

BOARD RESOLUTION  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RE: THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY; RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-115**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County (the "Board") previously approved Resolution No. 2002-022 which created the Human Services Advisory Council (the "Advisory Council"), continued by Resolution Nos. 2003-054, No. 2010- 266, 2012-050, 2016-143, 2018-233, 2023-093, and 2023-115; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has established contracted human services to enhance the community's capacity to meet human services outcomes through programs and services which build strong children, youth, adults and families, empower people to be independent, self-sufficient, and responsible citizens, and support people in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of contracted human services requires the strategic prioritization of programs and services which should be funded to achieve human services outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the prioritization of programs and services to be funded will best be served by citizen evaluation of funding requests and development of funding recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2016-068 establishing the rules of procedure relating to the composition and governance of advisory councils ("Advisory Council Member Rules of Procedure") to conform advisory council enabling resolutions to current Board policy and direction, which was subsequently replaced by Resolution Nos. 2020-265, 2022-247, and 2023-252; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA in public meeting assembled that:**

**SECTION ONE: PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

1. Resolution No. 2002-022 which created the Human Services Advisory Council, which was amended and continued by Resolution Nos. 2003-054, 2010-266, 2012-050, 2016-143, 2018-233, 2023-093, and 2023-115 is hereby replaced by this Resolution.
2. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide a conduit for citizen input to the Board, regarding contracted human services for non-behavioral health, and to provide advice and make recommendations to the Board on non-behavioral health human services policy, as requested or approved by the Board. To accomplish these purposes, the Advisory Council shall carry out the following responsibilities:

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- a) Review the non-behavioral health human services needs of the residents of Sarasota County, utilizing data from existing reports and surveys where available and appropriate and developing additional information as necessary;
  - b) Identify emerging needs and changes in non-behavioral health human services systems which can be addressed through contracted human services and provide recommendations to the Board;
  - c) Evaluate and prioritize the effectiveness of proposals received and submit recommendations to the Board regarding which programs and services should be funded based on Board approved applications;
  - d) Review reports on programs and services funded through the contracted human services to evaluate their performance, and provide any recommendations to the Board; and
  - e) Perform other related responsibilities as requested by the Board.
3. The Advisory Council shall act solely in an advisory capacity, without compensation, reporting directly to the Board.
  4. The County, at the direction of the County Administrator or their designee will provide the necessary staff resources to assist this Advisory Council in fulfilling its Board-directed mission.

## **SECTION TWO: COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. To the extent the provisions of this Section conflict with the Advisory Council Member Rules of Procedure, this Section shall control.
2. The Advisory Council shall be comprised of five (5) individuals at least 18 years of age who shall serve staggered three-year terms and represent the following:
  - a) One (1) member of the Sarasota County School Board, or a designated representative employed by the Sarasota County School Board;
  - b) One (1) member to include the Sarasota County Sheriff, or a designated representative employed by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.
  - c) One (1) health services professional, psychiatrist, psychologist, or behavioral health professional.
  - d) Two (2) citizens-at-large.
3. Consideration will be given to ensure representation based on geography and wealth of experience working in the community.
4. All members of the Advisory Council must be residents of Sarasota County throughout their term, unless appointed pursuant to SECTION TWO 2.a. or 2 b above.
5. Members of the Advisory Council must not be employed by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners or the State Health Department at any time during their term(s).
6. Members of the Advisory Council may not hold elective office during their term(s), unless appointed pursuant to SECTION TWO 2.a. or 2.b. above.

7. A current or former member of the governing board or employee of an applying agency is not eligible for one (1) year following the last date of their employment or membership, unless appointed pursuant to SECTION TWO 2.a. or 2.b. above.
8. Individuals are ineligible to serve as a citizen-at-large member if they, or an organization they work for, grants, gifts, or promises money or monetary equivalents to any other Advisory Council member(s)' organizations.

### **SECTION THREE: APPOINTMENT**

Members shall be appointed in accordance with the Advisory Council Member Rules of Procedure.

### **SECTION FOUR: TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Terms of Appointment shall be in accordance with the Advisory Council Member Rules of Procedure.

### **SECTION FIVE: RULES OF PROCEDURE AND COMPLIANCE**

1. The Advisory Council shall comply with Resolution 2023-252, as amended: Rules of Procedure for Advisory Council and Appointed Board Members.
2. An Advisory Council member shall not contact or communicate with any Applicant regarding their application for funding during the established Quiet Period except during duly noticed public meetings.
3. Except during duly noticed public meetings, if any Advisory Council member contacts or communicates with any Applicant regarding their application for funding during the Quiet Period, the Advisory Council member may be removed from the Human Services Advisory Council.
4. Quiet Period is defined as the period beginning when human services funding applications are released by Sarasota County and, ending when funding recommendations are presented to the Board of County Commissioners by the Human Services Advisory Council, except during duly noticed public meetings.

### **SECTION SIX: OFFICERS**

The Advisory Council shall select a minimum of a Chairperson and Vice- Chairperson from among its members the first quarter of the calendar year.

### **SECTION SEVEN: VACANCIES AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

Member vacancies and reappointments shall be in accordance with the Advisory Council Member Rules of Procedure.

**SECTION EIGHT: REMOVAL**

Members appointed pursuant to Resolution 2023-115 may remain on the Advisory Council so long as they qualify pursuant to SECTION TWO herein. Members appointed pursuant to this Resolution may be removed or replaced in accordance with the Advisory Council Member Rules of Procedure.

**SECTION NINE: SUPERSEDE**

This Resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution No. 2023-115.

**SECTION TEN: EFFECTIVE DATE**

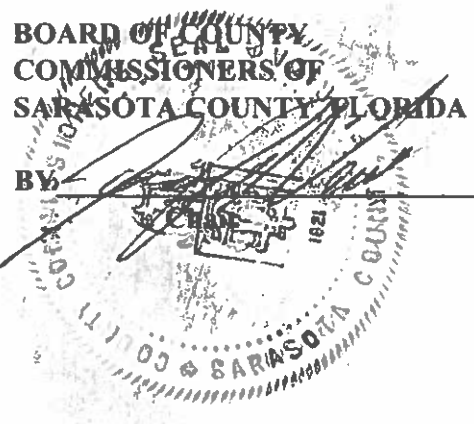
This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board.

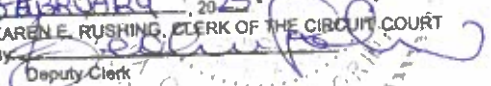
**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA this 11 day of February, 2025.**

ATTEST:

**KAREN E. RUSHING**, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida

BY:   
Deputy Clerk



"STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF SARASOTA"  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of pages 1 through 4 of the instrument filed in this office. The original instrument filed contains 4 pages.  
 This copy has no redactions.  This copy has been redacted pursuant to law  
Witness my hand and official seal this 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2025  
KAREN E. RUSHING, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By:   
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