

ADD-ON

Attached is Agenda Item #21

**Approval of Appointment for the Leon County Health
Department Administrator**

(This is a General Business Item)

Meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 2014

**Leon County
Board of County Commissioners**

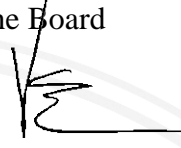
Notes for Agenda Item #21

Leon County Board of County Commissioners

Cover Sheet for Agenda #21

April 8, 2014

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Vincent S. Long, County Administrator 

Title: Approval of Appointment for the Leon County Health Department Administrator.

County Administrator Review and Approval:	Vincent S. Long, County Administrator
Department/ Division Review:	Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator Ken Morris, Director, Office of Economic Development and Business Partnerships
Lead Staff/ Project Team:	Joshua Pascua, Management Analyst

Fiscal Impact:

This item has no fiscal impact.

Staff Recommendation:

Option #1: Approve the appointment of Ms. Claudia Blackburn as the Leon County Health Department Administrator.

Report and Discussion

Background:

The Florida Department of Health is requesting concurrence from the Board on the appointment of Claudia Blackburn as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health, Leon County Health Department (Attachment #1). County health department employees, including health department administrators, are state employees. However, pursuant to 154.01 Florida Statutes, the Board must approve the Leon County Health Department Administrator.

Analysis:

In seeking to fill the vacant health department administrator position in Leon County, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) assessed the community public health needs with a focus on strategic direction. Of particular interest was the strengthening of the partnerships between the health department and the three major institutions of higher education. Toward that end, the health department developed a partnership with the Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine to hire an administrator with the experience and proven record of overseeing a local public health agency. This individual would be hired by FSU, but report to the DOH as typical of all county health officers. A similar relationship exists between Polk and Hillsborough counties, the University of South Florida, and the DOH.

After conducting a national search, potential Leon County Department of Health Administrator candidates were brought to Tallahassee for a series of interviews. These interviews were conducted at FSU, the Leon County Health Department, and the DOH. As a result of this process, Claudia Blackburn was selected by FSU and the DOH to be the administrator for the Leon County Health Department.

At the request of the Health Department and FSU, County staff met with Ms. Blackburn on March 14, 2014. Ms. Blackburn has directed successful local health departments in both Texas and Kansas for over twenty years. She has an outstanding record and is a leader in quality improvements public health accreditation, and leadership development. Ms. Blackburn's resume is attached (Attachment #2).

A formal request for the Board's approval of Ms. Blackburn as the Leon County Department of Health Administrator was not received until April 1, 2014, after the distribution of the regular agenda materials for this meeting. This item was added to the agenda at the request of FSU and DOH.

Options:

1. Approve the appointment of Ms. Claudia Blackburn as the Leon County Health Department Administrator.
2. Do not approve the appointment of Ms. Claudia Blackburn as the Leon County Health Department Administrator.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Department of Health re: appointment of Claudia Blackburn as Administrator of Leon County Health Department
2. Claudia Blackburn resume

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Rick Scott
Governor

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS
State Surgeon General & Secretary

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

April 1, 2014

Kristin Dozier, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Leon County Courthouse
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Chair Dozier:

The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Claudia Blackburn, MPH, RNC, CPM, as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health, Leon County Health Department. County health departments sustain the partnership between the Florida Department of Health and county government pursuant to Section 154.04, *Florida Statutes*. In keeping with state law, as well as our desire to maintain this important partnership, the Florida Department of Health works collectively with county government when selecting a new health department administrator.

The department has partnered with Florida State University, College of Medicine for an administrator with the experience and proven record of overseeing a local public health agency. Ms. Blackburn has an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated her ability as a skilled leader. I believe Ms. Blackburn will be an asset to the Florida Department of Health and Leon County as its new health department administrator.

I am requesting time on the agenda during your upcoming meeting to request concurrence on the appointment of Ms. Blackburn as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health, Leon County Health Department. If you or any member of the Commission have questions or would like more information regarding Ms. Blackburn, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS
Surgeon General & Secretary

JHA/mg/bp
Enclosure

cc: Leon CHD File

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EDUCATION

2003 Certified Public Manager
Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX (attended course in Amarillo, TX)
1986 Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner
University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Dallas, TX
1984 MPH University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, TX
1977 BSN University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

5/05-Present Health Director: Sedgwick County Health Department, Wichita, KS
2006-Present Teaching Associate, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health,
University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita
2006-2010 Adjunct Instructor, Wichita State University, College of Health Professions
5/96-5/05 Director of Public Health: City of Amarillo, Department of Public Health,
Amarillo, TX
1989-2000 Adjunct Professor at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX
1/93-5/96 Nurse Manager: Northwest Texas Healthcare System -- Community Health
Services, Amarillo, TX (Primary Care Clinic/Public Health Manager)
10/86-12/92 Director of Nursing/Personal Health Services: Amarillo Bi-City County Health
Department, Amarillo, TX
1984-10/86 Prenatal Nurse Coordinator: Amarillo Bi-City County Health Department,
Amarillo, TX
1984 Head Nurse: Internal Medicine/Surgery Clinic, Texas Tech Health Sciences
Center, Amarillo, TX
1983 Clinical Research Nurse: Texas Clinical Research Center, Houston, TX
1978-82 Public Health Nurse/Clinic Manager, Harris County Health Department,
Houston, TX
1977-78 Staff Nurse: General Surgery, Ben Taub General Hospital, Houston, TX

WEBINARS/ PUBLICATIONS

Blackburn, C.P. (2013) Local health department participation in health information exchange.
NACCHO Exchange, 12(1), 6-7.

Blackburn, C.P. (2012, December). Public health IT preparedness—What LHDs need to do now and

plan for the future. [Web Seminar]. Retrieved from <http://www.naccho.org>
Blackburn, C.P. (2011, February) Building a QI culture at a local health department. [Web Seminar]. Retrieved from <http://www.naccho.org>

Rohrer, JE, Ahmed, AA, Pierce, JR and Blackburn CP (2004) Unsafe Neighborhoods, Social Group Activity, and Self-Rated Health. Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, 10(2), 124 -129.

Pierce, J.R. & Blackburn, C.P. (2003). Measuring the effects of privatization. American Journal of Public Health, 93(4): 520.

Pierce, J.R. & Blackburn, C.B. (1998) Transformation of a local health department. Public Health Reports, 113:152-159.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of County and City Health Officials– Board of Directors 2013-15; Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Workgroup 2010 -2013 and e-Public Health Workgroup 2011-Present

Public Health Accreditation Board – Site visitor for Beta site review-Present

Kansas Association of Local Health Departments – Board of Directors 2006-present; Survive and Thrive Coach 2010-11; President 2012; Past President 2013 and Chair of Legislative Committee; Chair of HIT/HIE Committee

Texas Association of Local Health Officials 1999-2005; Chair of National Public Health Performance Standards Subcommittee; President Elect, 2001-02, President, 2002-03, Past President 2003-04

American Public Health Association

Kansas Public Health Association

Sigma Theta Tau

American Nurses Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2010–Present Wichita Health Information Exchange Board

2005–Present Visioneering Health Alliance Leadership Team (CHIP planning team)

2005–Present Health & Wellness Coalition Steering Committee; Food Policy Committee Lead
2006–2011 Center for Health and Wellness (FQHC) Board, Secretary

2005–Present Coalition of Community Health Clinics; Facilitator/Co-Facilitator

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Advance Kansas 2008

Kansas Health Foundation Fellow Class of 2007

Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute Scholar 2005-2006

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Leadership Institute Graduate, 1998

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

2008-Present Big Brothers Big Sisters (Big Sister)

2013-Present Circle Project designed to lift people out of poverty (Circle Ally)

2011-Present Rotary International