



# Pinellas County

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**Attachments:** 1. MMUAC BYLAWS - Final Approved 050217.pdf, 2. Clare Young Application.pdf, 3. Dianne Clark Application.pdf, 4. Helen Rhymes Application.pdf, 5. Jerry Wennlund Application.pdf, 6. Lt Zachary Haisch Application.pdf, 7. Maxine Booker Application.pdf, 8. Michael Raposa Application.pdf, 9. Rhonda Abbott Application.pdf, 10. Sandes Boulanger Application.pdf, 11. Sean Murphy Application.pdf, 12. Sgt Knighton Application.pdf, 13. Sheila Lopez Application.pdf, 14. Valerie Leonard Application.pdf, 15. Zak White Application FINAL.pdf, 16. Clifford Smith Application.pdf, 17. Mark Dufva Application, 18. MMUAC 2017-2018 Council Members Roster, 19. Final Signed Board Packet for Aug 18 2015.pdf

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8/1/2017	1	Board of County Commissioners	approved	Pass

**Subject:**  
Health Care for the Homeless Program bylaws amendment and Co-Applicant Board nominations.

**Recommended Action:**  
Approval of the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Co-Applicant Board bylaws amendment and Board nominees per the requirements for health center program grantees.

**Strategic Plan:**  
Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare  
2.2 Be a facilitator, convener and purchaser of services for those in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and our Customers  
5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach  
5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

**Summary:**  
The HCH Co-Applicant Board amended and approved the bylaws on May 2, 2017 to 1) change the name of the governing body from the Mobile Medical Unit Advisory Council to the Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board, 2) allow community organization board members to appoint an alternate member from their organization, and 3) change the grant fiscal year to align with the new dates set by Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Amendments to the bylaws must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board).

The HCH Co-Applicant Board and the Board will use their best efforts to maintain the same ratio of

consumer members, provider members and consumers-at-large as set out in Article V of the bylaws. The HCH Co-Applicant Board has solicited nominations from the community, current or former consumers of the Health Care for the Homeless Program, persons who are currently or formerly homeless, and other interested individuals who are committed and interested in the delivery of services of the Health Care for the Homeless Program.

The attached nominees presented for review and approval by the Board represent three (3) consumers, seven (7) community organizations, and seven (7) alternates from the community organizations. While a patient-majority is required for the co-applicant board, Pinellas County maintains a waiver of this requirement due to the difficulty in recruiting consumers from the homeless population to serve in this capacity. The staff and HCH Co-Applicant Board continue efforts to recruit consumers and have taken additional steps to ensure consumer input into the program's services.

**Background Information:**

The 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 Health Care for the Homeless Program via the Mobile Medical Unit operated by Pinellas County Human Services in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the bylaws as adopted by the Board and HCH Co-Applicant Board.

In 2016, the Health Care for the Homeless Program served 2,306 homeless residents of Pinellas County with primary preventive care medical services, dental, mental health and substance abuse services, and more. Clients are seen at two HRSA approved delivery sites including the Mobile Medical Unit van that travels throughout the County, and at the Bayside Health Clinic.

The patient target goal for 2017 is 2,980 individuals.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Lourdes Benedict, Director

**Partners:**

Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board  
Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County  
Catholic Charities/Pinellas Hope  
Operation PAR  
City of St. Petersburg  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Petersburg  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Clearwater  
Homeless Empowerment Program  
Salvation Army ARC  
Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center

**Attachments:**

HCH Co-Applicant Board Bylaws  
HCH Co-Applicant Board Nominee Applications  
HCH Co-Applicant Agreement  
HCH Co-Applicant Roster