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: 01/11/2011

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Occupation: Emergency Coordinator | Employer: Contractor for US Dept of Homeland Security Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc

Please check box for preferred mailing address.

☐ Work Address: 4052 Bald Cypress Way

City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32399

☐ 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 in and/or owned property in Leon County? 4 years

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

1st Choice: Community Health Coordinating Committee 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:

Culture and Arts ___ Environmental/ Growth Management ___ Health Care ___ Human Relations ___
Human Services ___ Housing __ Library Services __
Other Areas _____

Have you served on any previous *Leon County committees*? Yes

If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? Growth and Environmental Management Citizens Committee

How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 to 3 ☐ 4 or more
And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? ☐ 2 ☐ 3 to 5 ☐ 6 or more
What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? ☐ Day ☐ 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 ☐ African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Other
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Age: _____ Disabled? ☐ Yes ☐ No
District _____

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@leoncountyfl.gov

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.

-currently the BioWatch Program Coordinator for US Dept of Homeland Security for Georgia and Florida (work with public health and other community first responders throughout Florida and Atlanta)
-retired after 34 years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in disease control and emergency public health planning and response (worked with numerous local and state health officials across the country)
-volunteered as the Board Member and Chairman of the Rockdale County Georgia Board of Health for 12 years
-former Board Member and past President of the National Association of Local Boards of Health
-former Board Member and President Elect of the Georgia Public Health Association
-former Board Member and Volunteer with the Metro Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross
-former Board Member of the Healing Hands, Inc in Conyers Georiga who provided free dental and medical care
-Member of the North Florida District Appeals for the US Selective Service System (also served in Georgia)

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

Name: Homer Rice Telephone: 850-606-8160

Address: Leon County Health Department; 2965 Municipal Way Tallahassee FL 32304

Name: Marie Fallon, CEO National Association of Local Boards of Health Telephone: 419-353-7714

Address: 1840 East Gypsy Lane Road; Bowling Green, OH 43402

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 FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION PUBLICATION www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? ☐ Yes
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form and/or a background check, 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 spouse 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

Please return Application
by mail: Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator **by email:** coblec@leoncountyfl.gov

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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 and contractor for the United States Department of Homeland Security for 37 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 Framework 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
- Held US Government Top Secret and Q Clearances
- International Emergency Response experience
- Volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician
- American Red Cross Advisory Committee and volunteer disaster team and youth education programs
- Emergency Coordinator for US Government facility: CDC Chamblee Complex
- 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 college classes as volunteer 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/Public Health Foundation Enterprises Contractor to the US Department of Homeland Security	2006-Present
Intermittent Emergency Coordinator	Department of Health and Human Services/National Disaster Medical System	2006-Present

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Work History Continues

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 CDC Assignee	1986-1989
Assistant Director Bureau of Tuberculosis Control	New York City Health Department New York NY CDC Assignee	1977-1983
Regional TB Coordinator	Pennsylvania Department of Health Pittsburgh PA CDC Assignee	1974-1977
Disease Epidemiologist	Baltimore City Health Department Baltimore MD CDC Assignee	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

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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
- 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

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Professional Accomplishments Continues

- 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-Present
- 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
- 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