



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

SUBJECT: Discussion on creating a Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Board –
Commissioner Pulcini

RECOMMENDATION:

Commissioner Pulcini is requesting that the Commission consider creating a Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Board.

The City currently has a Mental Health link on its website and sends out information through social media providing residents with information on resources and events. Additionally, the City increases awareness during Mental Health Awareness Month (May) with information, resources, and daily activities. However, the City lacks the expertise to fully analyze, identify, coordinate and recommend in-depth resources to the Residents, Commission, and Staff. A Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Board comprised of relevant professionals would better assist in providing valuable, relevant resources and initiatives for those seeking help.

Some of the functions of the Advisory Board would include:

1. To promote public awareness, information, and education regarding residents' mental health and wellness needs and services available to address them.
2. Advise the Commission on issues of mental health and wellness in the community
3. Make recommendations or create resources regarding mental health in the community
4. Identify and increase mental health awareness and prevention
5. Develop additional mental health initiatives
6. Support and promote initiatives through cooperation with local non-profits, Houses of Worship, Federal, State, County, and other regional agencies.

The Advisory Board would include members selected by the Commission representing a diversity of professions with expertise in Mental Health and Well Being issues. These may include medical, wellness, health, and social services professionals as well as individuals who are familiar with such issues from Cooper City Houses of Worship or Non-Profits.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Section 1.05 Advisory Boards
2. Section 2-116 General Requirements

Workflow History



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