



## ***The Briefing – Tuesday – August 16 – 2022***

*The last Briefing was Saturday – August 13, 2022*

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### ***The Quick***

***State Board of Education Meets Tomorrow in Pensacola Here is the Agenda -***

***<https://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings/2022/2022-08-17/index.stml>***

#### ***Draft Rules Posted for Broadband Opportunity Program***

***REQUEST – PLEASE CIRCULATE THESE DRAFT RULES WITH YOUR ISP'S, CONSULTANTS, OR VENDORS WITH A REQUEST TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENT.***

The Office of Broadband - posted the rules, forms, and criteria associated with the implementation of the Broadband Opportunity Grant Program. The drafts are currently under review. Concerns regarding the proposed rules have already been identified. Some initial concerns with the rules:

1. The funding of applications is proposed to be on a reimbursement basis - This will effectively undermine an applicant with limited resources. The program should provide some advanced funds to initiate the project.
2. There is nothing in the rule, application, or scoring that mentions engagement with the Local Technology Planning Team. The role of the LTPT, at a minimum, should be to engage with potential applicants to understand and comment on a proposed application. LTPT review should be written into the rule and application process.
3. There is no reference to Waiver of Match as required in F.S. 285.0681.
4. There is no reference special consideration for rural areas as required in F.S. 288.019 - Rural considerations in grant review and evaluation processes.

#### ***Assistance Requested***

We are requesting that county I.T. staff, members of your Local Technology Planning Teams, Service Providers, along with consultants review the proposal, and submit comments our offices and prepare to submit comments to the Department during the input period.

Here are links to the draft documents

- [Broadband Opportunity Program Draft Rule](#),
- [Draft Application](#), and
- [Draft Scoring Criteria](#).

The Office of Broadband has scheduled regional workshops to take input on the proposed rules, forms, and scoring -

POLK COUNTY - Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 - Time: 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. - Location: Stuart Center, UF/IFAS Extension Office, Polk County, 1702 South Hollard Pkwy, Bartow, FL 33830

SANTA ROSA COUNTY - Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022 - Time: 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. -

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Office, Santa Rosa County, 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL 32570

GLADES COUNTY - Date: Monday, August 29, 2022 - Time: 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. - Location: Doyle Conner Building, UF/IFAS Extension Office, Glades County, 900 US Highway 27 SW, Moore Haven, FL 33471

### **Minimum Wage Requirement for Medicaid Providers**

We are currently working to clarify the scope of the mandate in the Appropriations Bill regarding implementation of a \$15.00 per hr minimum wage requirement for employees of Medicaid providers. Our office was contacted by several county offices where their EMS directors had received information from their respective state organizations that a minimum wage requirement was to be put in place by Oct. 1, 2022. We are aware of language in the Appropriations Act that specifies the requirement and related contractual requirements, but we are seeking clarity on whether *all employees* of a provider must receive the minimum wage or just direct service providers. The other question is whether or not additional funding was provided to compensate providers that are required to increase the hourly wage mandate. We are working with the FAC Office and have contacted the Governors Officer seeking clarity on this issue.

### ***Headlines from around the State***

*The Capitolist: Report: low pay, high stress driving Florida teacher shortage*

*WLRN: Appeals court will decide if former state Department of Health employee can run for Congress*

*FlaPol: Aaron Bean outraising, outspending opponents in CD 4 GOP Primary*

*FlaPol: Marjorie Taylor Greene to campaign for Anthony Sabatini, Anna Paulina Luna*

*Times: The race to challenge Kathy Castor features three first-timers*

*Times: Kathy Castor hasn't been in a primary in 12 years. That changed this year.*

*The Floridian: Castor Receives Call Praising her Inflation Reduction Bill Vote*

*WUSF: Florida residents testing positive for COVID decreased the past two weeks*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida health officials will follow new dosing strategy to stretch monkeypox vaccine for second shots*

*Post: Florida reports 328 monkeypox cases in a week, still 3rd highest in US for confirmed cases*

*WLRN: Gas prices across Florida fall for ninth consecutive week*

*Democrat: Plunging prices at the pump: Gas falls another 14 cents in Florida; average gallon at \$3.65*

*AP: Florida gator hunting starts with expanded time, weapons*

*AP: Florida high speed train gets grant to improve safety*

*News4Jax: Ukrainian refugee children start school, attend classes in Northeast Florida*

*Sun-Sentinel: Fried attacks journalists over Big Sugar story, claims they were paid by Sierra Club*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist meets faith leaders, targets 'autocrat' Ron DeSantis in final week of Primary*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist raises another \$1M in first 11 days of August*

*The Floridian: Nikki Fried Affirms she Wants an Assault Weapons ban in Florida*

*FlaPol: Nikki Fried won't back down in closing stretch of Governor's race*

*WUSF: New Florida laws creating 'confusion' and 'chaos' in schools, says teachers' union president*

*Sentinel: State says UCF professor lacks standing to challenge 'Stop WOKE' law*

*The Capitolist: Florida Police Chiefs Association endorses Ashley Moody for re-election*

*FlaPol: James Bush III wants 'swift action' against Jason Pizzo for calling him a 'little b\*\*ch'*

*FlaPol: Tracie Davis skipped budget vote, but supported punitive school mask penalty*

*Post: Two Republicans in primary seek to challenge state Sen. Berman in November*

*The Floridian: Barbara Sharief and Lauren Book Senate Race Keeps Getting Uglier*

*FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis endorses Joel Rudman for HD 3*

*FlaPol: Florida Education Association gives Michele Rayner \$10K boost ahead of HD 62 Primary*

*Post: State Rep. Skidmore faces political newcomer in new district representing south PBC*

*Times: 5 candidates compete to represent Pinellas District 58 in Florida House*

*Times: In Pasco County's House District 56, three Republicans compete for an open seat*

*My News 13: More than 230K Florida Virtual School students resume classes*

*NBC Miami: Dotres Discusses Fallout From Controversial State Education Laws, DeSantis' Military Teachers Proposal*

*Times-Union: Equality Florida slams Duval Schools for removing 'Safe Space' rainbow stickers amid 'rebrand'*

*FlaPol: Equality Florida: Duval Schools lack 'visible support' for LGBTQ students*

*FlaPol: ACLU of Florida sues Leon County Clerk for violating Eighth Amendment*

*Herald: Judge backs firing of Broward teacher who refused to wear mask amid COVID-19 surge*

*WUSF: Rainwater from Piney Point released into Tampa Bay*

*TCPalm: FPL to build solar-energy center just outside Indiantown; fourth in western Martin County*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis stumps for Donald Trump's picks in Arizona*

*CBS Miami: Weeks before Mar-a-Lago search, Trump lawyer signed document saying all classified material had been removed*

*Democrat: Trump at Mar-a-Lago: It always presented security challenges*

*Star-Banner: Planning to vote by mail? Get to know Florida's new 2022 restrictions*

*Herald: Between politics and poor pay, teachers are more strained than ever — and the numbers show it*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis bemoans U.S. military not being more like 'Top Gun Maverick'*

*News4Jax: Florida leads the nation in overdose deaths related to new synthetic drug, CDC data shows*

*CBS Miami: Parkland school shooter's brain exams to be subject of court hearing*

*My News 13: Gunman in FBI Cincinnati attack has ties to Tampa Bay area*

*News-Press: Statewide surge in jury scam calls prompts call to action in SWFL*

*Times: Pedestrian, port and transit projects in Florida get federal boost*

*WUSF: U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to hear a case on a Florida health coach giving dietary advice*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist taking campaign back to North Florida, 'where it all began'*

*Wash. Post: A progressive prosecutor clashed with DeSantis. Now he's out of a job.*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says he wants a Republican legislative supermajority*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis 'Education Agenda Tour' gears up in final weekend before Primaries*

*Sun-Sentinel: If more than two big storms hit Florida this year, insurers could be in trouble*

*WUSF: Eclectic Mix of Applicants Seek Florida Chancellor Post*

*City & State FL: Ray Rodrigues among those who have applied to lead Florida's public university system*

*WUSF: Meet the young people behind Florida's new renewable energy goals*

*WUSF: Stetson professor calls Andrew Warren's suspension a 'rule of politics' instead of a rule of law*

*Herald Tribune: Tallahassee-based political committees target slow-growth candidates in Sarasota County*

*Axios: Florida Python Challenge lessons: Snakes are good at hiding*

*AP: Florida sheriff berates woman on Facebook after dog drowned*

### **On the Docket**

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022**

- **ELECTIONS PANEL:** The Florida Elections Commission will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., 306 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- **GENERAL REVENUE FORECAST:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will update projections for state general revenue, which plays a key role in funding schools, health programs and prisons. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

- VIRTUAL SCHOOL :The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR9hroo-cmIumUXCg>)
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD:The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.)
- TAMPA ELECTRIC RATES : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a proposal that would increase Tampa Electric Co. rates based on part of a settlement agreement dealing with the utility's return on equity, a measure of profitability. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- MORALES DISTRIBUTES FOOD: State Rep. Daisy Morales, D-Orlando, Farm Share and other organizations will hold a free food-distribution event. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Meadow Woods Recreation Center, 1751 Rhode Island Woods Circle, Orlando.)
- STATE BUDGET : The Florida Policy Institute will hold a panel discussion about the state budget. (Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_AyrzW6lWTvCuurXLK57HmQ?mc\\_cid=bb406475d5&mc\\_eid=cc2384723f](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AyrzW6lWTvCuurXLK57HmQ?mc_cid=bb406475d5&mc_eid=cc2384723f))
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- UF TRUSTEES: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday 2 p.m. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Code: 94239778246)
- PENSACOLA STATE TRUSTEES: The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop, committee meetings and board meeting. (Tuesday, workshop at 4:30 p.m., committees at 5 p.m., board meeting at 5:30 p.m., Pensacola State College, Pensacola.)
- I-75 OVERPASS: The Florida Department of Transportation and Sarasota County will hold a public hearing about a project-development and environment study for a new overpass crossing Interstate 75 between Fruitville Road and University Parkway. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sarasota County Operations Center, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4970885896331181835>)
- LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will begin a series of open houses about final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 U.S. 98 North, Okeechobee.)

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022**

- PAROLE ISSUES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- CABINET AIDES: Aides to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will meet in advance of an Aug. 23 Cabinet meeting. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- BOARD OF ED:The State Board of Education will meet in Escambia County. (Wednesday, 9:45

a.m., Pensacola State College, Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.)

- **TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD:** The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which helps oversee settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. (Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Central Time, Chautauqua Center, 908 U.S. 90 West, DeFuniak Springs.)
  - **CHANCELLOR SEARCH:** A search committee of the state university system's Board of Governors will discuss finding a replacement for Chancellor Marshall Criser, who will step down at the end of the year. (Wednesday, 11 a.m. <https://fbog.zoom.us/j/84888063616?pwd=NXRxMjJieFhkNWY5cEVzRXFWZVgvdz09>)
  - **SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.)
  - **SCOTT SPEAKS TO FLAGLER GOP:** U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is slated to speak during a Flagler County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner. Other attendees are expected to include U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., state Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, and incoming state House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. (Wednesday, events start at 5 p.m., Hammock Beach Resort, 200 Ocean Crest Dr., Palm Coast.)
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES:** The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 5 p.m., Daytona State College, Deltona Campus, Fathi Hall, 2351 Providence Blvd., Deltona.)
- **LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of open houses about the final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Wednesday, 6 p.m., John Boy Auditorium, 1200 W C Owen Ave., Clewiston.)

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022**

- **UCF TRUSTEES:** The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of Central Florida, Fairwinds Alumni Center, Orlando. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3cdrDyKTKU>)
- **DEFENSE ISSUES:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstfmeeting-106-via-zoom/>)
- **DEFENSE ALLIANCE:** The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/>)
- **LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of open houses about the final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Thursday, 6 p.m., Tavares Community Center, 100 East Caroline St., Tavares.)
- **FIRST LADY AT 'WARRIOR GAMES' EVENT:** First Lady Jill Biden will speak at a welcome ceremony for the Department of Defense Warrior Games, which includes wounded and injured military members and veterans competing in athletic events. (Thursday, 10:15 p.m., Walt Disney World Resort, Magic Kingdom, Lake Buena Vista.)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022**

- **NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS:** The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=434356149>)
- **USF TRUSTEES:** The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m. Information at <https://www.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/index.aspx>)
- **JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a July unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **FIRST LADY SPEAKS AT VETERANS EVENT:** First Lady Jill Biden will speak at a Veterans Institute Summit at Walt Disney World. (Friday, 10:45 a.m., Walt Disney World Resort, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Lake Buena Vista.)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Thursday.

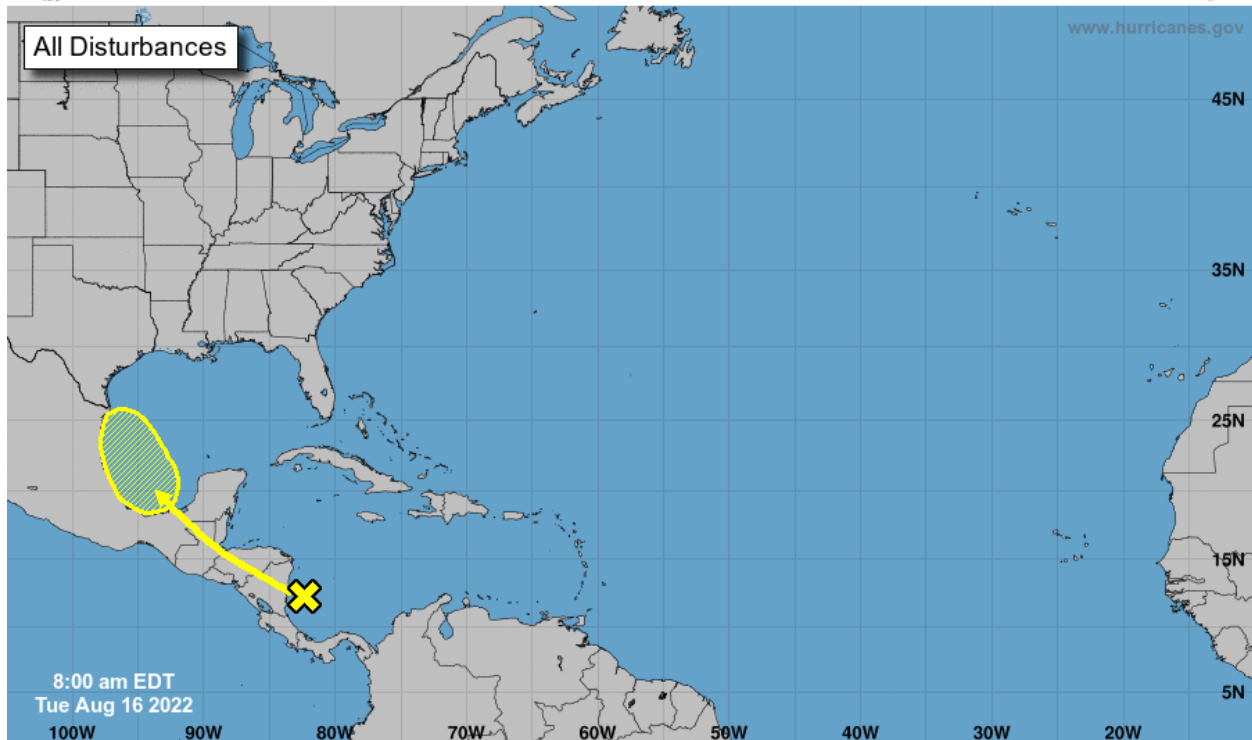
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022**

**Five Day Tropical Outlook** <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



**Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance:    < 40%    40-60%    > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone:    Depression    Storm    Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

***About the Briefing!***

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – [Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

**Website Links**

**[Small County Coalition Website](#)**

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