ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the information on this form current.
To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble
by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov

Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.

Name: Ronald C. Burger		Date: May 19, 2008
Home Phone: 893-1443	Work Phone: 245-4040 x2040	Email: ron_burger@doh.state.fl.us
Occupation: Public Health Emergency Coordinator	Employer: US Department of Homeland Security contractor for the Florida Department of Health	

Please check box for preferred mailing address.

9 Work Address:

City/State/Zip:

9 Home Address: 6692 Crooked Creek Road

City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32311

Do you live in Leon County? Yes **If yes, do you live within the City limits?** No
Do you own property in Leon County? Yes **If yes, is it located within the City limits?** No

For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? 2 years

Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please check those areas in which you are interested, or describe other areas not listed:

Human Services X Housing __ Health Care X Science __ Library Services __ Growth Management __
Tourist Development __ Transportation __ Bicycle/Pedestrian __ Parks & Recreation X Code Enforcement __
Other Areas _____

Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? No

If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? _____

How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? 2 to 3
And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? 6 or more
What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? Day (over lunch) or Night

(OPTIONAL) **Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.**

Race: Caucasian
Sex: Male Age: 59 Disabled? No

Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in an Advisory Committee should contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or e-mail at CobleC@mail.co.leon.fl.us

In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application. Please attach your resume, if one is available.

BS Degree in Secondary Education; retired after 34 years with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; volunteer Chairman of the Rockdale County (GA) Board of Health; past President of the National Association of Local Boards of Health; past vice president of the Georgia Public Health Association; past member of the Healing Hands Association sponsoring the Lakeview Estates Free Health Care Center; biology teacher; supervisor at the Boys Clubs of American (Lancaster, PA)

References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):

Name: Michael McDonald Telephone: 656-2818

Address: 4052 Bald Cypress Way Tallahassee, FL 32399

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN ORIENTATION BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? No
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form, if applicable? Yes
Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? No If yes, from whom? _____
Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? No
Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? No If yes, please explain _____
Do you or your employer, or your wife or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? No
If yes, please explain _____
Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? No
If yes, please explain _____

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ronald C. Burger Ronald C Burger

Please return Application to Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator
Leon County Board of County Commissioners
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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Professional Profile

Public Health Advisor/Senior Emergency Coordinator with the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 34 continuous years of service. Wish to seek professional and leadership position in community service, public health advocacy, emergency preparedness and response and community outreach coordination and education.

- President and Board member National Association of Local Boards of Health
- Chairman, Rockdale County Board of Health
- Experienced public speaker in national conferences as well as numerous local conferences and training events
- Working knowledge of the National Response Plan and National Incident Management System and responded to the first disaster under the Federal Response Plan in 1992
- Years of response experience to numerous intentional and unintentional emergencies, disasters, and special events
- Hold US Government Top Secret and Q Clearances
- International Emergency Response experience
- Volunteer Chaires-Capitola Florida Fire Rescue
- American Red Cross Advisory Committee and volunteer disaster team and youth education programs
- Emergency Coordinator for US Government facility
- Formal training in education field
- Working knowledge of voluntary agencies
- Working knowledge of all forms of governmental public health and emergency management and first responders
- Participant on numerous national, regional and local advisory groups
- BS degree secondary education
- Taught high school biology
- Taught in US Peace Corps
- Certified substitute teacher: all grades
- Board member, North Florida Selective Service System

Work History

Emergency Coordinator/Planner	Florida Department of Health	2006-Present
Public Health Advisor/Emergency Coordinator	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA	1972-2006
Senior Emergency Coordinator	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA	1989-Present
Chief, Tuberculosis Control Program	Michigan Department of Public Health, Lansing MI	1986-1989
Assistant Director Bureau of	New York City Health Department New York NY	1977-1983

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Tuberculosis Control

Work History Continues

Regional TB Coordinator	Pennsylvania Department of Health Pittsburgh PA	1974-1977
Disease Epidemiologist	Baltimore City Health Department Baltimore MD	1972-1974
Teacher	Downingtown Senior High School Downingtown PA	1971-1972
Peace Corps Volunteer	Ghana West Africa	1970-1971
Volunteer Firefighter and EMT	Rockdale County GA Fire Dept North Canton CT Fire Dept Montclair NJ Ambulance Unit	1978-1991
Certified Substitute Teacher: all grades	Rockdale County Public School System Georgia	1999-2006

Professional Accomplishments

- Presently coordinate the bioterrorism environmental surveillance program on behalf of the US Department of Homeland Security within the framework of the Florida Department of Health
- Member of a local volunteer fire/rescue department in the Tallahassee area
- Led the initial public health and medical team to assist Florida Department of Health's response to Hurricane Andrew and assisted in the inauguration of the tool used to perform a rapid community needs assessment of essential community services 1992
- Led the initial CDC team to assist the New York City Health Department's response to the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001 and to assist the Oklahoma City and State Health response to the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995
- Assisted with leading the Federal public health and medical response team to assist local and state health officials as they responded to hurricanes and floods across the country 1989-2005
- Participated as a Senior Consultant to the World Health Organization in the Smallpox Eradication Program in Bangladesh in 1975
- Inaugural member of the State-Federal Regional Interagency Steering Committees within all Federal Regional Offices of FEMA and did the initial planning for a catastrophic earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone

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Professional Accomplishments Continues

- Taught college in Ghana as Peace Corps Volunteer and led Ministry of Health team in response to a severe outbreak of cholera
- Project Officer for the National Mass Fatality Training Institute, Cedar Rapids IA
- Assisted in the development of the Directly Observed Therapy protocols for the treatment of tuberculosis in New York City which is now part of standard treatment regimens in the country in 1981
- Member of the Metro Atlanta American Red Cross Advisory Committee 1996-2006 and Red Cross Volunteer of the Year 2001; Clara Barton Award 1998; Chairman, Hero's Fund Raising Campaign, 2005; CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor; numerous public speaking on preparedness to community groups
- Board Member and Vice President Georgia Public Health Association
- Numerous awards bestowed by the Georgia Public Health Association, NALBOH, DHHS, CDC, and Rockdale County GA
- Worked at all levels of governmental public health within both disease control programs as well as emergency preparedness and response
- Responded to the public health impact of the eruption of Mount St. Helens and established some of the initial injury and illness surveillance in 1980
- Assisted in the investigation of the initial outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease in Philadelphia in 1976
- Responded to the wide-spread outbreak of Rift Valley Fever in Kenya and Uganda in 1998
- Assisted with the establishment of an Occupational Health Program in Connecticut 1984
- Investigated the first documented community outbreak of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis 1975
- Served on the initial National Influenza Pandemic Workgroup hosted by CSTE and CDC in 2004
- Member of Kirkwood Community College's (Cedar Rapids IA) Agriterrorism Training Advisory Board 2004-05; Avian Influenza Advisory Board 2005-06
- Adjunct faculty Eastern Kentucky University
- Chairman of the Rockdale County Georgia Board of Health which governs the Rockdale County Health Department (appointed by County Commissioners)
- President of the National Association of Local Boards of Health 2005 (elected) and Board Member 2000-2006
- Led the public health response to a major hazardous materials incident in Conyers GA 2004
- Member of the University of North Carolina's Public Health Grand Rounds Advisory Board
- Coordinator of the Public Health Education Track of the National Disaster Medical System's Annual Conferences 1999-2006
- Board member Atlanta Area Selective Service System, 2005
- Board member North Florida District Selective Service System, 2007-Present
- Volunteer service for 10 years as a firefighter/EMT; currently volunteer with Chairs-Capitola Florida Fire Rescue

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- College Award: Roddy Science Award for most promising science field teacher

Education

BS	Millersville University, Millersville PA	1970
Post Graduate Education/Public Health and Education Credits Taken	Pennsylvania State University University of Connecticut Western Michigan University	1971-1987

References – Available upon request