

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 60

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NUMBER 98-85 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND REVISING THE DUTIES AND COMPOSITION OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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 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 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 98-85 is hereby amended and restated as follow:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the St. Johns County Health and Human 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. Memberships shall consist of thirteen (13) 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:

- a. Five (5) Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Social Services Professionals (preferably one from each discipline plus one.)
 - b. One (1) representative from the County school district.
 - c. One (1) representative from the County United Way.
 - d. One (1) representative from the County sheriff's office.
 - e. Five (5) 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 or, 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. Participate in the planning process for Health and Human services.
- B. Review and evaluate community Health and Human Services programs, needs, services, and special issues.
- C. Make reports and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, and the County Health and Human Services Director and such other bodies as are appropriate.
- D. Promote a comprehensive and integrated approach to Health and Human Services issues within the County.
- E. Serve as a sounding board for a wide base of community response regarding the community's Health and Human Services issues and programs.

- F. Establish an ongoing program of education and dissemination of information to its own members.
- G. Participate in the County's RFP process for Health and Human Services through the Health and Human Services Director.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 7th day of *March*, 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: *James E. Bryant*
Chairman James E. Bryant

Attest: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk
By: *Patricia DeGrande*

RENDITION DATE 3-9-06

