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**Escambia County Housing Finance Authority Celebrates 2017 Milestones**

The Escambia County Housing Finance Authority celebrated many milestones in 2017. Since our TBA program began in 2012 we have originated program loans of \$119,632,664 for 1,095 first time homebuyer families. The program originated \$16,390,269 in first mortgages and \$1,052,648 of down payment assistance loans in fiscal year 2016/2017. Our lenders continue to amaze us with the wonderful job they are doing. Highlights of the TBA program this year included a brand-new Freddie Mac (conventional loan) option, a back to school special, which brought us a reduced interest rate, and our current Holiday special, which features a thousand dollar increase in the down payment assistance loan.

We added new Participating County partners to our program, and are now up to nineteen counties across Florida, including Alachua County, Bay County, Bradford County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gadsden County, Gulf County, Hernando County, Indian River County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Leon County, Marion County, Martin County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, St. Lucie County, Wakulla County and Walton County, Florida.

Beginning in January 2018, we will be offering mortgage credit certificates along with our TBA first mortgages and down payment assistance loans to qualifying first time homebuyers. Mortgage credit certificates entitle a borrower to a tax credit that will reduce their taxes up to fifty percent of the amount of interest paid on their home loan not to exceed \$2,000 per year. Mortgage credit certificates authorize a tax credit, not a deduction, so they can save qualifying homebuyers a significant amount of money if they owe federal income tax. We are so grateful that the new federal tax bill will not sunset mortgage tax certificates.

We are working with developers to issue bonds for four new multifamily rental apartment projects that have received commitments from Florida Housing for tax credits and SAIL loans – two in Escambia County, one in Taylor County and one in Madison County. Private activity bonds also were not sunset by the new federal tax bill, so we are excited to be assisting in bringing many new workforce housing apartments online soon.

Our Board and our staff thank each of you for all you have done for us and for affordable housing in Florida during 2017. Your partnership and friendship are precious to us. We wish you the very best this holiday season and new year!

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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Governor

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State Surgeon General & Secretary

**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

January 16, 2018

Robert Presnell  
Gadsden County Administrator  
9 E. Jefferson St.  
Quincy, Florida 32351

Re: Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Quarterly Progress Report for ½ Cent Sale Tax Prevention and Education Program.

Dear Mr. Presnell:

Please find enclosed the Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Prevention and Education Program 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report (October 1, 2017-December 31, 2017) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cannella Jefferies at (850)-875-7200 ext. 341.

Sincerely,

Cannella Jefferies  
FDOH-Gadsden Populations Based Service Dir.

Cc: Howard McKinnon Gadsden County Health Council, Inc.  
Nicolas Thomas Clerk of Courts

**Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Population Based Services:**

**Prevention & Education Program**

**Quarterly Report – October 1, 2017-December 31, 2017**

**Report due by January 15, 2018**

**Program Accomplishments:**

**Community Health Education:**

The Prevention and Education Program (PEP) is continuing to increase visibility throughout Gadsden County to ensure the success of the PEP staff. We provide the following resources to the community and individuals; educational pamphlets, up to date fact sheets, informative flyers, and posters. With the diverse population in Gadsden County, the resources are given out in both English and Spanish. In an effort to increase the residents we reach, next quarter we will be providing screenings in each municipality at various locations.

Services for this quarter included health fairs, presentations, and preventative screenings. Preventative screenings were performed at the Florida Department of Health Gadsden, Jesse Furlow Medical Center, Triple Oaks Apartments, Ochlocknee Pointe, Arbor Crest, Golden Leaf, Gadsden County Jail, PAEC, Joe Ferolito Center, Winn Dixie and Riverchase Care Health and Rehabilitation Center.

This quarter, PEP Staff conducted four community education classes. The classes included: Breast Cancer, Immunizations, High Blood Pressure, STD's, HIV 500/501, and Heart Disease.

Internally, the PEP staff has continued with the employee wellness program at the Florida Department of Health Gadsden County. The employees are continuing to participate in thirty-minute lunch time walks and Zumba classes daily. We are also in the beginning stages of the CDC Worksite Health Scorecard which will help assess our CHD and where we need to improve. We hope to reach out to other companies within the county to implement employee wellness programs within their organizations and encourage them to fill out the CDC Worksite Health Scorecard as well.

**Health Education Classes:**

Chronic diseases are responsible for 7 of 10 deaths each year, and treating people with chronic diseases accounts for 86% of our nation's health care costs. Through health education awareness and promoting prevention we can prevent or delay the onset of chronic diseases such as the leading causes of death in Gadsden County which include: cardiovascular disease, cancer, hypertension, and diabetes. These lifestyle changes include proper nutrition including all food groups, exercising a minimum of thirty minutes per day, and scheduling regular wellness check-ups that include blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings.

The Prevention and Education staff has been providing health education classes, presentations and workshops since conception in January 2011. Classes are offered to the community both individually and in groups. The goal is to educate and empower the community to prevent chronic illnesses. Special emphasis is placed on achieving and maintaining a healthy weight through the Healthiest Weight Initiative. Healthy weight is the first step to prevention and best way to combat acceleration of chronic illnesses for those already impacted.

Below are the total numbers of classes offered, outreach efforts, and actual screening services provided during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Community Education & Outreach

	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017	Quarter Totals
<b>Classes Completed</b>	4	3	2	9
<b>Outreach Activities</b>	6	5	5	15
<b>Health Education Material Disseminated</b>	256	218	354	828
<b>Community Referrals/Linkage</b>	10	14	19	43
<b>County Residents Serviced</b>	316	309	451	1076

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### Strategic Planning with Partners Initiative Updates:

The Ten Essential Public Health Service # 3 (Inform, Educate and Empower) continues to be driving force for the Prevention and Education Program. The PEP staff instills in community stakeholders the Center for Disease Control's national model to generate a new perspective about prevention and control, utilizing the Local Public Health System Essential Services.

Major activities for the quarter included:

- Breast Cancer Awareness  
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, FDOH-Gadsden hosted a Breast Cancer Breakfast on October 25, 2017. Participants of the Breast & Cervical Early Detection Program and DOH staff were invited to the event. A short presentation on breast cancer was presented. Furthermore, a presentation video was played honoring a breast cancer survivor. There were approximately 30 attendees at this event. A breast cancer information board, educational literature, and breast cancer pins were displayed in our lobby for clients.
- PAEC Health Fair  
FDOH's Population Based Services and WIC provided educational literature and bilingual support on nutrition, physical activity, and STDs at the PAEC health fair on October 28, 2017.
- Health and Wellness Presentation  
FDOH-Gadsden was invited to present to 43 Foster Grandparent Volunteers on October 31, 2017. Ronterrius Clark presented on various health-related topics including: breast cancer, blood pressure, signs of stroke, nutrition, and exercising. The event was held at the Joe Ferolito Recreation Center.
- Trunk of Treat  
On the evening of October 31, 2017, Population Based Services and WIC provided children books and educational literature on nutrition and physical activity to over 100 children and their parents at the Trunk of Treat event hosted by United Gadsden.
- Gadsden County Prevention Program  
The Florida Department of Health Gadsden has partnered with the Gadsden County Sheriff's office to reintroduce a program. The Gadsden County Prevention Program is tailored to provide Free Rapid HIV Screenings and STD's screenings to incoming

inmates. All inmates are tested and treated if treatment is needed. Over 80 inmates have been tested.

- Healthy Babies Initiative

Population Based Services, WIC, and Healthy Start completed a radio campaign and billboard in Midway, FL promoting WIC services and the department's efforts to decrease the county's infant mortality rates through the Healthy Babies Initiative. The radio campaign aired for the month of October on various stations and the billboard will be up from October to May.

- Awareness Table

In December and currently on display, the department's lobby has information on different topics including: carbon monoxide poisoning, radon exposure, children nutrition, breast, cervical, and lung cancers, asthma, and much more on display for clients to take home.

- The Heart Health Plus Initiative (100 Congregations for Million Hearts)

We have partner with three churches- Arnett Chapel, Unity Fellowship, and St. James. We distribute health literature and offer monthly screening which includes blood pressure, blood sugar and weight measurements to the congregation. The goal is to have each minister share health messages with their congregation.

- World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day was an opportunity for the PEP staff to promote awareness of HIV, AIDS, and STDs. We partnered with the Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Riverchase Care Health and Rehabilitation Center to have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Candle Light Vigil. We had a guest speaker, an educational table, poetry reading, and offering HIV testing

### **Outreach Activities/Community Partnership:**

Population Based Services (PBS) of the Florida Department of Health-Gadsden partnered with several community based organizations within Gadsden County for numerous events this quarter. For this quarter, PBS partnered with Jesse Furlow, Big Bend Cares, Triple Oaks, Quincy Senior Center, and Riverchase Health and Rehabilitation Center, Gadsden County Libraries, and the Gadsden Community Health Council. Through these community outreach services, we were able to provide Gadsden County residents with health education services and preventative screenings.

Some community partnerships activities to highlight for this quarter (October-December 2017) are:

- Gadsden Community Health Council, Inc.

The PEP staff continues to actively participate in the efforts of the GCHC. PEP staff attends monthly meetings and partners with the organization on education & outreach activities. The Gadsden Community Health Council also supported the Get Going Gadsden Award Ceremony.

Other partnerships have been established by the PEP staff to provide monthly services. The PEP staff visit various county locations and provide educational materials, calculate BMI and conduct preventative screenings such as blood pressure and blood sugar. With the new addition of our Community Health Educator we have been able to reach additional locations. Those locations

include:

Chattahoochee	Flint Gardens Apartments, River Junction Apartments, Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee Library
Gretna	Vanguard Village
Havana	Dogwood Manor, Havana Heights Apartments, Riverside Apartments, Havana Library, Harvey's Grocery
Midway	Ochlocknee Point Apartments
Quincy	Arbor Crest, Gadsden Arms Apartments, Golden Leaf Apartments, Parkview Gardens Apartments, Piggly Wiggly, Bud's Lounge, Triple Oaks Apartments, Quincy Library

### **Healthiest Weight Florida.**

Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, not for profit organizations, businesses, and entire communities to help Florida's children and adults make choices about healthy eating and active living.

The Healthiest Weight Initiative has modified their strategies to focus on healthy equity which includes six healthy places: birthing facilities, early childhood education centers, schools, worksites, communities and healthcare settings. The PEP staff will be working on four of the six areas throughout the 2016-2017 fiscal year. We will focus on schools, worksites, communities, and healthcare settings.

The PBS staff is also promoting Small Steps to Healthy Living. Finding success in healthy weight isn't always easy, but it helps to take small steps. Small Steps to Living Healthy is an email-based program that allows Floridians to sign up for weekly tips and tricks delivered directly to their inbox.

### **Fiscal Management**

It is our goal to utilize the financial resources sacrificed by the citizens of Gadsden County wisely. It is understood that the citizens have an expectation that their ½ cents will be used to provide access to quality healthcare to those in need, increase educational opportunities, and make financial decisions in an open and transparent way.

Through partnership with the We Care Network, they have continued to provide specialty medical services to low-income and/or uninsured adults in Gadsden and surrounding counties. There are over 300 volunteer physicians as well as 40 dentists participating in the program. In addition, numerous providers of imaging services and durable equipment are committed to the program.

Patients are referred to the program by their primary care physician at Gadsden Medical Center, The Florida Department of Health Gadsden County, Jessie Furlow, Neighborhood Medical Center, Eye Associates of Tallahassee, Leon County Health Department, and TMH Family Medicine of Quincy. When referrals are received, a medical social worker screens the patient for financial eligibility. Pending qualification, he/she will be provided donated care from one of the participating physicians/dentists.

During the reporting period of October-December, 2017, there were a total of 133 current cases.

Of that, 11 new patients were determined eligible and provided with specialty medical care, and 44 new patients were provided short-term case management. In this quarter, \$18,028.34 services were donated from physicians & dentists, and \$369,273.38 was donated from hospitals/ambulatory surgery centers. Overall, the total value of donated services for the reporting period is \$402,930.72. The reporting year to date for this first reporting period is \$712,244.25.

**Input/Issues Requiring Director Action:**

None Reported

**In-Kind Donations Received:**

None Reported

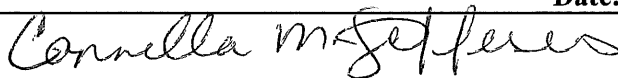
**For Information Purposes Only:**

None Reported

**Report submitted by:**

**Date:**

Cannella Jefferies, RN



Population Based Services Supervisor

January 10, 2018



**HealthiestWeight**



*Florida Department of Transportation*

RICK SCOTT  
GOVERNOR

1074 Highway 90  
Chipley, Florida 32428

MIKE DEW  
SECRETARY

December 22, 2017

The Honorable Brenda Holt, Chairperson  
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners  
Post Office Box 1799  
Quincy, Florida 32353-1799

Re: Changes made to the Tentative Fiscal 2019-2023 Work Program

Dear Chairperson Holt:

On October 10, the Department held a public hearing covering Gadsden County and presented the Tentative Work Program for fiscal years 2019 through 2023. Following the public hearing, the Department completed the Tentative Work Program.

Since that time, additional changes to the work program have occurred. The list below shows the project changes that have occurred in Gadsden County.

- **435802-1 CR 65A Juniper CR Rd over Juniper Creek Bridge No. 504050**  
*Environmental Mitigation added to Fiscal Year 2019 (\$49,506)*

Should you have any questions, please contact Regina Battles, P.E., District Program Management Administrator, toll free at 1-888-638-0250, extension 1270 or via e-mail at [regina.battles@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:regina.battles@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

Phillip Gainer, P.E.  
District Secretary

cc: Regina Battles, FDOT  
Suzanne Lex, FDOT  
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# RESOLUTION

*Honoring*

*Mr. Shannon Faison*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shannon Faison was born on March 15, 1972 in Gadsden County and has lived here for forty-five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shannon Faison attended James A. Shanks High where he graduated; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shannon Faison is the father of three children, Nybria Francis, Shantel Faison and Darius Faison; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shannon Faison is the owner and operator of a Security Business which opened in 2010. He opened IFW Security Academy in July of 2016 where he trains and certifies individuals to carry concealed weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shannon Faison mentors children and is a JV football coach at Gadsden County High School.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners wishes to recognize Mr. Shannon Faison for his unselfish dedication to the youth, community, and the people of Gadsden County.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be kept in the records of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and that this Resolution be presented to Mr. Shannon Faison on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

*Brenda A. Holt*

Brenda A. Holt, Chairperson, District 4

*Anthony O. Viegbesie*

Anthony O. Viegbesie, Ph.D., District 2

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