Agenda Item #: 3E - 5

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: September 16, 2025

Department

Submitted By: <u>Community Services Department</u>

Advisory Board: <u>Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS)</u>

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: one (1) reappointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS), for the term October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028:

Seat No.	<u>Reappointment</u>	Seat Requirement	Nominated By
11	Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock	A Component of the Health and Human Services System of Care	Mayor Maria G. Marino Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr. Commissioner Maria Sachs Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss

Summary: The CAC/HHS provides recommendations to sustain core services within the Systems of Care by defining basic needs, surveying emergent and/or urgent needs, prioritizing resources to address these needs, and making funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to fill critical service gaps. Pursuant to Resolution R2024-0917, the CAC/HHS consists of six (6) at-large members and five (5) designated members consisting of: at least one (1) member who is a resident west of the 20 Mile Bend, at least one (1) member who is a representative of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, at least one (1) member who is a representative of the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, at least one (1) member who is a representative of Birth to 22, and at least one (1) member with lived experience in the HHS System of Care. Resolution R2024-0917 requires that the Executive Committee of the CAC/HHS solicit and recommend member nominations for transmittal to the BCC. The BCC was notified by a memo dated July 18, 2025, requesting nominations for appointments. The CAC/HHS received the reappointment application for Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock and determined that this candidate would continue to be beneficial to the Board. Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock meets all applicable guidelines and requirements. There are currently 11 seats filled. Countywide (JBR)

Background and Justification: The CAC/HHS was established in 1990. The committee is currently tasked with assisting the BCC in assessing needs, planning, implementing, and evaluating a system of care, as defined in the Health and Human Services Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan. The CAC/HHS has been designated to meet the requirements of Section 163.3181, Florida Statutes, which requires that the local planning agencies and local government units adopt procedures to provide effective public participation in the comprehensive planning process.

Attachments:

- 1. Board Committee Application/Resume with Commissioner Signatures
- 2. Resolution No. R2024-0917
- 3. Current CAC/HHS Board Members List
- 4. July 18, 2025 Memo requesting nominations

Recommended By:	Docusigned by: Tanuna Malliotra 1155614041519496	8/26/2025
	Department Director	Date
Legal Sufficiency:	Assistant County Attorney	8/24/2015 Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A.	Other Department Review:		
	Department Director	_	



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION
301 N Olive Avenue, WPB, FL 33401

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BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION

The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination. (Answer "NONE" or "N/A" where appropriate.)

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Barbara Cox Gerlock, Ph.D.

(561) 310-5010 | **Email:** bcgerlock@gmail.com 7716 Spring Creek Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

PROFESSIONAL O SUMMARY

Motivated professional with solid experience managing all levels of large-scale projects, including budgeting and administration.

Dedicated to enhancing community oriented and collaborative decision making for systems change using an analytical and disciplined approach.

Demonstrated ability to work with collaboratively to solve problems, resolve conflicts and respond to crisis with multiple diverse groups.

Effective project leader and problem-solver seeking to apply expertise and extensive experience in education, behavioral health (substance abuse and mental health) and juvenile justice to take on a challenging new role with an exciting community system change team.

WORK HISTORY

OGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

09/1996 - CURRENT

West Palm Beach, Florida

Developed a pilot school based behavioral health prevention program for the Health Care District.

Wrote the SAMHSA/Quantum Foundation Family HOPE \$8M Systems of Care for Children's Mental Health grant.

Wrote and served as Project Coordinator for the \$5.7M SOBEIT (Systems Organized for Behavior, Education, Intervention and Treatment, 2002) systems change grant and instituted protocols still in effect today.

Wrote the National Institute of Justice research \$4M grant (School District of Palm Beach County and the Department of Juvenile Justice).

Consultant with the School District of Palm Beach County Department of Behavioral and Mental Health and implemented the Critical Intervention Mapping project and the SAMHSA Gains Learning Center for Transitional Aged Youth.

TEACHER, COUNSELOR AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

09/1965 - 06/1994

Yonkers Public Schools | Yonkers, New York

Organizational leader for all student services both regular, special education, ELL, pregnant, homeless and incarcerated youth.

Developed protocol for the integration of schools under Federal Court Order. **D**eveloped school based mental health K-12 program with Rockland Children

Psychiatric Hospital.

,	Implemented pilot Student Assistance Program that developed into a nation model currently implemented in PBC schools through DATA. Designed and facilitated community change programs (American Heart As and American Cancer Society Smoking Cessation). Supervised staff of more than 500 teachers, counselors, speech therapists psychologists, therapists, psychiatrists and interns.	ssociation
EDUCATION	Bachelor of Arts Social Studies/Secondary Education University of Mount Saint Vincent, New York, NY	1965
(Master of Science Counseling Fordham University, New York, NY	1967
	Ph.D. Organizational Development Yeshiva University, New York, NY	1983

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

President of the National Association of Pupil Services Administrators (1993)
Chair New York State Congress of Pupil Services Organizations (1988-1992)
Member and current Chair of the Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory
Board on Health and Human Services (1998-2016 and 2023-Current)
Chair Circuit 15 Juvenile Advisory Board (2006-2024); Vice-Chair 2024-Present
Member of the PBC School & Community Safety Initiative Behavioral Health Track
Committee (2018-Present).

Member Youth and Young Adult Committee, CareerSource Palm Beach County (2016-Present)

Member Criminal Justice Committee on Behavioral Health (2019-Curren)

Vice-Chair, PBC Youth Re-entry Committee

Chair, Behavioral Health Committee PBC Re-entry Committee

National Training Laboratories for Applied Behavioral Science (1972, 1977)

Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health Holistic Lifestyle Teacher (1995, 1999)

President Pathway to Progress (2022-Present)

Chair, Detention Center Advisory Board (2022-Present)

Awarded Jane Robinson Child Advocacy Award 2024

References available upon request.

RESOLUTION	NO.	R-2024-	0917	

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION R-2013-1563; PROVIDING FOR THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Florida Statutes and the Florida Administrative Code recognize the importance of citizen participation in the development and evaluation of comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, established the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) on November 13, 1990, pursuant to Resolution R-90-1978; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-90-1978 was subsequently amended by Resolutions R-93-317, and R-99-54, which were repealed and replaced by Resolution R-2001-0193 and subsequently repealed and replaced by R-2013-1563; and

WHEREAS, R-2013-1563 provided clarification regarding the CAC/HHS'S roles and responsibilities and also brought the resolution into compliance with the Board of County Commissioners' uniform policies and procedures on advisory boards as provided in Resolution R-2013-0193; and

WHEREAS, the CAC/HHS proposed amendments to the Health and Human Services Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan, which amendments were adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 1, 2023 in Ordinance No. 2023-004, effective March 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend the resolution to more clearly define the alignment of the Health and Human Services Element with the Board of County Commissioners' priorities as provided in Ordinance No. 2023-004; and

WHEREAS, repealing and replacing Resolution R-2013-1563 will simplify future reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

I. Repeal and Replacement of Prior Resolution; Resolution R-2013-1563 is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

Section 1. Creation of the Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services. There is hereby established an Advisory Committee to be known as the "Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services" herein referred to as the "Committee."

Section 2. Mission Statement. The mission of the Committee shall be to assist the Board of County Commissioners in the assessment of need, planning, implementation and evaluation of a System of Care, as defined in the Health and Human Services Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan.

Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities. The Committee shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

- A. To make recommendations on the collection of data necessary to analyze the health and human service needs of the people of Palm Beach County.
- B. To create a forum for citizen participation for all phases of the Health and Human Services Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan development and

amendment process. Further, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners regarding amendments to the Health and Human Services Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan, and shall review the implementation status of the Health and Human Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis.

- C. To create a forum for citizen participation, the Committee shall specifically provide for consumer, minority and affected party input on an issue by issue basis to allow for those affected to be involved in the Committee's activities.
- **D.** To make recommendations on an annual basis during the Financially Assisted Agency funding process regarding service and funding priorities, and outcomes.
- E. To serve as a link to local and regional health and human service planning organizations. Linkages may include ex-officio member appointments of the Committee, participation in other agency planning processes, and multi-agency task forces to resolve specific problems. Further, all agencies and staff within the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners shall provide data, information and such support as reasonably required, and shall otherwise work in cooperation with the Committee in pursuing the Board of County Commissioner's health and human service goals, objectives and policies. The purpose of such linkages is to facilitate the Committee in achieving its mission.
- F. To perform such other duties as may be required from time to time assigned by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Membership. The Committee shall be comprised of eleven (11) members. The total membership of the Committee shall, at a minimum, represent the components of the System of Care as depicted in the Health and Human Services Element: Housing and Homelessness, Employment, Transportation, Food and Hunger, Health and Wellness, Education, Safety and Justice, and Child Care. All members must reside in Palm Beach County at the time of appointment and while serving on the Board, and have expertise of at least one (1) component of the System of Care. Membership shall be representative of the racial, ethnic and geographic diversity of Palm Beach County. The following five (5) representatives are deemed as required seats: at least one (1) member shall be a resident living west of the 20 mile bend; at least one (1) member shall be a representative of the Palm Beach County League of Cities; at least one (1) member shall be a representative of the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County; at least one (1) member shall be a representative of Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures alliance; at least one (1) member shall be a member of the public representing the County as a whole with lived experience in the Health and Human Services System of Care. The remaining six (6) representatives are at-large seats that are aligned with the Health and Human Services Element.

- A. Appointment. Members shall be appointed at large by the Board of County Commissioners, and serve for staggered terms of three (3) years, with a limit of three (3) consecutive terms. Terms shall begin on October 1 and end on September 30. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term, and shall not count towards the member's term limits.
- B. Member Nominations. The nomination process shall begin ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of a member's term, or immediately in the event of an unplanned vacancy. The Board of County Commissioners shall be notified and requested to provide nominations for Committee appointment. The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and the Birth to 22 alliance will each be requested to submit a nomination. Nominees will be transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners. An approved board appointment form, with attached resume, must be completed for all nominees prior to transmittal.
- C. Ex-officio Members. Ex-officio members should have expertise in the Health and Human Services System of Care. Palm Beach County employees with expertise in the Health and Human Services System of Care may serve as ex-officio members of the CAC/HHS. No ex officio member may vote on any matter. Palm Beach County employees who are ex officio members must also abstain from discussion of matters that would constitute prohibited conduct under Section 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. Ex-officio members may be appointed by a majority vote of the Committee after the candidate's application has been reviewed by the CAC/HHS Executive Committee and forwarded to the CAC/HHS, or as directed by the Board of

County Commissioners, for the purpose of assisting the Committee in achieving its mission.

- **D.** Conflict of Interest. Members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees and the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.
- E. Compensation. Members shall receive no compensation for services, but may be entitled to travel reimbursement incurred only for travel outside Palm Beach County necessary to fulfill board member responsibilities and only when sufficient funds have been budgeted and available as set forth in PPM CW-O-038. Approval Authority for pre-authorized board member travel is designated to the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator and shall be in accordance with PPM CW-F-009. No other expenses will be reimbursable except documented long distance telephone calls to the liaison County department.
- F. Attendance. Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or a failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting. Members removed pursuant to this paragraph shall not continue to serve on the Committee and such removal shall create a vacancy.
- **Section 5.** Officers. A chair and vice-chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the Committee and shall serve for a term of one (1) year, but not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms in any one office. The duties of the chair shall be to:
 - 1. Call Committee meetings and organize the agenda for the same;
 - 2. Preside at committee meetings;
 - 3. Establish subcommittees, appoint subcommittee chairs, and charge subcommittee with specific tasks;
 - 4. Serve as primary liaison with staff; and
 - 5. Perform other functions as the committee may assign.

The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the chair's absence and such other duties as the chair may assign.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chair, then the position shall be assumed by the vice-chair for the remainder of the term. Any remaining vacancies shall be filled through a majority vote of the Committee.

Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Committee whenever the best interest of the Committee and public would be served.

Section 6. Meetings. The Committee shall meet on a regular basis. A quorum must be present for the conduct of all regular meetings. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the appointed members must be present in-person to constitute a quorum. The chairperson may call a meeting or a meeting may be called upon the written request of three members.

- A. <u>Subcommittees</u>. The Committee will conduct its business through one (1) standing sub-committee, the Executive Committee, and ad hoc sub-committees, work groups, and other appropriate forums as needed. The Executive Committee will consist of the Officers, the Immediate Past Chair, the representative residing west of the 20-mile bend, the representative of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the representative of the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, the representative of Birth to 22, and the representative with lived experience. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to review and evaluate matters arising between regular Committee meetings, and to solicit and recommend member nominations for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners. Ad hoc sub-committees shall be chaired by a Committee member.
- **B.** Conduct of Meetings. All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and shall comply with the Sunshine Law. Reasonable public notice of all meetings shall be

provided. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public at all times and minutes shall be taken at each meeting.

Section 7. Administration. Staff for the Committee shall be provided through the Community Services Department.

Section 8. Uniform Policies and Procedures of Advisory Boards. The Committee shall be subject to the uniform policies and procedures established by the Board of County Commissioners for Advisory Boards as currently set forth in Resolution No. 2013-0193, as may be further amended by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

II. <u>Effective Date</u>. The provisions of this resolution shall become effective upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Marino

who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Bernard , and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Maria Sachs, Mayor - Aye
Commissioner Maria G. Marino, Vice Mayor - Aye
Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss - Aye
Commissioner Michael A. Barnett - Aye
Commissioner Marci Woodward - Aye
Commissioner Sara Baxter - Aye

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _20th day of August 2024.

ATTEST:

Commissioner Mack Bernard

Joseph Abruzzo

Clerk of Course Comple

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida By its Board of County Commissioners

Aye

Maria Sacks, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Tanuna Malioltra

Taruna Malhotra

Deputy Director

Attachment 3

Citizens Advisory Council on Health & Human Services (CAC/HHS) Board Member Category and Seat Number: Feb 2025 Update

Seat Number	Seat Requirement	Name of Member	Term of Appointment	Term	Resolution/Palm Beach Opportunity Ecosystem Domain
1	Representative of Birth to 22: United for Brighter Futures	LaNita Sanders	11/19/2024- 9/30/2027	1st	Designated Seat: Birth to 22
2	Health Department Representative	Dr. Merlene Ramnon	10/8/2019- 9/30/2022 10/1/2022- 9/30/2025	2nd	Designated Seat: Health Department
3	At-Large: have expertise of at least one component of the HHS System of Care	Kate Magro	11/19/2024- 9/30/2027	1st	At-Large: Food & Hunger and Education
4	A Member of the Public with Lived Experience in the Health and Human Services System of Care	Sam Wilcox	11/19/2024- 9/30/2027	1st	Designated Seat: Member of Public with Lived Experience
5	At-Large: have expertise of at least one component of the HHS System of Care	Isis Williams	07/02/2024- 09/30/2026	1st	At-Large: Safety and Justice, Housing and Homelessness
6	At-Large: have expertise of at least one component of the HHS System of Care	Dr. Belma Andric	09/17/2024- 09/16/2027	1st	At- Large: Health (Physical and Behavioral)
7	At-Large: have expertise of at least one component of the HHS System of Care	Steven Gustafson	11/19/2024- 9/30/2027	1st	At-Large: Employment
8	League of Cities Representative	Charlotte Leonard	1/10/2023- 9/30/2026	1st	Designated Seat: League of Cities
9	Resident Living West of the 20 Mile Bend	Clara Murvin	7/8/2025- 9/30/2026 (finishing term of Tammy Jackson-Moore)	1st	Designated Seat: Member Living West of the 20 Mile Bend
10	At-Large: have expertise of at least one component of the HHS System of Care	Aruna Gilbert	12/19/2023- 09/30/2026	1st	At-Large: Child Care
11	At-Large: have expertise of at least one component of the HHS System of Care	Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock	1/10/2023- 9/30/2025	1st	At-Large: Education, Safety and Justice



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Maria Marino, Mayor,

and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James Green, Director

Community Services Department

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DATE: July 18, 2025

RE: Reappointment or Additional Board Nominations to the

Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on

Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS)

Request

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) is respectfully requesting the reappointment of Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock for Seat eleven (11) or alternative names for individuals that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) may wish to consider for an at-large appointment.

Background Information

The mission of the CAC/HHS is to assist the Board of County Commissioners in the assessment of need, planning, and implementation and evaluation of the System of Care, as defined in the Health and Human Services Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan.

The CAC/HHS is comprised of eleven (11) members and the membership of the Committee must represent the components of the Health and Human Services Element: Housing and Homelessness, Employment, Transportation, Food and Hunger, Health and Wellness, Education, Safety and Justice, and Child Care.

Requirements for at-large nominations include being a Palm Beach County resident and having knowledge of at least one (1) component of the Health and Human Services Element System of Care. The CAC/HHS is seeking someone with knowledge and experience in the area of Safety and Justice.

CAC/HHS Recommendations to BCC

The CAC/HHS has received one (1) reappointment application from Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock. The Committee unanimously recommended that this applicant be forwarded to the BCC for consideration. Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock's current term expires on September 30, 2025. The start of the reappointment term would be October 1, 2025 for a three-year term. Dr. Gerlock has extensive knowledge of the Education and Safety and Justice Sectors.



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Seat Category CAC Candidate

Seat #11 Knowledge of the Health and

Human Services System of Care

Dr. Barbara C. Gerlock

09/30/2025

Term Expires

A blank application is attached for you to submit the name of any potential alternative nominee(s).

To assist you in making your nomination or endorsing the reappointment application, the following attachments have been included:

- PBC BCC Boards/Committee Application (Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock) with Resume
- 2. Resolution No. R-2024-0917
- 3. Current Committee Member Names with Terms of Appointment
- 4. CAC/HHS Meeting Schedule (2025)

If you wish to proceed with the member appointments after reviewing the attached documents, please sign and date Section III on page 2 of the application packet. Name(s) and contact information for additional nominee(s) are also welcome.

Please send signed packets or additional nominee information to Adam Reback, Program Evaluator, at areback@pbc.gov, by Friday, August 1, 2025.

Feel free to contact Adam Reback, Program Evaluator, at areback@pbc.gov or (561) 355-4774 if you have questions or concerns regarding this request.

Thank you.

CC: Tammy Fields, Assistant County Administrator Jessica Bober Rosenthal, Assistant County Attorney III Taruna Malhotra, Deputy Director Dr. Joanna Reid-Enoise, Manager of Strategic Planning, Research & Evaluation Yvonne Wamsley, Agenda Coordinator Denise Negron, Contracts/Grants Coordinator Richard Radcliffe, Executive Director – League of Cities Dr. Jyothi Gunta, Director – Florida Department of Health