



**OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN
TRANSITION HEALTH COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 12, 2023
6:30 – 7:30 PM**

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Carolyn McClanahan, M.D. – Health
Committee Chair
Sunil Joshi, M.D. – Chief Health Officer
Angela Strain
Valerie Feinberg
Rogers Cain
Tom Peters

Lynn Sherman – Exec. Dir. of Health
Programs

Pauline Rolle
Tameka Gaines-Holly
Paul Sapia (via Teams)

COJ Staff Support:

James Richardson
Trisha Bowles

Guests Present:

Call to Order

Dr. McClanahan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm welcoming members and guests.

Chair's remarks

Dr. McClanahan shared background on how the committee meetings went from her perspective. They all went well and amazingly had a few overlapping areas of concern or focus.

Logistics / Sunshine Law

James Richardson introduced himself as the staff support to the committees. He would be the main point of contact. Trisha Bowles, Office of General Counsel. Provided some information concerning Sunshine Law and how the committee members could communicate with each other. They both shared the Sharepoint site information that had been established for the health committees and provided directions on how they were to be used.

Discussion Topics:

- **Dr. Sunil Joshi, M.D. – Discussions with the FDOH**
- **Review of Findings from Focus Meetings**

This committee is made up of liaisons from the other subcommittees. They shared insights from each of the meetings that had occurred so far, and discussed common themes:

- The Mayor should be a voice for the issues
- There is a need to create a resource for all the service providers across the spectrum
- There is a need and desire for the Mayor to serve as a convener to bring various parties together – providers and insurance companies – to address issues of concern
- Education has been a recurring theme
- Transportation was a major issue across the committees

There was discussion about the Mayor being a spokesperson for issues, but that it needed to be tied to an action. There was also much discussion about the need for pretty quick action to push open enrollment for the ACA. There is a desire to reduce the uninsured by 10%. There was also a discussion about making sure that the contract with UF Health was reviewed in detail. The Council's Quality of Life committee and report was discussed and there was much support for incorporating much of that work.

Dr. Joshi shared details from his discussions with Emergency Preparedness and the Dept of Health. The discussions were mostly about hurricanes and preparations for them. He learned a lot including that there are 9 special needs shelters, but only resources to staff about 4 of them. The discussions also led to a desire to do more collaboration between the City and the DOH, also DCPS.

Discussion then turned to the transition report and how Dr. McClanahan envisioned it to be done. She has learned a lot from the committees including common themes. All of them actually came up with recommendations at their meetings, although Maternal Health had yet to meet. She will begin to pull things together and share it at the next meetings of the committees.

James shared that he would communicate the next meeting and location as soon as he could arrange the logistics.

Comments from the Public

None