

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Please Print

Type of Member (explain HOW you qualify for the category under Other Experience below):

- ☐ Citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
- ☒ Citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen who is actively engaged in the banking/mortgage banking industry in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged in residential homebuilding industry in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen representative of areas of labor actively engaged in homebuilding in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen who represents employers within Martin County
- ☐ Citizen who represents essential service personnel
- ☒ Citizen who resides within Martin County
- ☐ Local Planning Agency Member

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Name: ANETA COCOVES, Ph.D., LMHC, MCAP

Residence Address: 472 S.E. EDGEWOOD DR., STUART, FL 34996

Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____

(if different)

Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 1 dg Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 372-215-9377 alternate: _____ alternate: _____
Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: acocoves1329@gmail.com

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: _____

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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: BS. IN LIBERAL STUDIES • M.S. IN HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION;
Ph.D. IN HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Employment Experience: 30 YRS. MARTIN COUNTY; 4.5 YRS FT. PIERCE POLICE

DEPARTMENT • 1.5 YRS. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMUNITY HULL
WPB • 1 YR. CHAIRMAN DEPT. OF PBC; NHTC MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM
Other Experience – How do you qualify for the Type of Member selected? DURING MY EMPLOYMENT

WITH MARTIN COUNTY FACILITATED THE AHAC COMMITTEE AS STAFF. CURRENTLY
RESPOND TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS --

HOUSING IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PREDICTOR OF LONG-TERM SOBRIETY AND
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STABILITY

Community Experience and Affiliations: CRITICAL INCIDENT TRAINER FOR TREASURE COAST LAW

ENFORCEMENT • CLINICAL COORDINATOR FOR TREASURE COAST CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS
DEBRIEFING TEAM • 20 YR. MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD OF TREASURE COAST HOSPITAL

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: MARTIN COUNTY HOSPITAL

FACILITIES BOARD • TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY • HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTHEAST
FLORIDA • MARTIN COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE • CIRCUIT 19 DJS

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that CHAS
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 WORTENNEY, CEO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY MICHAEL ROBBINS, CEO MARTIN COUNTY FAIR

- 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: 8/8/25

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, August 15, 2025.** 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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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director

December 2023 – MAY 2025

The Recovery Community HUB of Palm Beach County

- Chief executive officer of the organization
- General supervision, direction, and control of the business of the HUB
- Plan program services, staffing, physical resources, and funding
- Develop, manage, and control fiscal resources of the HUB to assure funding is sufficient to meet service needs and funds are used efficiently to provide effective services

Psychotherapist

April 2022 – June 2024

Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach

- Provide in-person and tele-health services
- Conduct initial interviews to gather information about a client's situation, mental health concerns, and needs
- Create individualized treatment plans based on client assessments, including specific goals and interventions

Grant and Program Manager

October 2018 – March 2022

Fort Pierce Police Department, City of Fort Pierce

- Program design, development, and implementation
- Law Enforcement Baker Act trainer
- Certified Victims Assistant, assess and fulfill the needs of crime victims
- Obtained \$4.2 M in grant funding

Health and Human Services Administrator

June 1989 – October 2018

Martin County Board of Commissioners

- Provided broadly independent overall Human Services for a mid-sized coastal Florida County
- Responsible for Clinical Supervision of the DCF licensed programming and staff, including the county court drug testing laboratory
- Expert court testimony, clinical assessment and subsequent case management
- Ensured client compliance with individualized case plan and the delivery of wrap-around services as requested by the specialty treatment court judiciary. Provided direct counseling services to individuals and families.
- Budgeting, grant writing and management (obtained \$100 million in grant funding)
- Provided supervision of Community Services: housing; healthcare contract management for jail, facility management contract health department
- Planned, designed, and implemented programming to fulfill needs of targeted residents

Admissions Director

June 1986 – June 1989

Heritage Health Corporation

- Clinical assessments and evaluations
- Supervision and training of crisis intervention staff
- Individual and group therapy. Interventions/consultations with families in crisis
- Administration and monitoring of inpatient admission process
- Determination of level of clinical need for inpatient care

- Coordination of preadmission process with insurance providers

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	1992 - 1994
LASALLE UNIVERSITY, MANDEVILLE, LA	
Doctor of Education, Program Management	(Completed 32 cr. hrs.) 1990 – 1992
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL	
Master of Science, Human Services Administration, Magna Cum Laude	1988 – 1989
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL	
Bachelor of Science, Liberal Studies, Magna Cum Laude	1987 – 1988
Barry University, Miami Shores, FL	

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE/LEADERSHIP

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| • Circuit 19 Juvenile Justice Board | 2019 – Present |
| ○ Chairman | 2019 – 2022 |
| • Treasure Coast Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team (Clinical Director) | 2019 – Present |
| • Treasure Coast Crisis Intervention Team for Law Enforcement Officers – Trainer | 2019 – Present |
| • Health Council of Southeast Florida Board Vice Chair | 2012 – 2018 |
| • Martin Health Facility Authority Chairman | 2018 – 2025 |
| • Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council Executive Board Secretary | 2003 – 2023 |
| • Florida Drug Court Professionals Executive Board Member | 2000 – Present |
| • Circuit 19 Opiate Task Force Committee Member | 2018 – Present |
| • Circuit 19 Child Death Review Committee Member | 2016 – 2018 |
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LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Mental Health Counselor (MH3231) State of Florida, Department of Medical Quality Assurance
- National Provider Identification # (NPI #): 175066846
- Qualified Clinical Supervisor, State of Florida, Department of Medical Quality Assurance
- Certified Victim Advocate, Attorney Generals' Office, State of Florida
- Certified Master Addictions Professional – Florida Certification Board
- Certified Addiction Professional – Florida Certification Board
- Certified Mental Health Professional – Florida Certification Board
- Certified Forensic Examiner – State of Florida
- Diplomat in Forensic Counseling
- Expert Witness, 19th Circuit

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Designed programming, authored and managed grants to support the initiatives for the following:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Justice Assistance Grant (a.k.a. Edward Byrne Memorial Grant) annual applications from 1989 - 2020. A formula grant with funding amounts based upon population versus documented crime rate:

1989 – Awarded \$264,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to initiate Drug Court, including establishment of DCF licensure for the County Department offering services, development of Policies and Procedures, clinical supervision and assessments, case management, court liaison services, management of inpatient and outpatient treatment services for program participants.

1990 – Awarded \$263,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1991 – Awarded \$257,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1992 – Awarded \$243,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1993 – Awarded \$247,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1994 – Awarded \$244,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1995 – Awarded \$243,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1996 – Awarded \$237,500 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1997 – Awarded \$233,025 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1998 – Awarded \$232,050 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

1999 – Awarded \$227,500 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2000 – Awarded \$202,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2001 – Awarded \$180,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2002 – Awarded \$172,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2003 – Awarded \$157,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2004 – Awarded \$153,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2005 – Awarded \$147,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2006 – Awarded \$131,393 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2007 – Awarded \$82,121 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2008 – Awarded \$114,304 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2009 – Awarded \$39,580 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2010 – Awarded \$111,241 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2011 – Awarded \$123,237 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2012 – Awarded \$76,864 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2013 – Awarded \$71,000 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2014 – Awarded \$71,838 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2015 – Awarded \$63,836 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2016 – Awarded \$56,656 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

2017 – Awarded \$65,457 to benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to continue Drug Court as above.

** In 1999, in the face of decreasing funding from FDLE to support Drug Court, developed the first in-house Drug Screening Laboratory in Circuit 19 to supplement funding to support specialty court operations. One of the first in the state, and nationally.

*** In 1989, authored, and subsequently adopted by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, an ordinance for collection of an additional Court Cost for individuals entering Drug Court and establishment of a Drug Trust account line item within the County General Fund, to assist sustainability of Drug Court.

**** In 2015, authored, and subsequently adopted by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, a Judicial Administrative Order enabling utilization of county-wide Court Costs fines/fees to initiate and maintain a county run Juvenile Civil Citation program. This was the first such operation outside of Court Administration's in-house programming in Circuit 19.
Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant 2004: Awarded \$300,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to develop Dependency Drug Court for individuals at risk of losing child custody and/or termination of Parental Rights due to allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation related to parental substance use disorders. Developed the funded court.

Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant 2006: Awarded \$500,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To implement/initiate Adult Mental Health Court in Martin County.

Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant 2017: Awarded \$1.2 million. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To expand Adult Mental Health Court in Martin County.

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs 2017: Awarded \$1.2 million. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To expand Juvenile and Adult Drug Courts.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement 2016: Awarded \$500,000. To benefit the Martin County Sheriff's Office. To initiate a pilot program providing clinical co-responder therapists to assist law enforcement road patrol officers in responding to substance abusers and/or mentally ill individuals.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG): Awarded approximately \$120K annually from 2001 – 2018; for total award amount of approximately \$2,040,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, annual grants to assist with homeless prevention supplying first, last, security deposits for housing and utility deposits.

Southeast Florida Behavioral Health (area Managed Entity) - 2016: Awarded \$35,250. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To provide substance abuse prevention services in Martin County.

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Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - 2018: Awarded \$100,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To provide housing (up to 12 months of rental assistance) to young adults (18 – 25) participating in Drug Court and/or Mental Health Court in Martin County.

State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) -2018 – Awarded \$800,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To provide housing assistance to low-income individuals to hurricane harden and/or bring homes up compliance with current health and safety standard codes and/or provide down payment assistance to first time home buyers. Amended the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) (and passed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners) to provide rental assistance to targeted low-income residents.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - 2017 – Awarded \$600,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners. To provide tear-down and rebuild of homes slated for condemnation specifically to benefit low-income residents.

Volunteer Florida - 2006 – Created a non-profit organization, Martin Interagency Network for Disaster (M.I.N.D.), determined necessary post hurricanes. FEMA (an agency of Homeland Security) refused to divulge to local government the identity of residents placed in FEMA emergency group housing trailers but agreed to share with 501C3 organizations. Applied for and awarded \$300,000 to provide home repair assistance to residents' post landfall (three weeks apart) of two Category 3 Hurricanes (Francis and Jeanne).

Florida Power and Light - 2001 – 2018: – Negotiated and managed over \$64K funds annually, for an overall total of \$1,088,000. To benefit the Martin County Board of County Commissioners to vet and assist targeted residents with emergency utility assistance

State of Florida, Office of The Attorney General – 2019 – Awarded Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) \$148,414. To benefit the City of Fort Pierce Police Department to fund Victim Advocates to assist victims of crime.

Federal Justice Department, Office of Justice Programs – 2019- Awarded Bullet Proof Vest grant for \$50,000 to benefit the Fort Pierce Police Department for the purchase of 77 bullet proof vests for new hires and to replace aged vests for current officers.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement – 2018 – Awarded \$26,749 for law enforcement technology to ameliorate violent crime, specifically gangs. To benefit the City of Fort Pierce Police Department.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement – 2018 – Awarded \$19,030 grant for the benefit of the Fort Pierce Police Department to provide bullet proof vests. To benefit the City of Fort Pierce Police Department.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement – 2019 – Awarded \$30,000 grant for bullet proof vests to benefit the Fort Pierce Police Department.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement – 2018 – Awarded \$26,749 for law enforcement technology to ameliorate violent crime, specifically gangs. To benefit the City of Fort Pierce Police Department.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement – 2020 - \$32,291 for law enforcement technology to ameliorate violent crime

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (JAG) – 2019 – Awarded \$22,957 for law enforcement technology to ameliorate violent crime, specifically gangs. To benefit the City of Fort Pierce Police Department.

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs – 2019 – Awarded \$1.2 million for Opiate Response Program to reduce Opiate use in Palm Beach County. To benefit Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Florida Department of Health – 2019 – Awarded a grant to enable the City of Fort Pierce Police Department to obtain 200 doses of Narcan to ameliorate Opiate overdoses.

Florida Department of Health – 2021 – Awarded a grant to enable the City of Fort Pierce Police Department to obtain 600 doses of Narcan to ameliorate Opiate overdoses.

AARP – 2020 – Awarded \$15,000 to enable the Fort Pierce Police Department to provide community-based services to senior citizens in a high crime area to assist in providing access to internet and strengthen computer literacy.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (JAG) – 2020 – Awarded \$32,291 for law enforcement technology to ameliorate violent crime, specifically gangs. To benefit the City of Fort Pierce Police Department.

Florida Attorney General's Office – 2020– Awarded Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) \$178,000 for Victim Advocates for the City of Fort Pierce Police Department to assist victims of crime.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (JAG-C) – 2020- Awarded \$35,000 to purchase laptop computers for law enforcement officers patrol vehicles.

Florida Department of Health – 2020 – Awarded a grant to enable the City of Fort Pierce Police Department to obtain 600 doses of Narcan to ameliorate Opiate overdoses.

Allegheny Franciscan Foundation - 2020 – Awarded a \$25,000 grant to enable to Fort Pierce Police Department to fill two contracted positions to ameliorate the COVID-19 pandemic effects on the community.

Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County – 2020 – Awarded a \$5,000 grant to enable the Fort Pierce Police Department to ameliorate the COVID-19 pandemic effects in a targeted neighborhood.

Walmart Foundation – 2020 – Awarded \$1,500 to enable the Fort Pierce Police Department to provide outreach services to an underserved neighborhood.

Walmart Foundation – 2021 – Awarded \$1,500 to enable the Fort Pierce Police Department to provide outreach services to an underserved neighborhood.

Walmart Foundation – 2022 – Awarded \$1,500 to enable the Fort Pierce Police Department to provide outreach services to an underserved neighborhood.

United States Department of Justice – 2020 – Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Hiring grant - \$1,250,000.00 to hire 10 officers to target violent crime reduction

United States Department of Justice – 2021 – Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Hiring grant - \$1,250,000.00 to hire 10 additional officers to reduce violent crime in the community.

State of Florida – 2021 - Office of the Attorney General – Victims of Crime Act - \$167,000 to hire two Victim Advocates and funding to provide ancillary services to crime victims.

State of Florida – 2022 – Office of the Attorney General – Victims of Crime Act - \$264,000 to support three Victim Advocates and additional funding to provide support services to crime victims.