

Federation of Manatee County Community Associations
Minutes from March 15, 2016
Meeting held at Synovus Bank
2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida

Call to Order

President Jim Kaiser called meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Kaiser, Sandy Marshall, Kay Lynn Duncan, Victor Coveduck, Carole Atkins, Richard Conard, Glen Gibellina

Presentation for "Community Paramedicine," a Manatee County sponsored Community Paramedic Program.

Guest Speakers: James Crutchfield, District Chief, and Paul DiCicco, Acting Deputy Chief. This is a new type of community service offered to Manatee residents beginning in June 2016. Program funding will be under a AHCA grant of \$343,000. Services will be targeted to serving medically needy. There are five areas being targeted to assist people, Falls, Diabetes, Respiratory Problems/Congestive Heart Failure, Mental Health/Substance Abuse, and frequent 911 System Users. Program operations is geared to improve access to specific types of healthcare to those medically vulnerable, underinsured, need medical services resulting from falls; diabetic management, develop a case management service for frequent EMS users, resource assistance for mental health/substance abuse, provide proper treatment at the right time for congestive heart failure patients and chronic respiratory issues.

Reading of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Secretary Duncan read the February 16, 2016 minutes. Dr. Conard made motion to accept minutes, seconded, motion carried. Treasurer Coveduck reported a treasury balance of \$1,173.51.

Reports and Requests for Assistance by HOA

It was reported by members that citizens are not being given reasonable opportunity to speak on topics and address matters of interest at the Manatee Board of County Commissioners meeting. A Resolution and new set of rules passed in 2016 make public speaking at BOCC meetings very inconvenient as citizens are required to sign a card to speak at 8:45 am and expected to either wait or come back to speak between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. Discussion followed. Carole Atkins made a motion that the Federation prepare a letter to the County Commissioners addressing the problem of public speaking at their meetings, Larry Brown seconded, Motion carried.

Federation Issues

Sandy Marshall gave a Healthcare Advisory Board Update. He referenced a recent issue of *The Florida Bar Journal* featured article "Remedies for an Epidemic of Medical Provider Price Gouging" that reveals healthcare pricing is a major component of why the *US has broken healthcare system and quoted healthcare spending in 2008 reached \$7,900 per person and by 2013, US healthcare spending had grown to \$9,255 per person and accounted for 17.4 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.*

There is a huge cost shift as to what the hospital can charge for services and insurance companies are required to pay high hospital costs, what insurance doesn't pay, patient must pay.

Jim Kaiser reported on recent workshop he attended on Growth Management. Manatee's John Osborne, our County Planning Commission, local officials, and residents attended with University of FL. The "experts" discussion focused on land use, growth management, common over-development growth issues not just for our county but how other FL communities experienced and handled the problem. The University gave a presentation on the legal development approval requirements and emphasized a County Comprehensive Plan governs action.

Manatee's Impact Fee Schedule and passed Resolution were discussed. Sandy Marshall made a motion, Federation write a letter to School Board telling them they must oppose and revoke the impact agreement fee schedule and set it at 100%; and, take No Reduction in impact fees if sales tax is passed. Discussion: impact fees and its schedule shouldn't be tied to the referendum extending ½ cent sales tax going to schools; members believe residents shouldn't bear burden of paying for new schools needed as a result of expanded developments caused by developers. Developers haven't paid their way for building adequate schools as a result of new housing.

Sandy Marshall suggests we consider proposing a raise in the Cigarette Sales Tax and include this in the next Legislative Delegation letter.

Next Board Meeting is April 4, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kay Lynn Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Kay" is written with a large, stylized "K". The last name "Duncan" is written with a large, stylized "D".

Kay Lynn Duncan, Federation Secretary