

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-284

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: April 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 24, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment

Bill Summary: This bill appoints Dr. Irvin Cohen to the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc., as a “Purchaser”, in accordance with Section 408.033, *Florida Statutes*, replacing Cheryl Bergman, for a first full term expiring September 30, 2024.

Background Information: The Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. is established pursuant to Section 408.033, *Florida Statutes*, and authorized to develop a district health plan; advise the state department on health care issues and resource allocations; promote public awareness of community health needs; collect data and conduct analyses and studies related to health care needs of the district; advise and assist local governments on the development of an optional health plan; and monitor and evaluate the adequacy, appropriateness and effectiveness of funds distributed to meet the needs of the medically indigent.

Per Section 408.033, *Florida Statutes*, Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida appointees shall be representatives of health care providers, health care purchasers, and nongovernmental health care consumers. “Health care purchaser” is defined to be an employer in the state, other than a health care facility, health insurer, or health care provider, who provides health care coverage for her or his employees.

Dr. Cohen is the Executive Director of LISC Jacksonville. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Florida, an MBA from Pfeiffer University, and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Nonprofit Management from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Cohen resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey