

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Health Facilities Authority – Please Print

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By Donna Gordon at 7:38 am, Jan 13, 2026

Name: Anita Cocoves, Ph.D., LMHC, MCAP

Residence Address: 472 SE Edgewood Drive, Stuart, FL 34996

Street/City/Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____

(if different)

Street/City/Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 1^{dg} If left blank, Staff will complete.

Are you available year round to attend meetings? yes no If no, what months are you available?

Telephone numbers: 1st: 772-215-9377 alternate: _____ alternate: _____
Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: acocoves1329@gmail.com

Are you a Martin County registered voter? yes no

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. yes no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES: _____

DATES: _____

PLACES (city/state): _____

SENTENCES OR FINES: _____

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? yes no

Education: Please see attached resume

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Employment Experience: _____

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: I was appointed to this
I was appointed to this Board previously I believe I have insightful experience to share.

Community Experience and Affiliations: Treasure Coast Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team (Clinical)
Director - Volunteer); CIT Treasure Coast Law Enforcement Trainer - Volunteer

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
- Staff facilitator; Indigent Health Care Board - Staff Facilitator; Transportation Disadvantaged Board - At-risk
Representative; CAA Board - Staff Facilitator; Health Facilities Board -past Chair; DJJ Circuit Advisory Board
Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that
you are an officer or employee of have an existing contract with Martin County? If yes, please
explain:

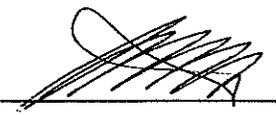
No

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Ryan Wertepney - 561-374-7627

Honorable Steven J. Levin - 772-462-1469

- Applicant may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Sections 112.313(3) and (7), Florida Statutes. However, upon full disclosure by the Applicant, the conflict may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners by a supermajority vote. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes.

→ Signature: 

Date: 1/12/26

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, January 30, 2026.** **All information submitted becomes public record.** If you have any questions, please call (772) 221-1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

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OBJECTIVE

To facilitate positive change in individuals and communities seeking better emotional and social functioning to improve their satisfaction with, and overall quality of, their lives.

SKILLS

Accomplished licensed clinical professional/administrator with a

EXPERIENCE

**TEAM LEADER MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM FOR
MARTIN AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES
NEW HORIZONS OF THE TREASURE COAST, INC**

July 2025 - Present

Manage and provide on-call after hour Clinical Supervision for a group of 4 trained professionals, in two counties who provide Mobile Response Team (MRT) response 24/7 for emergency behavioral health care to anyone in the region. Teams are prepared to meet anyone having a severe emotional or behavioral health crisis in their home, school, or wherever they are. The goal of MRT is to reduce trauma, prevent unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations and criminal justice involvement through de-escalation, appropriate crisis intervention, and connecting people to resources in their communities. Provide direct clinical intervention as the Licensed Team Lead and initiate Baker Act and/or Marchman Act, as clinically appropriate. On-call for crisis response day/night, as needed. Community outreach and collaboration to educate the public regarding the program. Work with diverse cultures and environments. Proficient in active listening and communication skills while utilizing Trauma Informed process that enables the client to design their outcomes with clinical support and input. Multitask and able to handle stressful situations. Maintain HIPAA and a mandated reporter for abuse, neglect and/or exploitation, in keeping with the law and licensure requirements. Client record and data keeping and reporting within the agency's electronic medical records system. Grant writing and fund raising for the agency. Crisis Intervention Trainer for Treasure Coast Law Enforcement Officers; Clinical Director for Treasure Coast Crisis Intervention Stress Management Team for first responder incident debriefings.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY HUB OF PALM BEACH
COUNTY**

December 2024 – June 2025

Chief executive officer of the organization, responsible for the general supervision, direction, and control of the business of the HUB. Developed and directed program services, staffing, physical resources, and funding. Contracted with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to deliver support services to targeted population. Managed \$1.2M annual program budget for 4 locations and 8 staff.



record of innovative solutions to complex societal and individual problems. Extensive experience with addictive disorders and at-risk youth and adults, helping clients live happier, healthier, and more productive lives

Provided support services to increase individual safety particularly in Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking clients. Provided support for individuals to create their own solution that meet their personal goals. Community outreach and collaboration with community partners.

**THERAPIST
CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH**

April 2023 – June 2024

Provided compassionate, empathetic in-person and tele-health services. Conducted psychosocial assessments to create individualized treatment plans with client's input to accomplish their personal goals. Provided case management and wrap around services to address all unmet needs. All services provided in trauma informed approach. Maintained client records and produced agency reports within the agency electronic medical records system. Maintained HIPPA requirements and mandated reporting of potential abuse, neglect, exploitation as needed.

**GRANT AND PROGRAM MANAGER (BACK-UP VICTIM
ADVOCATE)**

CITY OF FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 2018 – March 2023

Program design, development, and implementation of grants to fulfill the mission of the agency. Advanced knowledge of business English, spelling and punctuation to enable production of successful funding proposals. Obtained \$4.2M in grant funding, specifically: increased VOCA grant 300% via program design modification to enable hiring of 2 additional Victim Advocate positions and funds to assist with victim's needs; track program objectives and outcomes and processed monthly reimbursement requests to the Office of the Attorney General. Designed program and obtained funds for RICH House I & II. Obtained funds for Shop-With-A-Cop and Santa Cop events; NIBER/FIBERS upgrade funding, etc. Provided outreach to potential funders regarding collaboration opportunities. Crisis Intervention Trainer for Law Enforcement Baker Act/Marchman Act. Power DMS trained, working knowledge of City of Fort Pierce Rules and Regulations, and Policies, Procedures of Fort Pierce Police Department, and Applicable Florida Law Statutes. Certified Victims Assistant. Essential position reported to duty before, during and after civil emergency.





**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

June 1989 – October 2018

Provided broadly independent overall management of Human Services for a mid-sized coastal Florida County. Responsible for Clinical Supervision of the DCF licensed programming and staff, including the Treatment Court and county court drug testing laboratory. Expert court testimony, clinical assessment and subsequent case management, prepare specialty court participants for their court hearings and their rights. Ensured client compliance with individualized case plan for the court and the delivery of wrap-around services as requested by the specialty treatment court judiciary. Collaborated with law enforcement and the 19th Judicial Circuit Court Administration, State Attorney, Public Defender; DJJ, Florida Rural Legal Services. Managed Health Care contract for County Jail and Health Department Building; responsible for management of 7 homeless prevention grants; indigent burial and cremation of residents; indigent hospitalization and prescription assistance; utility assistance; home repair program for health and safety; unmet needs for hurricane survivors (A shift at EOC). FEMA incident command trained.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, Program Management, Nova Southeastern University 1990 – 1992 (completed 32 cr. hrs.)

Doctor of Philosophy, Human Services Administration, LaSalle University, 1992 – 1993

Master of Science, Human Services Administration, Nova Southeastern University, 1988 – 1989

Bachelor of Science, Liberal Studies, Barry University, 1987 – 1988

FEMA Trained (ICS 100; ICS 200; ICS 700; ICS 800; G 270.4; G 300; FL-140 REP-NUCPP)

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

- Licensed Mental Health Counselor (MH3231) State of Florida, Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance
 - National NPI #: 175066846





- Qualified Clinical Supervisor, State of Florida, Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance
- Certified Victim Advocate - Attorney Generals' Office, State of Florida
- Certified Master Addictions Professional – Florida Certification Board
- Certified Prevention Professional – Florida Certification Board
- Certified Mental Health Professional – Florida Certification Board
- Certified Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator – Florida Sheriff's Association Institute of Diversified Training Academy
- Certified CIT Coordinator – Crisis Intervention Team International
- Certified in Crisis Intervention – American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress
- Certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer – Certified Mental Health First Aid USA

