meeting the needs of the community and prioritize.

4. The Human Resource Department will provide Staff Services to this Committee.

5. Meeting will be conducted by Roberts Rules. Quorum will be a majority of membership.

ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 1988.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Lawrence O. Hartley
Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARE "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Lynn M. McDonald
Deputy Clerk