



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Appointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommended Action:

Approve two appointments to the Suncoast Health Council for terms of two years to begin on the date of appointment. These appointments will be by the County Commission as a whole.

- The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) has eight appointees that serve on the Suncoast Health Council. Currently there are four vacancies. Appointing the two applicants will bring the BCC's vacancies to two, and we will readvertise to fill those positions at a meeting in the near future.
- Applicant, Ms. Robin Ruybal, will fill a Provider vacancy and applicant, Ms. Carol Weideman, will fill a Consumer vacancy.
- The Clerk will provide a worksheet/ballot.

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 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. 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. The members of the consumer group shall include a representative number of persons over 60 years of age. 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:

Press Release
Board Roster
Applications/Resumes
Worksheet/Ballot

Partner(s):

Barbara Martinez, Executive Director, Suncoast Health Council