

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY

A meeting of the **Highlands County Health Facilities Authority** was called to order by H. Wayne Harris, Chair, at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, September 27, 2024, in the Sebring City Council Chambers located at 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida. Proper notice of the meeting was published on September 4, 2024 in the *Highlands News-Sun* and a copy of the affidavit of publication is attached to these Minutes. Present at the meeting were: H. Wayne Harris, Chair; William H. Stephenson, III; Vice Chair; John D. Haviland, and Charles W. Taylor, Jr., Members. Also present were: J. Michael Swaine and Robert S. Swaine, attorneys for the Authority; Ingra Gardner, Highlands County Director, Community Programs; and various members of the public. Present via Microsoft Teams was C. Robert Foltz, Associate Chief Legal Officer for AdventHealth. Absent was Vicki J. Spires, Member.

The Chair announced that the first item of business was to award the 2024-2025 health services grants, which are funded from bonds issued for the Adventist Health Systems/Sunbelt, Inc. Accounts Receivable Program, and are distributed by the Authority to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations providing health services in Highlands County and which are not affiliated with AdventHealth.

The members of the Authority previously received and reviewed applications from: Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County, Inc. for Prevention Services and Assistance and for the Ila and Kinsley Cox Living Memorial Fund; Change of Pace, Inc.; Choices Family Resource Centers, Inc.; Heartland Horses Equine Activities & Learning Inc.; Ridge Area ARC, Inc.; Samaritan's Touch Care Center, Inc.; South Florida State College Foundation, Inc.; and United Way of Central Florida, Inc. Representatives from each applicant gave a brief presentation to the Board and offered to answer any questions.

The Chair thanked everyone for their applications and their presentations and noted that the grant requests total \$171,800.00 and the amount available for distribution is \$74,000.00, or \$97,800.00 less than the total requested. He then opened the matter for discussion. John D. Haviland disclosed his potential voting conflict with Choices Family Recourse Centers, Inc. Mr. Haviland declined to discuss that application and a copy of his Memorandum of Voting Conflict For County, Municipal and Other Local Public Officers is attached to these Minutes. Charles W. Taylor, Jr. disclosed his potential voting conflict with United Way of Central Florida. Mr. Taylor declined to discuss that application and a copy of his Memorandum of Voting Conflict For County, Municipal and Other Local Public Officers is attached to these Minutes.

1. Upon motion by William H. Stephenson, III, second by Charles W. Taylor, Jr., the Board agreed to grant: \$8,000.00 to Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County, Inc. for the Champion for Prevention Services and Assistance; \$8,000.00 to Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County, Inc. for the Ila and Kinsley Cox Memorial Fund; \$5,000.00 to Change of Pace, Inc.; \$5,000.00 to Heartland Horses Equine Activities & Learning Inc.; \$12,000.00 to Ridge Area ARC, Inc.; \$20,000.00 to Samaritan's Touch Care Center, Inc.; and \$5,000.00 to South Florida State College Foundation, Inc.

2. Upon motion by William H. Stephenson, III, second by Charles W. Taylor, Jr., the Board agreed to grant \$8,000.00 to Choices Family Resource Centers, Inc., with John D. Haviland abstaining.

3. Upon motion by William H. Stephenson, III, second by John D. Haviland, the Board agreed to grant \$3,000.00 to United Way of Central Florida, Inc., with Charles W. Taylor, Jr. abstaining.

4. Mr. Harris advised that the grant agreements will be forwarded to the recipients and the funds will be distributed after October 1, 2024 upon the applicant's execution and return of the grant agreements.

After review and discussion by the Board and upon motion by Charles W. Taylor, Jr., second by William H. Stephenson, III, the Board approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 22, 2024.

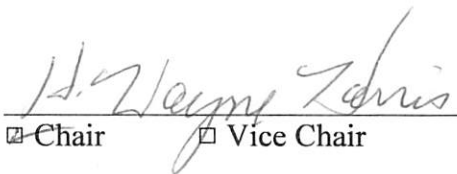
After review and discussion by the Board and upon motion by John D. Haviland, second by William H. Stephenson, III, the Board adopted Resolution No. 24-01 authorizing and adopting the budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

The floor was opened for election of Chair. Upon motion by William H. Stephenson, III, second by Charles W. Taylor, Jr., H. Wayne Harris was elected to serve as Chair for year ending September 30, 2025.

The floor was opened for election of Vice Chair. Upon motion by Charles W. Taylor, Jr., second by John D. Haviland, William H. Stephenson, III was elected to serve as Vice Chair for year ending September 30, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:


 Chair Vice Chair

Member

