



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Consent

F.13.

8/30/2022

### Subject:

Approval, Re: Appointments to the Local Health Council of East Central Florida

### Fiscal Impact:

There will be no impact to the General Fund.

### Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

### Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve:

- 1) the appointment of Austin Helton as the County Representative for the Health Care Provider Group,
- 2) the appointment of Corina Savela as the County Representative for the Health Care Consumer Group,  
and
- 3) the re-appointment of Jerry Visco as the County Representative for the Health Care Purchaser Group.

### Summary Explanation and Background:

The Health Council of East Central Florida, Inc. (HCECF) is a private, non-profit health planning agency established by the Florida Legislature in 1982 (Florida Statute 408.033). This agency is involved in a wide array of planning and evaluation projects, as well as administrative and fiscal management activities in Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners makes three (3) appointments to the Council. One in the nongovernmental health care consumer group, one in the health care provider group, and one in the health care purchaser industry group. Appointments are for two (2) years.

The previous appointments for the Health Care Provider Group (Maria Stahl) and the Health Care Consumer Group (Paulette Howell) resigned from the HCECF. HCECF staff have identified Austin Helton (Chief Executive Officer of the Brevard Health Alliance) as the replacement for the Health Care Provider Group and Corina Savela as the replacement for the Health Care Consumer Group. Jerry Visco (Director of Human Resources) has been the County's representative for the Health Care Provider Group and has been recommended by the HCECF for re-appointment.

### Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

**RE:** Item F.13., Appointments to the Local Health Council of East Central Florida

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 30, 2022, approved the appointments of Austin Helton as the County Representative for Health Care Provider Group, Corina Savelle as the County Representative for Health Care Consumer Group and re-appointment of Jerry Visco as the County Representative for the Health Care Purchaser Group, for two years.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK**

*Kimberly Powell*  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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# Austin Helton

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## Summary

Mission driven and patient focused FQHC Chief Executive Officer with the passion and experience to continue to lead Brevard Health Alliance in our mission to improve the health status of Brevard County's medically underserved populations

## Skills

Servant Leadership and Management  
FQHC Quality of Care, Operations and Finances  
Strategic and Annual Planning  
Brevard Community Needs Analysis  
FQHC and HRSA Regularity  
Compliance  
National, Florida and Brevard  
Legislative Knowledge and Relationships  
FQHC Third Party Contracting  
HRSA Operational Site Visit (OSV)  
FQHC EMR/PM Systems

## Experience

### **Chief Executive Officer** - Brevard Health Alliance (Melbourne, FL)

January 2020- Current

Leads the development of strategic plans in concert with the Board of Directors. Develops and Implements annual operating plans designed to achieve strategic goals and objectives that meet patient and community needs. Develops and implements policies and programs that will further the objective of the Health center. Designs, develops and maintains an effective organizational structure to carry out the mission of the organization. Ensures that effective programs are in place to attract, retain and motivate competent leadership in all major organizational areas needed to carry out the mission of the organization. Ensures that the organization is prepared for emergency situations. Monitors the political climate at the national, state and local level; identifies the need to establish relationships with various agencies and elected/appointed officials and seeks to maintain the effectiveness of these relationships. Provides general oversight of the financial operations of the organization, ensuring the preparation and accuracy of all financial reports. Oversees the development of annual operating plans and budgets, as well as adherence to same, and ensures these plans and budgets are consistent with the mission and strategic plans of the organization. Functions as the spokesperson for the organization, maintaining liaisons with community organizations, and government policy bodies. Is actively involved with NACHC, FACHC, and other appropriate associations and societies, taking leadership roles as appropriate.

**Chief Financial Officer** - Brevard Health Alliance (Melbourne, FL)

June 2016 – December 2019

Worked under the mentorship and leadership of BHA's founding CEO. Responsible for the executive oversight of the finance, accounting, billing, human resources and information technology departments. A key contributor to BHA's strategic planning and annual budget. Lead expansion initiatives including new access points and service lines including obstetrics, in-house pharmacy, contract pharmacies and urgent care. Responsible for the continued relationship and reporting to HRSA including UDS report, capital development reports, new access point grants, budget period renewal/competing continuation submissions. Instrumental in leading the BHA's efforts to prepare for and pass the new HRSA Operational Site Visit with an industry leading compliance rate. Responsible for the development and execution of an independent information technology platform to include an integrated EMR/PM system, active directory, email, network, finance and operating systems.

**Vice President of Finance** - Brevard Health Alliance (Melbourne, FL)

June 2014 - May 2016

Worked under the mentorship and guidance of BHA's founding CFO. Responsible for oversight of financial resource allocation, strategy, modeling, planning and reporting for this FQHC. Responsible for grant, federal, state and local regulatory compliance. Direct IT Department strategy and resource deployment. Serve on Leadership and Strategic Planning Committees.

**Financial Planning and Analytics** - Brevard Health Alliance (Melbourne, FL)

July 2012 - May 2014

Developed company cash flow, service line, new location start-up and ad hoc financial modeling. Managed the renovation and expansion of approximately 55,000 square feet of medical, dental and behavioral health clinic space.

**Financial Management Assistant** - Brevard Health Alliance (Melbourne, FL)

March 2009 - June 2012

Managed accounts payable and internal control functions. Assisted CFO and Controller with financial analysis, financial reporting and yearly audit.

Education

**Master of Business Administration**

May 2013

University Of Florida , Gainesville, FL

**Bachelor of Science in Finance**

May 2008

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Professional and Community  
Organizations

**Rotary of Melbourne**

Active Member since January 2017

Board of Directors June 2018-July 2020

Treasurer June 2019- July 2020

**Housing for the Homeless**

Board of Directors 2018-Decmeber 2019

**Homeless Coalition of Brevard**

Board of Directors 2016-2018

**Leadership Brevard**

Graduate Class of 2014 and Member

**American College of Healthcare Executives**

Member since 2019

**Healthcare Financial Management Association**

Member since 2010

**Family Promise of Brevard**

Facilitated strategic planning session for the Board of Directors, served on Corporate Governance, Finance and Fund Raising Committees.

## Brevard County Residential History

- Moved to Titusville in 1987
- Moved to Melbourne 1990

## Professional Profile

### Administrative Skills

- Detail Oriented, Organized, Quick Learner, Task-oriented, Self-directed
- Time management ability (worked from home and office)
- Computer Proficiency (Office Products)
- QuickBooks, Payroll Processing (including W2s), Bookkeeping for small business
- I believe skills can be taught, attitude, willingness to learn and grow in knowledge are more important

### Other Skills

- Leadership, Management experience, Team Player, Facilitator, Service Minded
- Life and Health Insurance License FL (2.15)
- Board Certified Patient Advocate (BCPA)
- Professional Guardian
- Certified Dementia Practitioner
- Caregivers Training; Alzheimer's Hospice and Palliative Care

## Experience

**Career Experience:** I worked in the technology field developing and delivering software and hardware solutions for 30 years. I made a career change in 2017 into the Health and Human Services arena i.e., Case Management, Guardianship, and Medicare insurance.

**Career Experience:** Since 2004 I have supported the elderly through my community connections and church. Helping families both local and remote transition the elderly to safer situations during challenging times of loss or situations where their health was failing. I researched and considered opening an Adult Family-Care Home in 2006 before the fiscal crisis but it never came to fruition. I transitioned this area of interest to a professional situation in 2017.

**May 2018 – Present** – Corina Savela LLC, owner, Independent Insurance Agent

**June 2018 – Present** – Care Manager, Office Administration, Total Long-term Care Consultant Services

**December 2017 – June 2018** – Customer Service via TeleTech, Melbourne, FL

**July 2017 – December 2017:** Contracted to Aon Hewitt Retiree Health Exchange for Medicare Open Enrollment as a Benefits Advisor – via TeleTech Melbourne, FL

- Customer Service, Customer Needs Assessments and Medicare Plan Enrollments (MA, MAPD, PDP, SUPP)
- Licensed in 5 states and certified with 14 Carriers

May 2004 to Present – Multiple non-profits, animal rescue groups, System Analyst, Bookkeeping, Web Developer, Community Outreach

October 2011 – January 2017 – Fulcrum IP Corporation, Systems Development, IT

## Education

University of Central Florida 1989 Master of Science, Engineering Systems Analysis

Florida Institute of Technology 1984 Bachelor of Science, Oceanographic Technology