



Rhonda ABBOTT

HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS CO-APPLICANT BOARD BOARD APPLICATION

The Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Co-Applicant Board serves as the patient/community-based governing board to set health center policy for the Healthcare for the Homeless Program on behalf of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. As a public center, the HCH Co-Applicant Board includes a representative majority of consumer/patient representatives, meets monthly and fulfills all the required authorities of a governing board. The purpose of the co-applicant arrangement is for the co-applicant board to oversee the implementation of the Section 330 grant and the operation of the Healthcare for the Homeless Program via the Bayside Health Clinic or Mobile Medical Unit operated by the Pinellas County Human Services Department in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Bylaws as adopted by the BCC and HCH Co-Applicant Board.

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Board Member Expectations

I recognize the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving as a member of the Co-Applicant Board for the Pinellas County's Health Care for the Homeless Program, and hereby pledge to carry out in a trustworthy and diligent manner the duties and obligations in my role as a board member.

My Role: I acknowledge that my primary roles as a board member are (1) to contribute to defining the organization's mission and governing the fulfillment of that mission, and (2) to carry out the functions of the office of Board Member and/or Officer as stated in the bylaws.

My role as a board member will focus on the development of policies that govern the implementation of institutional plans and purposes. This role is separate and distinct from the role of the Project Director, who determines the means of implementation.

My Commitment: I will exercise the duties and responsibilities of this office with integrity, collegiality, and care.

Pledge: (check all that apply)

- To establish as a high priority, my attendance at all meetings of the board and committees on which I serve.
- To be prepared to discuss the issues and business addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background material relevant to the topics at hand.
- To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this board and to leave my personal prejudices out of all board discussions.
- To always act for the good of the community.
- To represent this organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places.
- To observe the parliamentary procedures and display courteous conduct in all board and committee meetings.
- To refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of the organization's management team, except to monitor the results and prohibit methods that conflict with board policy.
- To avoid conflicts of interest between my position as a board member and my personal life. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have a conflict.
- To support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Board of Directors even when I am in a minority position on such actions.
- To agree to serve on at least one committee or task force, and participate in the accomplishment of its objectives. If I chair the board, a committee, or a task force, I will:
 - Call meetings as necessary until objectives are met.
 - Conduct the meetings in an orderly, fair, open and efficient manner.
 - Make committee progress reports/minutes to the board at its scheduled meetings, using the adopted format.
- To participate in:
 - The annual strategic planning retreat.
 - Board self-evaluation programs.
 - Board development workshops, seminars, and other educational events that enhance my skills as a board member.

If, for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties as best as I can, I agree to resign my position as a board member/officer.

Rhonda L. Abbott
Signature

5/2/17
Date

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PERSONAL INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> MS. <input type="checkbox"/> DR. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:			
FIRST NAME RHONDA		LAST NAME ABBOTT	
GENDER IDENTITY: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE			
DATE OF BIRTH: FEB 18, 1954			
HOME ADDRESS		BUSINESS ADDRESS 5726 126th AVENUE N.	
STREET:		STREET: 5726 126th AVENUE N.	
CITY:		CITY: PINELLAS PARK	
STATE:		STATE: FL	
ZIP:		ZIP: 33706	
HOME PHONE:		OFFICE PHONE: 813-650-5516	
CELL PHONE:		FAX:	
EMAIL:		EMAIL: rabbott@ccdossp.org	

SKILLS, AFFILIATIONS & EXPERIENCE		
Please check any area(s) of expertise you bring to the Board (✓ all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial/Banking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless Advocate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
1. Have you received medical or dental services at one of our facilities (MMU or Bayside Health Clinic) within the past two (2) years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
2. Do you work or reside within Pinellas County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
3. Nature of employment (you may attach a CV/resume, if applicable): <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS SHELTER & HOUSING</div>		
4. Please list any special skills that you think might be relevant. <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">LONG TERM PROVIDER / GOV'T INVOLVEMENT</div>		
5. Please list any other affiliations including non-profits, civic, profession, and social organizations. <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">PLEASE SEE RESUME</div>		
6. Are you related to any current Board member or employee of Pinellas County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Explain:		



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<p>7. Why do you want to be a member of the Co-Applicant Board?</p> <p align="center"><i>NECESSARY TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE</i></p>
<p>8. Any additional information you would like to share with the board?</p>
<p>9. Please read the Board Expectations (page 2). If you become a Co-Applicant Board member, would you accept the responsibilities of the position as outlined in the Board Expectations?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
<p>The information you provide is voluntary and will only be used for the purpose of determining an appropriate fit for membership on the Co-Applicant Board for the Pinellas County Health Care for the Homeless Program. The information will be shared with members of the Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board and the Board of County Commissioners. As a public entity, the information you provide is subject to public records law. Statistical and demographic data will be used only in aggregate form for reports required by the Federal Government.</p>
<p>Signature of Applicant : <u> <i>Rhonda Abbott</i> </u> Date: <u> <i>5/2/17</i> </u></p>

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HCH CO-APPLICANT BOARD	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
<p>This applicant has been:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p>	<p>This applicant has been:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p>
<p>By a majority vote by the Co-Applicant Board at a scheduled meeting held on: ___/___/___</p>	<p>By a majority vote by the Co-Applicant Board at a scheduled meeting held on: ___/___/___</p>
<p>Signed:</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">Board Chair, HCH Co-Applicant Board</p>	<p>As recorded in the Minutes of the Board of County Commission by the Clerk of the Court. No wet signature required.</p>

RESUME

Rhonda Abbott

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Over 25 years of local community experience in social, human and public services, with proven leadership and management capabilities
- Experience in designing, implementing and administering innovative social services and rehabilitation programs
- Ability to work in a high profile arena, interfacing and dealing with “on the spot” decision making and providing quick and sound solutions to problems
- Subject matter expert on homelessness

EXPERIENCE

2014 - 2015 – Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board, Inc., Pinellas Park - Chief Executive Officer

- Provided leadership in the governance, development & management of the HLB
- Developed & organized policies & procedures, new strategic plan, streamlined fiscal management, coordinated the generation of state & federal funding/contracts
- Oversight and coordination of county wide homeless services system

2013 – 2014 - Gulfcoast Legal Services, St. Petersburg - Grants Compliance & Social Services Development Director

- Responsible for all billing, invoicing and compliance of thirty grants and contracts
- Initiated, developed and secured community partnerships with social services agencies to provide a more cohesive and holistic approach to persons served
- Member of leadership team that drove the organization.

2012 – 2013 - United Way Suncoast, Tampa - Associate Vice President of Community Development & Partnership

- Provided leadership for the Community & Partnership Development Department (staff of 10) in the implementation of UWS’s community impact model
- Led the community investment process of UWS to ensure that the core services network of over sixty five (65) partner agencies and the focus areas were addressed in a planned and complimentary manner
- Worked closely with the Volunteer Committees and Boards

2006 – 2012 - City of St. Petersburg - Manager of Veteran, Social & Homeless Services

- Managed all social service related grants (\$721,000) which included monitoring, and oversight of fiscal operations. Provided direction, support and leadership to community service providers. Interfaced with and staffed City appointed Social Service Committee, provided leadership in executing the grant review process, and prepared all council documentation for Council approval

- Responsible for all issues relating to human services for the City; acted as primary media contact, handled all calls and emails from the general public, and those in need of services. Also, coordinated planning and provisions for social and homeless services with the Mayor, City Administrators, other City departments, City Council members, community leaders and other elected officials
- Assisted Mayor in raising awareness for two additional shelters for the homeless that resulted in the development, funding, and creation of Pinellas Hope (2007) that has a census of up to 400 on any given day and Pinellas Safe Harbor homeless shelter (2011) which houses up to 500 individuals
- Researched national best practices for health, human and homeless services and provided requested information to City Council Members, City Administrators and the Mayor.
- Successfully chaired three annual Project Homeless Connect events, serving up to 1200 individuals at each event with approximately 75 service vendors and 70 medical vendors and 1000 volunteers

2002-2005 - Abilities, Inc. of Florida (an affiliate of the ServiceSource Network), Clearwater - Vice President of Rehabilitation

- Developed and provided leadership and maintained 42 state and federal contracts/ grants covering all of Florida, from the Panhandle to the Keys, and a staff of 140 with a budget of \$6.1 million
- Created and implemented innovative projects targeting special disability populations such as Deaf, Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Cystic Fibrosis. Most programs were funded by performance based outcome driven contracts. Initiated growth throughout all rehab programs and budget within agency
- Managed a \$.5 million vocational rehab facility in Fayetteville, NC
- Responsible for strategic operations to maintain the viability of the organization
- Responsible for agency interface with funding sources, elected officials, community partners, and professional organizations
- Coordinated CARF re-accreditation process

2001-2002 - Boley Behavioral Health Care Centers, St. Petersburg - Vice President of Programs

- Supervised all treatment and rehabilitation programs (700 residential beds)
- Provided leadership and oversaw 200 plus staff within the county-wide programs
- Initiated startup of \$1 million FACT (Florida Assertive Community Team) and the Youth Build Project (\$300,000)
- Represented the agency internally and externally and ensured the continued growth, diversification and success of programs
- Responsible for balanced budget of all programs. Interfaced with Board of Directors

1988-2001 - Abilities, Inc. of Florida, Clearwater -Vice President of Rehabilitation Services (2000-2001), Director of Rehab Services (1994-2000), Program Manager (1988-1994)

- Provided leadership, supervision and direction to core rehabilitation programs
- Central to the growth of the agency, increasing service delivery to new locations, increasing the Rehab budget by 117% over a three year period

- Oversaw 30 state and federal contract and grants, most with outcome driven/performance based funding
- Ensured programs operated to meet all project and program goals, objectives with positive consumer satisfaction ratings and full fiscal compliance
- Integral involvement in the development of welfare reform programs/one stops in Pinellas County working in concert with Lockheed Martin Social Services division.
- Maintained CARF compliance

EDUCATION

MA, Rehabilitation Counseling, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

BS, Social Work/Criminal Justice, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

ACTIVITIES (present)

- Board of Directors for Recover Pinellas, member of Network for Recover Pinellas
- Board of Directors President for Pinellas and Pasco Center for Independent Living, *dba* Disability Achievement Center
- Member of Mobile Medical Unit & Bayside Clinic Advisory Council
- Member of the City of St. Petersburg's Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments

(sampling of past involvement)

- Peer Surveyor/Auditor for U.S. Department of Labor, Federal Projects with Industry Programs
- Program Surveyor/Auditor for International Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
- Contractor for Department of Health & Human Services/Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (HHS/SAMHSA)
- Member of Pinellas County Health & Human Services Administrative Forum
- Member of Pinellas County Health & Human Services Disaster Recovery Leadership Network
- Pinellas WorkNet One Stop Committees
- Florida and National Rehabilitation Associations; Florida and National Homeless Coalitions
- Received Bay News 9 "Everyday Hero Award" for organizing 3,000 pairs of new shoes give-a-way to homeless in 2009
- Awarded Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless Award for Community Service and Leadership Award in 2008 and Team Spirit Award in 2010