

RESOLUTION NO. 25-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING AND RESTATING IN THEIR ENTIRETY RESOLUTIONS NUMBERED 04-14, 04-72, 05-023, 08-142, 08-146-A, 14- 070, AND 23-057 WHICH COLLECTIVELY HAVE PROVIDED FOR A CITIZENS HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, ITS PURPOSE, RESPONSIBILITIES, MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS, APPOINTMENTS, MEETING, STAFFING, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; ANNULING AND SUPERSEDING THE REFERENCED RESOLUTIONS; UPON ADOPTION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously established a Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee via Resolution Nos. 04-14, 04-72, 05-023, 08-142, 08-146-A, 14-070, and 23-057 (collectively, the "Prior Resolutions") to ensure the integrity of the expenditure of indigent health care sales tax funds, to provide a forum for citizen participation in health care planning, and to bring community concerns, problems, and opportunities regarding health care to the attention of a citizens' oversight committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend the description of those groups represented on the Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, to promote efficiency and to avoid confusion, the Board of County Commissioners desires to consolidate the content of all the referenced Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee Resolutions into a single document;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA;

1. Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee. The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," hereby establishes the Polk County Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee."
2. Responsibilities of the Committee. The responsibilities of the Committee shall be to:
 - a. Ensure that indigent health care sales tax revenues are expended only for indigent health care programs and services.
 - b. Make recommendations to the Board on improving indigent health care programs and services.

- c. Make recommendations to the Board on expanding or contracting certain indigent health care programs and services.
 - d. Make recommendations to the Board on adding or deleting certain indigent health care programs and services.
- 3. Membership. The Committee shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members appointed in the manner set out in Section 6 below. All Committee members must reside and if employed work within Polk County. The Committee shall consist of one (1) individual each representing the following interests:
 - a. Senior citizen
 - b. Work force (Skilled Labor Representative)
 - c. Children's interest
 - d. Business community
 - e. Public Health Director or Public Health Officer (either a current or retired Public Health Director, or Public Health Officer of Polk County, Florida)
 - f. Hospital Executive
 - g. Health Care Clinic or Pharmacy
 - h. Primary Care Physician (either a current practicing physician or a retired physician who formerly practiced in Polk County, Florida)
 - i. Quality of Life Professional (Polk Vision Executive or Governing / Operating Board Member)
 - j. School District Representative
 - k. Minority Representative
 - l. Specialist Physician (either a current practicing physician or a retired physician who formerly practiced in Polk County, Florida)
 - m. Health Insurance Industry
- 4. Officers of the Committee. The Committee shall annually elect one of its members as Chair and one as Vice-Chair. The initial elections shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting after appointment of the Committee. Thereafter elections shall be held annually at the final regularly scheduled Committee meeting of each calendar year. The

Committee Chair shall preside and conduct meetings of the Committee according to the then-current version of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. The Vice-Chair shall act in the absence of the Committee Chair.

5. Meetings. The Committee shall meet regularly as necessary but in any event not less than quarterly. Reasonable public notice of all meetings shall be provided, and all such meetings shall be open to the public.
6. Appointments. The Board shall appoint twelve (12) members of the Committee with the Polk County Public School Superintendent appointing one (1) Committee member. Each appointment shall be for a four (4) year term of office, or, if necessary, to fill the remaining portion of an uncompleted term. Committee members may serve successive terms without limit to the total number of terms an individual may serve. Each County Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members to the Committee representing the respective interest groups set forth below. In addition, the Board Chair shall appoint two (2) additional members to the Committee representing the respective interest groups set forth below. The Board's appointments shall be allocated among the County Commissioners as follows:
 - a. District One
 - (1) Public Health Director (or Officer)
 - (2) Health Care Clinic or Pharmacy
 - b. District Two
 - (1) Quality of Life Professional
 - (2) Primary Care Physician
 - c. District Three
 - (1) Minority Representative
 - (2) Senior Citizen
 - d. District Four
 - (1) Hospital Executive
 - (2) Children's Interest
 - e. District Five
 - (1) Business Community
 - (2) Work Force
 - f. Board Chairman's additional appointments
 - (1) Specialist Physician
 - (2) Health Insurance Industry

7. Sub-Committees. The Committee Chair shall appoint sub-committees as are necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee.
8. Quorum; Voting. A quorum shall be a majority of the Committee members. Recommendations and decisions of the Committee will be made by a simple majority vote of a quorum present at a duly called Committee meeting. Each Committee member is assigned one vote.
9. Vacancies. A member of the Committee will voluntarily resign membership as soon as it is apparent to the member that the member will not be able to regularly attend meetings (i.e., upon multiple consecutive un-excused absences). The Committee Chair shall determine excused absences.
10. Compensation. Committee members shall not receive compensation for the performance of their duties hereunder.
11. Staffing and Support. The Board shall provide staffing and support to enable the Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee to carry out its mission.
12. Reports. All recommendations of the Committee shall be reduced to writing and shall be forwarded to the County Manager and the Board, with copies being provided for all Committee members.
13. Repeal. The Citizens Health Care Oversight Committee Prior Resolutions referenced in the opening paragraph above are annulled and superseded as of this Resolution's Effective Date.
14. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD,
CLERK OF THE BOARD

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

Deputy Clerk

T. R. Wilson, Chair