

## Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting September 23, 2016

The September 23, 2016, Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Lowry at 8:30 a.m. CAC members in attendance were: Chair Lee Lowry, Vice Chair Kay Doughty, Barbara Aderhold, Joe Caetano, Wendell Duggins, Ron Govin, Joe Wicker, and Spencer Kass. CAC members absent were: Linda Porter, Adam Bantner, Cristan Fadal, and Joe Pullara. County staff in attendance: Beth Cardenas.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an explanation of the role and responsibilities of the CAC were given.

**Public Comment #1:** None.

**Meeting Recap:** The September 9, 2016 meeting recap was reviewed and approved.

**Goal Setting and Process Discussion:** Chair Lowry and Dr. Eisenberg led a discussion on goals of the CAC in the budget review process. The CAC discussed bringing actionable items to the Board of County Commissioners by March, and the interest in “low hanging fruit”. They prioritized: first, low hanging, actionable items; second, efficiencies; and finally, keeping a running total of potential savings. They discussed “parking lot” items and philosophical approaches to government.

**Discussion with Chief Dennis Jones:** Chief Dennis Jones of Fire Rescue discussed the policy entitled *The Writing Off of Uncollectable Accounts Receivable for Fire Rescue* and billing for ambulance service. The CAC discussed collection for those with indigent status and non-collection. They discussed using a third party for billing. Greg Horwedel, Deputy County Administrator, provided a discussion on Fire Districts.

**Discussion with Gene Earley:** Gene Earley, Director of Health Care Services, gave a presentation on the Hillsborough County Health Plan. Mr. Earley discussed the governing statutes, eligibility criteria, a plan overview, the health care advisory board, ambulance services, organizational chart, major areas funded by the trust fund, the budget breakdown, the recovery program and coordination of benefits, public health/population health, and the importance to the community. Dr. John Curran provided the history behind the Plan. The CAC discussed funding the program through General Revenue, indirect costs, mandates, and working with Fire Rescue for ambulance use.

**Other Business:** The CAC approved a letter requesting budget information from the Constitutional Officers. They added additional meeting dates: October 7 and November 4.

The CAC requested the following information:

- County Administrator’s Organizational Chart
- Presentations from Economic Development and Communications
- Information on Fire Districts

Dr. Eisenberg suggested the CAC review the services listed on the County website to determine areas they would like to examine further. Debt Service was established as a “parking lot” item for the time being.

The CAC discussed responses from Hillsborough County, Plant City, and Temple Terrace regarding Medical Marijuana. They requested follow up with the City of Tampa.

**Advisory Committee Reports:** None.

**Public Comment #2:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

*Note: Instructions to staff are underlined*