



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 6703, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Approval, Re: Appointment to the Local Health Council of East Central Florida, Inc.

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 the appointment of Dr. Kristine Zonka (Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County) 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 until April 2026.

Jerry Visco (Former Director of Human Resources) had been the County's representative for the Health Care Purchaser Group and (due to his retirement) vacated this appointment. Dr. Kristine Zonka, Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County, has graciously agreed to serve as the County's representative. Dr. Zonka is a registered nurse and certified family nurse practitioner, with nearly 30 years of combined experience as a healthcare provider, medical director, and elected official. She is an engaged member of the community, working for many years with organizations that improve the health and wellness of those in Brevard County. Dr. Zonka is passionate about improving patient access to healthcare and screenings, affordable/workforce housing, chronic disease management and prevention, our aging population, and women's health and would make an invaluable contribution as a member of the Health Council of East Central Florida.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None