

PINELLAS ASSEMBLY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TASK FORCE

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The Pinellas Assembly Health Care Services Task Force met at 1100 Cleveland Street, Suite 1500, Clearwater, Florida, at 3:05 P.M. on this date with the following members in attendance: Ronnie Duncan, Chairman; Alan Bomstein; Dr. William Hale; Nancy Hamilton, Operation PAR, Inc.; Elizabeth Mayhangian; and Dr. Carrie Nero, Pinellas County Health Department.

Absent: Larry Archbell, Suncoast Hospital; Jonathan Wade, WorkNet One Stop.

Also present: Evelyn Bethell, Department of Human Services; Virginia Rowell, City of St. Petersburg; Jean Vleming, Department of Human Services; Robert G. Bray, Jr., City of Pinellas Park; Chris Staubus, Pinellas County Utilities; and Cathy Fickley, Board Reporter.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions - Ronnie Duncan, Chair
- II. Discussion Issues - Premises/Strategies Overview - Ronnie Duncan
Material tabled from last meeting
- III. Open Agenda
- IV. Committee Chair Meeting - September 3, 2003
6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Harborview Center, Clearwater

Next Meeting - September 18, 2003

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Duncan welcomed those in attendance.

PREMISES/STRATEGIES OVERVIEW (OPEN AGENDA)

Alluding to the final report due in December, Chairman Duncan stated that upcoming meetings will consist of formulating substantive strategies, action steps and initiatives to create a framework for the long-term plan that has short-term and long-term

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objectives, taking into consideration the information presented by the various speakers and input by the members; and requested discussion with regard to the following challenges:

- Communication between public/private service providers; people in need of health care; organizations that provide funding; elected officials responsible for delivery of services.
- Disjoint/disconnect between public/private service providers, including county, state and federal agencies.
- Lack of clearinghouse/communication.
- Educate public re accessing services available.
- Medicaid reimbursement issues.
- Grant opportunities and other funding sources.
- Legislative issue at state, federal levels; focus on state level.

Thereupon, the members provided the following input:

- Legislative problem is severe, not addressing needs but being regressive; people most in need are disenfranchised, have no representation.
- Medicaid poorly run; bureaucracy complex.
- Begin marketing campaign to educate consumers who will then support initiatives.
- Explore zero-based planning as new design for County health care.
- Create physicians' volunteer program for community health care education.
- Educate primary care community re drug and alcohol abusers.

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- Determine entity responsible for funding, building infrastructure that creates health care delivery system.
- Establish 2-1-1-like clearinghouse for case managers and all groups providing health care services.
- Instruct service providers to notify 2-1-1 of program admission criteria, termination of funded programs.
- Healthy Pinellas education concept; marketing; billboard signs; targeting citizens on Healthy Pinellas Day.
- Major issues, insuring the uninsured and keeping insured healthy.
- City government responsibility re citizens' health care.
- Health care summit with County and municipal representatives knowledgeable in health care issues.

Chairman Duncan referred to the following four objectives and requested that the members provide action steps for two of the objectives at the next meeting:

- Zero-based plan development.
- Recommendation for stable level of funding in public sector.
- 2-1-1-like concept.
- Healthy Pinellas campaign.

COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING

Chairman Duncan distributed a copy of the proposed agenda for the Pinellas Assembly Task Force interim meeting scheduled for September 3, 2003, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that a status report will be presented by each task force chair; whereupon, Ms. Bethell related that the

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Community Health Care Forum meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. at the Cooperative Extension.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 P.M.