

PINELLAS ASSEMBLY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TASK FORCE

September 18, 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; and Elizabeth Mayhangian.

Absent: Larry Archbell, Suncoast Hospital; Alan Bomstein, Creative Contractors; Nancy Hamilton, Operation PAR, Inc.; Dr. Carrie Nero, Pinellas County Health Department; and Jonathan Wade, WorkNet One Stop.

Also present: Karen Williams Seel, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Evelyn Bethell, Department of Human Services; Jean Vleming, Department of Human Services; Robert G. Bray, City of Pinellas Park; Bill Henry, Bayfront Medical Center; and Dawn Rubio, Board Reporter.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions - Ronnie Duncan, Chair
- II. Pinellas Assembly Committee Chair Meeting - Update
- 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 campaign
Define "Healthy Pinellas"
- IV. Final Report Tentative Format and Timeline - Evelyn Bethell
- V. Open Agenda

Next meeting - October 9, 2003

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Duncan welcomed those in attendance.

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OPEN AGENDA

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Duncan welcomed Commissioner Seel who indicated that all task force recommendations will be passed directly to the Charter Review Commission in January for assessment and possible implementation; and reported that Ms. Bethell and Dr. Hale have begun a community health initiative; whereupon, Mr. Henry outlined the mission of the initiative as follows:

1. To allow all groups within Pinellas County who are involved in indigent health care to become better organized in order to more efficiently allocate resources in various areas
2. To help set priorities for limited resources, e.g., how much should be spent on acute care versus how much on preventive health education
3. To identify ways to bring in additional resources whether from federal, state, or local government or private sources

During discussion, Ms. Bethell indicated that the endeavor is scheduled for presentation at a BCC workshop in January; and emphasized that this is not a County project; whereupon, Mr. Henry suggested that the project may qualify as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

PINELLAS ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING - UPDATE

This item was not discussed.

DISCUSSION ISSUES - PREMISES/STRATEGIES OVERVIEW

This item was not discussed.

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FINAL REPORT TENTATIVE FORMAT AND TIMELINE

Chairman Duncan indicated that the date for the final report has not yet been determined.

NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2003

Chairman Duncan suggested that the task force discuss strategies and action steps, in particular short-term initiatives and long-term goals, at its meeting on October 9.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.