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## ***POLICY BOARD***

**Friday, October 14, 2011**

**1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**JWB Children's Services Council  
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### **AGENDA**

- I. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (1:30 to 1:35 p.m.) – *Commissioner Karen Seel*
- II. POLICY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA** (1:35 to 1:40 p.m.)
  - A. Approval of Minutes – July 15, 2010
  - B. Proposed FY 2011-12 HHSCC Goals and Objectives
- III. ACTION ITEMS** (1:40 to 1:45 p.m.)
  - A. Approval of HHSCC Executive Director's Performance Evaluation
- IV. PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Linking Funding to Desired Results 2011 (1:45 to 2:45 p.m.)  
– *Denise Groesbeck and Joe Baldwin*
  - B. Apartment Task Team Discussion (2:45 to 3:15 p.m.)  
– *Robert Griffiths, Bay Area Apartment Association*  
– *Rhonda Abbott, City of St. Petersburg*  
– *Lenice Emanuel, YWCA*
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. INFORMATION**
  - A. Executive Director's Report
- VII. ADJOURN** (3:30 p.m.)

**NEXT MEETING:** *To be announced*

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL  
POLICY BOARD  
July 15, 2011

The Health and Human Services Coordinating Council (HHSCC) Policy Board met in the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board Room, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, Florida, at 1:09 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Bernie McCabe	Vice-Chairman; State Attorney; JWB Member
Jim Coats	Pinellas County Sheriff
Susan Latvala	Pinellas County Commissioner
Martha Lenderman	JWB Member
John Morroni	Pinellas County Commissioner

Not Present:

Karen Williams Seel	Chairman; Pinellas County Commissioner
Dr. James D. Sewell	JWB Member
Kenneth T. Welch	Pinellas County Commissioner

Others Present:

Denise Groesbeck	Executive Director, HHSCC
Tim L. Burns	Bureau Director, Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services
Gwendolyn Warren	Bureau Director, Pinellas County Health and Human Services
Other interested individuals	
Arlene L. Smitke	Deputy Clerk, Board Reporter

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Announcements – Commissioner Karen Seel
- II. Policy Board Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Policy Board Minutes – April 29, 2011
- III. Presentations  
Introduction: Progress Toward Integration – Denise Groesbeck
  - A. Juvenile Justice Pinellas County Community Based Planning – Tim Burns
  - B. Disaster Recovery Leadership Network
    1. Progress Toward Integration – Denise Groesbeck
    2. Regional COAD Exercise – Betty Tribble, Bertha Battle, Sheri Taylor
    3. Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) Grant – Betti Johnson
- IV. Information
  - A. Key Indicators: Recommendations from the Data Analysis and Technical Advisory (DATA) Committee – Denise Groesbeck
    1. Florida Substance Abuse Survey

- B. Executive Director's Report
    - 1. One-e-App
  - C. Department of Health – Declaration of Public Health Emergency
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjourn

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman McCabe called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and guests, noting that Chairman Seel was unable to attend today's meeting; whereupon, Ms. Groesbeck introduced Matt Spence, who has been hired as Senior Planner for the new Learn and Succeed Network.

### POLICY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Policy Board Minutes – April 29, 2011

Upon motion by Ms. Lenderman, seconded by Commissioner Morroni and carried, the minutes of the April 29, 2011 Policy Board meeting were approved.

### PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Groesbeck indicated that the HHSCC focus last year was on technology; that this year's goals and objectives are focused on integration of efforts across networks and the region; and that today's presentations will provide an update on the progress of those initiatives.

- A. Juvenile Justice - Pinellas County Community Based Planning

Justice and Consumer Services Bureau Director Tim Burns referred to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and discussed potential opportunities for collaboration within the Pinellas County Juvenile Justice system and among local and state jurisdictions.

Mr. Burns discussed the traditional Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) model, noting that the pre-dispositional detention numbers have gone down roughly 46 percent, but the billing amounts have remained the same; and that the billing system is based on a cost share with the

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counties that maintains detention capacity and offers no incentive to get youth out of the system; whereupon, he reviewed key recent initiatives and actions, including the formation of a Detention Work Group, proposed community based juvenile justice legislation, which did not pass, closure of detention centers as a result of state budget reductions, and the passage of Senate Bill 2112, which allows local jurisdictions to operate detention facilities without direct DJJ oversight. He indicated that DJJ Secretary Wansley Walters has been very innovative in terms of juvenile diversion; that she believes in using detention as needed, but does not see it as the solution; and that she is trying to lead the charge in Tallahassee in terms of alternative solutions.

Mr. Burns related that county and state representatives have formed a work group to address billing issues; that discussions have included various issues and alternatives for coordination of Juvenile Justice reform among the counties and at the state level, with the ultimate goal of reducing the necessary detentions; and that Pinellas County has been partnering with the DJJ to implement an electronic monitoring program and an auto-dialer system to reduce the number of failure-to-appear cases coming into the system.

Referring to strategic planning efforts, Mr. Burns related that a system mapping project has recently been completed, with the report to be released in the near future; that planning meetings are ongoing; and that the University of South Florida (USF) is currently conducting a study to track juveniles' interaction across the various systems; whereupon, he indicated that Florida has been selected as one of four states to participate in Georgetown University's Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project; and that Pinellas County will be the demonstration site for the project.

Mr. Burns reported that, unlike the situation in previous years, the Florida DJJ has become very interested in partnering with local jurisdictions to determine what is best for the youth, to collaborate on different alternatives while allowing things to be done individually, and to find ways to save money. He indicated that the next steps will be to conduct a Collaborative Lab to get input on juvenile justice issues and identify gaps in service, to provide the information to the Public Safety Coordinating Council and the HHSCC, and to continue local and state planning efforts.

Ms. Groesbeck noted that Mr. Burns sits on the HHSCC's Administrative Forum; that he had pointed out to the group that there are currently parallel systems dealing with criminal justice and non-criminal justice individuals; that there are separate Coordinating Councils (Public Safety/Health and Human Services); and that there is a need to bridge the gap; whereupon, Mr. Burns stressed the need to leverage existing programs to serve the youth that will be diverted from the criminal justice system.

During discussion and responding to queries by the members, Mr. Burns indicated that the statistical information contained in the agenda package came from the DJJ's annual delinquency profile report; that the USF Data Collaborative study will show the cross-system interactions; that school data is not currently included in the study; and that the Data Collaborative will be expanded, in cooperation with the JWB, to track juvenile justice indicators on an ongoing basis.

B. Disaster Recovery Leadership Network (DRLN)

Progress Toward Integration

Ms. Groesbeck introduced Disaster Recovery Leadership Network members present in the audience and Luis Rosa, Salvation Army, Chairman of Pinellas Recovery Organizations United in Disaster (PROUD).

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, Ms. Groesbeck stated that the mission of the DRLN is to ensure that priority human services are available to the public as soon as possible in a post-disaster environment; that the focus is on organizations, specifically providers of child care, behavioral health, and basic needs services; and that to be successful, it must link effectively with the agencies it supports, as well as the County and other regional groups. Ms. Groesbeck reported on recent coordination/integration activities, as follows:

Coordination with Industry Groups:

- = Expanded DRLN membership to meet emerging priorities.
- = Restructured DRLN by disbanding the Disaster Services Coalition, merging it into the DRLN itself, and identifying liaisons between the DRLN and existing industry groups of Basic Needs, Behavioral Health, and Child Care providers.
- = Conducted Disaster Preparedness Summit, providing targeted training for human services providers.

Coordination with Pinellas County:

- = Increased integration with Pinellas County Emergency Management.
- = Participated in grant application for Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan.
- = Helped develop policies and procedures for PROUD, which will address long-term post-disaster needs of people in Pinellas County.

Regional Coordination:

- = Working with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to integrate plans to reduce duplication of effort.
- = Working with Pinellas Hillsborough Pasco Community Organization Active in Disaster (PHP COAD) – conducted table-top exercise.

Other Activities:

- = Following the tornado, clarified DRLN's role in severe weather events and updated Communications Plan's Standard Operating Guidelines.
- = Attempted to compile Service Matrix database of basic needs, behavioral health, and child care agencies; worked with 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares to link to the HHSCC Community Investment Profile database to enable extraction of required information.

Displaying a flow chart, Ms. Groesbeck discussed the temporal relationship of the various agencies and organizations during the response, transition, and long-term periods in the time frame following a major event.

Discussion ensued wherein Ms. Lenderman referred to recent flooding at the Mariner Cove mobile home park, noting that the park has flooded in the past and questioning why the owner has not been required to make necessary drainage improvements. Responding, Commissioner Latvala indicated that the owner may not be responsible; that the park is grandfathered and would not be allowed under current code; that flooding is a problem throughout the county; and that money is not available to make the necessary improvements; whereupon, she related that the County Commission will be holding a public hearing in the next few months to consider imposing a stormwater fee and invited Ms. Lenderman to attend. Ms. Groesbeck indicated that flooding and other vulnerabilities will be addressed in the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Bertha Battle, Pinellas County Government, indicated that Pinellas County Emergency Management would be the lead agency following a manmade or natural disaster; that it is responsible for full or partial activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center; and that, under full activation, there are approximately 18 emergency support functions (ESFs) which represent governmental units, local agencies, and volunteer organizations that provide assistance to the public; whereupon, she described the responsibilities of the ESF-8 desk, which handles health and human services requests, and her responsibilities at the ESF-15 desk, which handles volunteers and donations.

Responding to queries by Vice-Chairman McCabe, Director of Emergency Management Sally A. Bishop indicated that following an emergency event, Pinellas County will function as an island unto itself for a time in order to ensure the safety and security of its residents and to allow time for coordination of internal unaffiliated volunteer efforts; that everyone else will hopefully come in through an affiliation; and that the state does a good job of controlling the influx of outside volunteers so the situation does not become overwhelming; whereupon, Vice-Chairman McCabe indicated that the ability to seal itself off as an island is an advantage to Pinellas County under such circumstances.

### Regional COAD Exercise

Betty Tribble, United Way of Tampa Bay, related that the Pinellas Hillsborough Pasco Community Organizations Active in Disaster (PHP COAD) had held an exercise on May 5 for the purpose of testing its emergency communications plan; that she serves as counterpart to Ms. Battle at the Hillsborough County ESF-15 desk, and had taken part in the event; that the communication and tracking of requests between Emergency Management and the Recovery Management Center had gone well during the exercise; and that the biggest lesson she learned was the need for additional support staff.

Responding to query by Vice-Chairman McCabe, Ms. Tribble indicated that the scenario did not involve loss of cell phone capabilities; that she has been told that cell phone companies learned a great deal during the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 and now have plans in place to erect temporary towers in a short time frame; that the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) took part in the exercise; and that RACES operators will staff the Emergency Operations Center and Recovery Management Centers to provide communication services.

Ms. Tribble described the scenario in which Pinellas County was struck by a Category 5 hurricane; and related that a new web-based computer system, SAMS, was tested and found to do a better job than the current system, as it incorporates Geographic Information System (GIS) tracking; that the PHP COAD will be using the SAMS system in the future; that it would make sense for everyone in the region to use the same system; and that Hillsborough County has a license which it can share with the DRLN if it so wishes.

Ms. Groesbeck related that the HHSCC has submitted a grant request through Pinellas County Emergency Management for e-training of the various agencies' staff on what is expected of them in working with the DRLN in a post-disaster environment.

Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) Grant

Betti Johnson, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided an update on activities related to the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) Grant.

Referring to the Vulnerability Assessment, Ms. Johnson related that the scope of work calls for using the 2010 Statewide Regional Evacuation Study completed in August 2010 as a starting point and expanding the critical facilities listing to include HHS providers and service locations; for updating the data, using 2010 census information, in terms of specific vulnerabilities in neighborhoods where client populations reside; and for identifying the challenges the service agencies will have after a disaster in terms of communicating with their clients and meeting their needs.

Ms. Johnson indicated that the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study had identified vulnerability data for the three major hazard areas of storm surge, freshwater flooding, and wildfire; whereupon, referring to a flow chart, she discussed the methodology for the Vulnerability Assessment, noting that the 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares database of service providers and locations would be utilized; that the database would be coded by the HHSCC's service domain categories and geo-coded by address; and that the storm surge, wildfire, and flooding vulnerability data could be overlaid to provide the agencies and facilities with a detailed vulnerability assessment for their locations.

Ms. Johnson indicated that the Regional Evacuation Study had utilized the Agency for Health Care Administration lists and codes for health care entities, which do not differentiate between the Physical Health and Behavioral Health domains, so the databases must be coordinated for consistency; and that the study will focus on the human services side of the remaining service domains of Basic Needs, Individual and Family Life, Education, and Organizational/Community/International Services, noting the service types identified within each domain.

Ms. Johnson indicated that once the database has been compiled, the information will be made available electronically as a digital map, providing specific information for the various facilities; and suggested that the information could be divided and presented in the form of two printed atlases, noting that the presentation should be coordinated with what the HHSCC is already doing electronically. Ms. Groesbeck indicated that if it was set up to do so, the data could be imported into the existing Instant Atlas software, tying it to information pertaining to crime patterns, education, and other community indicators; whereupon, she invited the members to offer suggestions for other categories they would like to have included.

Ms. Johnson referred to a document titled *Excerpt from: The 2010 Statewide Regional Evacuation Study for the Tampa Bay Region*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that the demographic and socio-economic information will be reviewed and updated with 2010 census data.

In conclusion, Ms. Johnson indicated that communication will be an important consideration in a post-disaster situation, as many of those needing assistance will not be aware of what services are available; and that the SAMS client management system will be helpful in tracking individuals and the services they receive, allowing the agencies to work together to ensure that they do not fall through the cracks and to prevent double-dipping. Responding to query by Ms. Lenderman, Micki Thompson, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc., indicated that the Tampa Bay Information Network (TBIN) includes a client database; that the information is available for use by other agencies; and that she is interested in learning more about SAMS to determine how the two systems can be integrated.

## INFORMATION

### A. Key Indicators

Ms. Groesbeck indicated that the agenda packet contains a memorandum from the Administrative Forum's Data Analysis and Technical Advisory (DATA) Committee setting forth its recommendations for key indicators of the progress towards reaching the Forum's four desired results:

1. Every person has the opportunity to learn and succeed.
2. Every person is physically and mentally healthy.
3. Every person lives in a safe and sustainable community.
4. Every person has stable and affordable housing.

DATA Committee Chair Marcia Marcionette related that the members had first identified drivers that start a person on their way toward achieving the desired results and then chosen indicators that allow tracking of their progress across their life span into adulthood; whereupon, Ms. Groesbeck indicated that the Committee will continue to identify additional indicators and determine the best sources of the data.

B. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Groesbeck indicated that the Executive Director's Report is included in the agenda package and provided the following highlights:

- = The Department of Children and Families has agreed to open up its computer system for the One-e-App software discussed at the April Policy Board meeting. West Palm Beach will be the local contractor, and Pinellas County may be a pilot site.
- = The Early Learning Coalition/Pinellas County common eligibility determination pilot project will go live on Monday, July 18. The Tarpon Springs site has already received walk-in applicants. Several government agencies are working together to make the project possible.
- = The HHSCC continues to provide temporary administrative support to the Homeless Leadership Network.
- = The Communities Putting Prevention to Work Leadership Team will meet with the Salter Mitchell Media Group next week to begin work on the media campaign for the program.

C. Department of Health – Declaration of Public Health Emergency

A copy of the Declaration has been filed and made a part of the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman McCabe adjourned the meeting at 2:48 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 14, 2011, JWB Children's Services Council, 14155 58<sup>th</sup> Street North, Room 191.



## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FY 2011-12**

### **POLICY BOARD**

1. Host a strategic planning session between the Policy Board and the Administrative Forum

### **ADMINISTRATIVE FORUM**

1. Continue to work with the Data and Technology Acquisition (DATA) Committee to identify indicators to inform public policy decision-making
2. Complete the 2011-12 Community Investment Profile
3. Complete objectives for the *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* grant

### **HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

1. Implement recommendations from the Network Steering Committee regarding work teams for Homeless Health Care and Primary Care
2. Develop a process flow chart for the Diabetic Equity Project
3. Complete enrollments for the Diabetic Equity Project
4. Monitor development of the Tampa Bay Health Information Exchange
5. Make final recommendations regarding implementation of the One-E-App pilot project
6. Monitor implementation of Health Care Reform and Florida Medicaid Managed Care

### **LOW INCOME HOUSING LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

1. Develop an educational video regarding the importance of investing in low income housing.
2. Educate Pinellas County legislators on the advantages of restoring Sadowski revenues for the Housing Trust Fund.
3. Develop a list of web-based resources for housing options, from home ownership programs to rental assistance and foreclosure assistance.

## **DISASTER RECOVERY LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

1. Conduct a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Training in the fall
2. Host the annual DRLN Disaster Summit Training for Pinellas agencies during the spring of 2012
3. Analyze software needs and update technology for the Recovery Management Center (RMC)
4. Conduct an exercise in the Spring of 2012.
5. Complete the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (PDRP) for health and human services for Pinellas County.

## **HOMELESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

1. Complete the creation of the new homeless/homeless prevention leadership entity that will replace the Homeless Leadership Network and the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. no later than March 2012. The new leadership entity will consist of a Board of Directors, the Providers Council, and the Funders Council and will be the one focal point in the county for homeless/homeless prevention planning, implementation, and oversight of services to homeless individuals and families.
2. Complete the revision and refined goals and strategies of the *Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness*, with the major focus on numerical system and provider performance outcomes and accountability.
3. Complete planning for and implement changes to the overall Pinellas homeless services system to streamline entry into services and to expedite client return to permanent housing with or without ongoing support.

## **LEARN & SUCCEED NETWORK**

1. Create a Network Steering Committee to establish priorities for Network activity
2. Gather local stakeholders for an opening work session to identify gaps in services and opportunities for collaboration
3. Establish workgroups for the areas of school readiness, school success and workforce preparedness



**ISSUE:** Apartment Task Team Update


**ACTION:** Discussion only

**BACKGROUND:** The Low Income Housing Leadership Network formed a task team this past summer with a focus on matching homeless families with vacant apartments. Members of the task team included the Bay Area Apartment Association, the City of St. Petersburg, Gulfcoast Legal Services, the YWCA, Pinellas County Health and Human Services and the Health & Human Services Coordinating Council. The team reviewed barriers to renting experienced by homeless families and discussed ways these factors could be mitigated. Ultimately, the team made the decision to try a small pilot project in St. Petersburg working with families in the YWCA shelter.

The Pinellas County “family pilot project” was extended to offer housing assistance, such as first and last months’ rent and utility deposits, for all family shelters in the county, including the YWCA. This program is essential to overcoming some of the financial barriers faced by these families. The YWCA’s Family Village Program is identifying families from their shelter who will make good candidates for housing, including meeting the requirements of the county program and assist with ensuring that the families are ready and stable for the move to independence.

The “Family Apartment Task Team” next reached out to landlords in the St. Petersburg area to educate them about the project. The Bay Area Apartment Association worked with the Pinellas Realtor Association® to create a list of rental properties in St. Petersburg.

An Informational Meeting, sponsored by the Bay Area Apartment Association was held with landlords in the St. Petersburg area on August 30, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the initiative to locate housing for homeless families. The apartment managers and owners were educated about other programs around the country, including a program from Orlando, which has had great success in working closely with agencies and families. Also discussed was the possibility of more flexible standards for moving in, such as more leniencies with criminal history, a record of evictions, or financial difficulties, waiving of deposit fees, etc. Programs around the country have cited these as a means by which to make the partnership successful. The YWCA indicated that their case manager would follow each family for six months post-placement to ensure success. At the close of the meeting, several landlords expressed interest in being partners in this initiative.

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**TO: HHSCC Policy Board**

**FROM:** Denise M. Groesbeck, Executive Director

**DATE:** October 14, 2011

**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT**  
**For the Period: July 15, 2011 through October 14, 2011**

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### **POLICY BOARD**

Dr. James Sewell's resignation from the Policy Board was announced at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE FORUM**

Administrative Forum members reviewed a list of drivers and indicators for achieving our community-wide desired results. The list, which was recommended by the Data Analysis and Technical Advisory (DATA) Committee, was approved with only a few exceptions. The DATA Committee continues to meet and refine data sets designed to inform policy-making.

Members of the Administrative Forum also completed the FY 2010-11 Community Investment Profile. This year's data collection was expanded to include sources of funding. It also identifies programs that serve homeless individuals. The report *Linking Funding to Desired Results 2011: A Report to the Community from the HHSCC Administrative Forum* is now available on the HHSCC website at [www.hhsc-pinellas.org](http://www.hhsc-pinellas.org).

At the meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>, members of the Administrative Forum provided comment regarding the proposed media campaign and supportive interactive technology platforms that Salter-Mitchell Media is recommending as part of the *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* campaign.

The Tarpon Springs Common Eligibility Pilot Project was implemented on July 6, 2011. The office is currently running smoothly and appointments are occurring as planned. A preliminary evaluation report with recommendations will be delivered by the end of October. The final report is due February 2012.

### **HOMELESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK (HLN):**

**Revision of the Ten-Year Plan.** The Homeless Leadership Network has been working throughout the summer to prioritize target populations and to revise their organizational structure to be consistent with the requirements of the Hearth Act. At the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Network reviewed the recommended new leadership structure which included a Funder's Council and a Provider's Council. It was suggested that the Funder's Council meeting be scheduled adjacent to the HHSCC Administrative Forum to facilitate communication.

### **HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK (H&BHLN)**

**New Organizational Structure.** The Network has approved a new organizational structure which includes a steering committee and working groups in the focus areas of health promotion, health care access, and quality and health and social services information.

**Revised Mission and Objectives.** The Network approved a new mission statement at its meeting on July 27, 2011. The mission of the Health and Behavioral Health Leadership Network is to promote health and to provide access to health care for vulnerable populations. (*Vulnerable populations include currently uninsured, low-income individuals, homeless individuals and individuals with chronic diseases including behavioral health.*)

#### Major Objectives of the Network

- To promote the health of the residents of Pinellas County
- To assure access to health care and quality of services to vulnerable populations
- To support research and technologies that improve the health care system and population health

**Collaborative Lab.** On Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Health and Behavioral Health Leadership Network hosted collaborative lab for industry representatives that have a stake in implementing plans for health care reform. The lab was very successful, with representation by leaders of various constituencies such as aging, behavioral health, child welfare, physical and developmental disabilities, education, free clinics, homeless, insurance, elected officials from the State of Florida and Pinellas County, and many more. Dr. Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP; Chief Medical Officer; Atlanta Regional Office Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was the keynote speaker for the event. The Real-Time Record is available for viewing on the HHSCC website: [www.hhscc-pinellas.org](http://www.hhscc-pinellas.org).

**Diabetic Equity.** The Diabetic Equity Project (DEP) currently has 69 individuals enrolled. The goal for this project is to serve 100 patients. The committee made the decision to hire a part-time Program Coordinator to manage the project. The individual in this position will be an employee of the St. Petersburg Free Clinic and will be paid for using dollars from the initial Diabetic Equity grant. Interviews were held and the Project Coordinator was hired during the month of September.

**Health Information Exchange.** Relay Health provided a demonstration of their software for Pinellas County behavioral health providers and Health and Human Services staff on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussions regarding the technical requirements for behavioral health providers to connect to the HIE are currently being held.

Additionally, a small workgroup has been working with 2-1-1 TBC to develop an interface for a bi-directional exchange of a limited data set between the TBIN database and provider electronic health records.

### **LOW-INCOME HOUSING LEADERSHIP NETWORK (LIHLN)**

**Apartment/Homeless Task Force.** To address the issue of homeless families, the LIHLN initiated a task team to see if a small pilot project could be developed in St. Petersburg that would link homeless families with property owners and managers who have vacant apartments. The team plans to work with tenants and landlords to reduce barriers to renting. Team members include the City of St. Petersburg, the Bay Area Apartment Association, Pinellas County, Gulfcoast Legal Services, the YWCA, the Homeless Leadership Network and the HHSCC. The initial meeting was held on June 1, 2011.

The task team hosted a meeting in St. Petersburg for landlords of small multi-family units on August 30, 2011. Six apartment units were offered by landlords at this meeting. The Bay Area Apartment Association has agreed to continue to facilitate the discussions with owners and investors to unveil the initiative and garner support. Pinellas County's "family homeless project" will provide limited financial assistance to qualifying families to make the move from a shelter to an apartment. The task team is working with the YWCA to identify families from their shelter that have stable income and are ready for their move to independence. The YWCA will also provide post-discharge case management.

**Legislative Committee.** With the state's legislative session beginning in January 2012, the LIHLN legislative committee has outlined a plan to educate legislators about the need for restoration of Sadowski revenues for the Housing Trust Fund, giving priority to local legislators who serve on housing/budget committees. Individual appointments with seven legislators have been scheduled for late October with various members of the committee participating in the meetings.

### **DISASTER RECOVERY LEADERSHIP NETWORK (DRLN)**

At its July 28, 2011 meeting, the DRLN discussed the need for child care for first responders, including the ongoing partnership between the County and R'Club. In September, Paul Runyon, Coordinated Child Care, provided an overview of the process for handling child care requests within the DRLN. He also addressed the training provided to child care providers regarding their requirements post-disaster. The Network outlined a plan to identify other first responders throughout the county. They also investigated the pool of staff with the Level II clearance required to work in a child care site. It was determined that many of the staff in the basic needs programs also are required to have Level II clearances; thereby, expanding the group of staff who could be called upon in an emergency situation to maintain legal client-to-staff ratios.

The DRLN voted to reassemble a training committee, which would host quarterly trainings, analyze training surveys, and help to develop orientation materials for volunteers at the Recovery Management Center (RMC).

JWB has purchased cell phones with Bluetooth headsets as well as mice for the laptops to be used at the Recovery Management Center. The DRLN is also exploring situational awareness management software with the capability to link various data and enhance RMC reporting capabilities.

**HHSCC ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Executive Director participated in the Justice and Consumer Services' Collaborative Lab held on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The HHSCC continues to provide temporary administrative support to the HLN.