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Mia L. Jones, is the Chief Executive Officer of AGAPE Community Health Center, Inc., the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Duval County. Agape opened its doors as an independent FQHC in April 2016 under Jones' leadership and they provide primary care services for insured and uninsured patients throughout the city. She has recently been recognized by The Florida Blue Foundation as the Individual Sapphire Award Winner in 2022 and she was recognized by Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) as a 2017 Woman with Heart. She currently serves on the boards of Duval Medical Society Foundation, Feeding NE Florida and United Healthcare Florida Community Plan's Provider Advisory Committee (PAC), just to name a few. Since 2020, Mia has shown herself to be a leader throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring the community has access to testing and vaccinations, in an effort to help to ensure a safer community.

Ever the advocate for professional development for others as well as for herself, Mia Jones is a graduate of Leadership Florida (Class of XXIV), Leadership Florida's Local Government Leadership Program (Class IX), Leadership Jacksonville (Class of 2000) and has received numerous awards and honors.

Mia L. Jones served as Director of Boards and Commissions and was appointed as the first Health Commissioner under Mayor Alvin Brown (2011-2015). Additionally, she served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives, departing as two term (2012-2016) Democratic Leader Pro Tempore. She represented the state's 14th District where she is a life-long resident. While serving in the Florida House, she served as the Ranking Member on the House Select Committee on Health Care Workforce Innovation and Health and Human Services Committee. These committees considered matters related to programs, regulations and systems that provided health care, health care coverage, social services, and financial assistance for Floridians and their families, while working to ensure that the State would have a well prepared workforce in the years to come. Mia Jones is a statewide and national thought leader recognized for her commitment in increasing access to healthcare for the uninsured and to maximizing the inclusion of telemedicine throughout Florida, in community health centers and in school based care for children.

Mia Jones previously served on the Jacksonville City Council from 2003 to 2008 after serving as the Director of Minority Business Affairs for the Duval County Public Schools. Jones began her career in public service in 1992, working with Jacksonville's then Mayor Ed Austin in the Office of Equal Employment until 1995. Jones graduated from Florida A&M University with a B.S. in Accounting and MBA with a concentration in Human Resource Management.