



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Appointment/reappointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the reappointments of Nadine Nickeson as a Health Care Consumer and Eric Smith as a Health Care Provider and approve the new appointment of Tina Ambrose as a Health Care Provider, to the Suncoast Health Council for a term of two years.

- This item is for the reappointment of two current members of the Suncoast Health Council and the appointment of a new member to fill a Health Care Provider position.
- See Ballot/Worksheet attached to agenda item for list of names.
- The Clerk will call each Commissioner's name and they will state their selections for appointment/reappointment.

### **Background Information:**

The Suncoast Health Council, Inc. was created by Florida Statute in 1983 to identify, address and resolve health care issues of local concern. The Council's mission is to improve health in Pinellas and Pasco Counties through planning, education and service delivery.

The Suncoast Health Council's purpose is to plan and advise for the health needs in Pasco and Pinellas counties. The Suncoast Health Council board is comprised of 12 members: eight members are appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and four members are appointed by the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners. The Council is a volunteer board made up of consumers, providers and purchasers of health care. Members are appointed to specific member categories: Health Care Provider, Health Care Consumer and Health Care Purchaser.

A Health Care Provider is someone who provides health care services, such as a doctor. A Health Care Consumer is defined as an individual who is neither a purchaser nor provider, who receives medical care from licensed practitioners, resides in or receives services from a health care facility and who may or may not access public and/or private health insurance coverage. A Health Care Purchaser is defined as an individual licensed to provide or who provides health care services to individuals and/or groups, such as insurance executives. A Purchaser may also purchase health care services on behalf of others, provided they don't also provide direct medical care. Examples include human resource managers and business owners purchasing health coverage for employees. A majority of council members shall consist of health care purchasers and health care consumers.

### **Attachments:**

Applications

Ballot/Work Sheet  
Board Roster

**Partner(s):**

Elizabeth Rugg, Executive Director, Suncoast Health Council