



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager

2. **Department:** Board of County Commissioners

3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025

4. **Requested Action:**

Appoint Brooke Smith to serve on the North Central Florida Homeless Continuum of Care Council (CoC).

5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

NA

6. **Justification of Request:**

According to Jacob Toner, the Vice President of Programs for the COC, the appointed representative should be someone capable of advocating for the needs of Levy County residents, as the Leadership Council determines funding allocations and policy decisions that impact the community. The commission may consider appointing a member of the Levy County Housing Department or Fire Rescue. For reference, Alachua County appointed its Director of Community Support Services to the council, while Bradford County appointed an EMS Captain.

Alternatively, appointing a community member with experience in social services, healthcare, or housing is another option to consider.

This year, the COC increased Levy County's budget allocation to just over \$101,000 to support rental assistance, disaster recovery, domestic violence shelter services, and street outreach—all dedicated to Levy County residents. Beginning July 1st, this amount is expected to increase by approximately 200%. COC wants to ensure these resources are allocated effectively.

Division Director of Community Services Connie Conley recommends Grants Coordinator Brooke Smith for this appointment. Brooke is presently managing the County's Affordable Housing Program.