

RESOLUTION NO. 98- 85

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NUMBER 97-87 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ESTABLISHING A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL. THIS RESOLUTION COMBINES THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, County government has historically been a provider of Health and Human Services in Florida and has demonstrated the administrative and fiscal commitment needed to address a multitude of human and social services needs; and

WHEREAS, social problems associated with health, mental health and substance abuse are a reality in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that government cannot and should not attempt to solve all health, mental health, substance abuse or social problems; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the population of St. Johns County continues to grow and that resources may not expand proportionately to meet the needs of citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve and promote the health, safety and welfare of all citizens, it is desirable to address these problems and to seek solutions and remedies in a coordinated, efficient manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA that St. Johns County Resolution 97-87 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the St. Johns County Health and Humans Services Advisory Council to exist and to serve as an advisory body, 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 Health and Human Services Advisory Council exists and operates.

SECTION 3. The following qualifications for appointment, Council structure, and term are hereby adopted for the Health and Human Services Advisory Council.

- A. Appointees must be registered voters in St. Johns County
- B. Membership shall consist of nine (9) individuals, who, in a reasonable fashion, shall reflect the demographic and cultural diversity (racial, ethnic, religious, gender) of the County, to be appointed as follows:
 - 1. Five (5) Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Social Services Professionals (preferably one from each discipline plus one)
 - 2. Four (4) at large members, including but not limited to, such compatible areas as business, banking and finance, education, law enforcement, religious community leaders, consumers, and any other interested parties comprising the general public.
- C. All Council members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. Applications will be reviewed by Council members and recommendations submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. Chair will be elected annually from the appointed members.
- D. No employee, board member, officer of or consultant to a contracted agency receiving County funds for health, mental health, substance abuse or social services programs shall be a member of the Health and Human Services Advisory Council.
- E. Term of appointment shall be four (4) years. No more than two (2) consecutive terms may be served, in accordance with County policy.
- F. The name, address and daytime telephone number of the custodian of Council records shall be filed with the County administrative office. Should the place of records change, the administrative office is to be notified immediately.

SECTION 4. Duties and responsibilities of the Health and Human Services Advisory Council shall be to:

- A. Act as an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners in matters pertaining to the Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Social Services programs which receive County funds, with access to budgets, statistics, reviews,

monitoring reports, and other available non-confidential information bearing on the delivery of such services to assure they are administered in an appropriate and responsive manner to the citizens of St. Johns County.

B. To review and evaluate the proposed annual budgets of the Mental Health and Social Services Departments and recommend funding allocations to the Board of County Commissioners.

C. Review applications for funding from independent agencies responsible for programs pertaining to health, mental health, substance abuse, and social services, and make recommendations regarding allocations to the Board of County Commissioners.

D. Have access to current legislative and financial developments that may impact the delivery of health, mental health, substance abuse and human services to residents and related services, and advise the Board of County Commissioners of such developments.

E. Meet on a regular monthly (or more often if needed) schedule in a publicly accessible, advertised location, and conduct meetings in accordance with the highest ethical and moral responsiveness, within the observance of the codes and laws of St. Johns County and the State of Florida.

F. Maintain communication with the Board of County Commissioners through the furnishing of approved minutes of Council meetings, and any reports as needed or requested.

G. The Health and Human Services Advisory Council may adopt, amend, and repeal rules (bylaws) for its further organization, not inconsistent with the permitted Board of County Commissioners policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 14 Day of April, 1998.

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OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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