

PINELLAS ASSEMBLY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TASK FORCE

October 9, 2003

The Pinellas Assembly Health Care Services Task Force met at 1100 Cleveland Street, Suite 1500, Clearwater, Florida, at 3:08 P.M. on this date with the following members in attendance: Ronnie Duncan, Chairman; Dr. William Hale; Alan Bomstein, Creative Contractors; Nancy Hamilton, Operation PAR, Inc.; and Jonathan Wade, WorkNet One Stop.

Absent: Elizabeth Mayhangian; Larry Archbell, Suncoast Hospital; and Dr. Carrie Nero, Pinellas County Health Department.

Also present: Evelyn Bethell and Jean Vleming, Department of Human Services; Virginia Rowell, City of St. Petersburg; Robert G. Bray, City of Pinellas Park; and Carol J. Jones, Board Reporter.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Ronnie Duncan, Chair
- II. Pinellas Assembly Committee Chair Meeting – Update – Ronnie Duncan
Homeless Health Care
- III. Discussion Issues – Premises/Strategies Overview – Ronnie Duncan
Continue Group Discussion of Challenges and how to address
Strategies – Develop short and long-term goals
Action Steps for:
 1. Zero-based plan development
 2. Stable level of funding in public sector
 3. 2-1-1 like concept-central clearinghouse
 4. Healthy Pinellas campaignDefine “Healthy Pinellas”
Evaluate how Task Force can work with Pinellas County
Health Care Forum – Healthy Pinellas Initiative
- IV. Final Report tentative format and timeline – Evelyn Bethell
- V. Open Agenda

Next meeting – October 30, 2003

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Duncan welcomed those in attendance.

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DISCUSSION ISSUES

Chairman Duncan reviewed several recommendations that had been offered by the task force at an earlier meeting; whereupon, Ms. Bethell provided an update with regard to the *Healthier Pinellas Initiative* and indicated that the next forum for that group is scheduled for October 29, 2003.

Chairman Duncan reiterated the concept of assessing the possibility of a insurance health care package administered by the County that would be made available to the cities for employees in an attempt to lower the cost of health care insurance; whereupon, discussion ensued with regard to recommendations including:

- Engage a consultant to report on implementation of new health care system in Pinellas County
- Privatization of indigent health care
- Mobile health care van provision to homeless
- Total Emergency Medical Service millage enactment and usage for indigent care
- 2-1-1 expansion
- Leverage, collaboration, and contracting
- Volunteer Day
- Business Focus
- Incentives, education, communication
- Concept of small businesses getting involved in preventative health care for employees

Following additional discussion, Ms. Bethell indicated that Commissioner Todd is coordinating a Board of County Commission project to review the provision of human services in Pinellas County.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.