

PINELLAS ASSEMBLY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TASK FORCE

October 30, 2003

The Pinellas Assembly Health Care Services Task Force met at 1100 Cleveland Street, Suite 1500, Clearwater, Florida, at 3:13 P.M. on this date with the following members in attendance: Ronnie Duncan, Chairman; Dr. William Hale; Nancy Hamilton, Operation PAR, Inc.; Jonathan Wade, WorkNet One Stop; and Elizabeth Mahanagian.

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

Also present: Evelyn Bethell and Jean Vleming, Department of Human Services, Staff; Virginia Rowell, City of St. Petersburg, Co-staff; Debra Rose, City of Pinellas Park (for Robert G. Bray, City of Pinellas Park); and MaryAnn Penhale, Board Reporter.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Ronnie Duncan, Chair
- II. Final Report tentative format and timeline – Evelyn Bethell
- 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
Recommendations
Final Report Preparation
Evaluate How Task Force Can Work with Partnership for Healthier Pinellas Initiative
- IV. Need to schedule additional dates to conclude work
- V. Open Agenda

Next Meeting - TBD

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Duncan welcomed those in attendance.

FINAL REPORT TENTATIVE FORMAT AND TIMELINE

Ms. Bethell reviewed the timeline and related that the Pinellas Assembly expects reports to be submitted by the individual task forces in December; and that final reports and recommendations will be presented during January 2004. Ms. Vleming reviewed the proposed report format included in the packet and indicated that the Assembly had requested it in order to ensure uniformity of reports from the various task forces.

DISCUSSION ISSUES

Chairman Duncan presented an update on the October 23, 2003 meeting of the Tampa Bay Partnership Health Care Roundtable and distributed a handout from the meeting, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record; whereupon, he reviewed funding and insurance issues which had been discussed at the meeting.

Deliberation ensued regarding the following:

- the underinsured
- the uninsured
- a proposed Human Services Board
- Healthflex plan
- Healthier Pinellas initiative
- services provided by Health Department
- expectations regarding level of services provided by insurance

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At the direction of Chairman Duncan, discussion ensued regarding the issues of the indigent versus the underinsured, health care for the homeless and matters related to changing the health perspective of the community through the Healthier Pinellas initiative.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2003 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.