

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2009

Date Submitted: February 17, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Joe Sharp, Chairman  
Wakulla County Health Care Task Force

Subject: Request Board Consideration and Acceptance of the Health Care Task Force Quarterly Report

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board consideration and acceptance of the Wakulla County Health Care Task Force's (HCTF) Quarterly Report.

### **Background:**

The HCTF began the New Year with a change in the officers as the officers had not been changed since the HCTF inception in December 2005. Since inception, Ms. Lynn Artz had served as the Chairperson and Ms. Cathy Price had served as the Secretary. The change in officers resulted in Mr. Joe Sharp assuming the role of Chairperson, Mr. Jody Smith, the Administrator of the Wakulla County Health Department, the role of Co-Chair and Ms. Kim Tucker, Public Information Officer for the Wakulla County Health Department, the Secretary role for the HCTF.

The HCTF is a group of professionals, health care providers and citizens committed to promoting a comprehensive public health and health care services system for the citizens of Wakulla County. Membership is open to agencies, individuals and citizens who are interested in public health, health care services, social service and quality of life issues in Wakulla County. The HCTF believes that services should be need-based and individualized; family-focused; multidisciplinary; integrated across agencies; cross-sectional; longitudinal; holistic; seamless; culturally sensitive; timely; and, provided in the least restrictive manner.

### **Analysis:**

The HCTF would like to provide the Board of County Commissioners with a report of the group's efforts and accomplishments for the previous quarter (September '08 – January '09). The reasoning for this is that the HCTF is deeply concerned about the health of the citizens of Wakulla County. By making the Board aware of the issues surrounding the health and health care needs of the citizenry, our goal is to increase awareness. Through this awareness, the HCTF would hope to find ways to fund improvements and/or bridge gaps in services to meet the needs that are identified, i.e., access to health care.

**Options:**

1. Accept the Wakulla County Health Care Task Force's Quarterly Report.
2. Do not accept the Wakulla County Health Care Task Force's Quarterly Report.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

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