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Contact: Donna Gordon, Administration, 772.288.5756, or dgordon@martin.fl.us

Treasure Coast Health Council Vacancy

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the **Treasure Coast Health Council**. All individuals serve without compensation and are requested to submit an Application for Appointment to Martin County Administration by Friday, October 13, 2023. For an Application, please call Martin County Administration 288.5756 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

Vacant position: health care provider, health care purchaser, or health care consumer.

A <u>provider</u> is a health care professional licensed under chapters 458, 459, 460, 461, 463, 464, 465, 466, part I, part III, part IV, part V, or part X of chapter 468, chapter 486, chapter 490, or chapter 491.

A <u>purchaser</u> is an employer in the state, other than a health care facility, health insurer, or other health care provider, who provides health care coverage for his/her employees.

A <u>consumer</u> may be any person other than a person who administers health activities, is a member of the governing body of a health care facility, provides health services, has a fiduciary interest in a health facility or other health agency or its affiliated entities, or has a material financial interest in the rendering of health services.

Board members are appointed to serve for a term of two years (unless he/she is completing a term of a previously held seat). Any Board member with unexcused absences from three consecutive Board meetings, or more than half the meetings in a year, must appeal automatic removal from the Board through written correspondence to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Membership status shall then be decided by a majority vote.

Overview

Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc. d/b/a Health Council of Southeast Florida (HCSEF) is a private, not-for-profit corporation created under Chapter 408.033, Florida Statutes, with the mission of providing coordinated health planning designed to enhance the provision of accessible, affordable and high quality health care services to all persons residing in the service district, defined in the enacting legislation as Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. HCSEF is one of eleven local health planning councils in the state.

Local health councils work with the various communities on efforts designed to improve access to health care, reduce disparities in health status, assist state and local governments in the development of sound and rational health care policies and advocate on behalf of vulnerable and underserved populations. HCSEF has a long history and a broad range of experience in health services planning, program development and implementation, and community engagement.

The Board of Directors meets every other month on the third Thursday at 4:00 pm at the Health Council of Southeast Florida, Suite 101, 600 Sandtree Drive, **Palm Beach Gardens**, Florida.

Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

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