



**OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN  
TRANSITION HEALTH COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 12, 2023  
4:00 – 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members**

**PRESENT:**

Carolyn McClanahan, M.D. – Health  
Committee Chair  
Sunil Joshi, M.D. – Chief Health Officer  
John Longfield Smith  
Maira Martelo  
Cindy Funkhouser  
Mackenzie Austin  
Jennifer Ryan  
Jocelyn Turner  
Ann-Marie Knight  
Tameka Gaines-Holly

Lynn Sherman – Exec. Dir. of Health  
Programs  
Richard Ward  
Stephen Ezell  
Travis Williams  
Valerie Feinberg  
Richard Ward  
Marlo Zarka (via Teams)  
Chrys Yates (via Teams)  
Marlo Zarka (via Teams)  
Laureen Husband (via Teams)

**COJ Staff Support:**

James Richardson  
Trisha Bowles

**Guests Present:**

## **Call to Order**

Dr. McClanahan called the meeting to order at 6 pm welcoming members and guests.

## **Chair's remarks**

Dr. McClanahan shared background on how the transition committees are envisioned to work. She asked members to introduce themselves and share any insights that they had around the discussion topics.

## **Logistics / Sunshine Law**

James Richardson introduced himself as the staff support to the committees. He would be the main point of contact. Trisha Bowles, Office of General Counsel. Provided some information concerning Sunshine Law and how the committee members could communicate with each other. They both shared the Sharepoint site information that had been established for the health committees and provided directions on how they were to be used.

## **Discussion Topics:**

- **Social Determinants of Health in Duval County**
  - **How it is Being Addressed**
  - **Challenges the Organizations Face**
  - **Challenges the Beneficiaries Face**
- **Recommendations to Improve Social Determinants**

The committee spent considerable time trying to determine if there was an agreed upon definition or framework of the SDOH that should be used. The focus then shifted to work that is currently being done and the challenges being faced. They all agreed that there are many organizations working in the community on various aspects of the SDOH, and to some degree there is no real method of coordinating services. There is a strong need for collaboration and communication among agencies. A common point shared by other committees was a need to somehow determine who is doing what in the community. Perhaps a survey of existing organizations might achieve that.

Several discussed and emphasized the Council committee on the Quality of life and the fact that they already had a pretty comprehensive set of recommendations that would be of benefit for the Mayor to work with them on. It outlines actions and efforts that several City departments can address.

There was much discussion around the fact that service providers all have their own method and process for residents to qualify for services. Members felt that there had to be some means for the providers to come up with a single qualifying process to reduce the burdens for those who need services.

Employment policies were another major topic of conversation. Members felt strongly that those receiving city funds should make considerable efforts to help move the needles of SDOH. Employing local residents and making sure that those employed have access to health care should also be a major

point. Members also discussed that the housing issue can be addressed as well if the organizations receiving housing funding set aside some units to assist in addressing the unhoused.

Other areas discussed during the meeting centered around transportation and the barriers faced for those who need services and expanding broadband access in the city.

Dr. McClanahan talked about the possible transition report format and the timing. The committees would all be meeting over the course of the month and she is tasked with having the report in draft form completed around mid-August.

James shared that he would communicate the next meeting and location as soon as he could arrange the logistics.

**Comments from the Public**

**None**