

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

1:00 p.m.

David R. Mills, Chair, District 2  
Nora Patterson, Vice Chair, District 4  
Paul H. Mercier, District 1  
Shannon Staub, District 3  
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator  
Thomas Wolfe, Assistant County Attorney  
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk  
Paula Clintsman, Deputy Clerk

**CONTRACTED HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM WORKSHOP**

**2. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. BCC**

Chair Mills requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center Executive Director Stephanie Woods.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mercier

**2. OTHER BUSINESS - Continued**

**B. BCC**

Chair Mills noted the County's receipt of the National Association of Counties (NACO) Energy Star Change A Light Campaign Award.

**1. GRANTS**

The Board considered the award of the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Grant recommendations.

Following comments by Chair Mills, County Administrator James Ley, Health and Human Services Grants-In-Aid Program Supervisor Nancy DeLoach and HSAC Chairman Jay Berman gave an overview of the Human Services Program framework, the community outcome targets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, the FY 2007 contracted Human Services Program parameters, and the FY 2007 application and award process.

Discussions were held with County Administrator Ley, Health and Human Services Social Services General Manager Charles Taylor, Ms. DeLoach, and Mr. Berman on the following topics/issues:

- Renaissance Manor/prior year's funding
- ranking/point system/funding level
- Easter Seals Society of Southwest Florida, Inc./no funding recommendation/application received.

**1. GRANTS - Continued**

The following individuals commented on the HSAC recommendations with discussions held throughout the speaker presentations:

Ms. Gertraud McGrede  
Mr. Peter Pappalardo  
Ms. Elizabeth Cuvass-Neunder  
Mr. Jim Styer  
Ms. Dora Genut  
Mr. Russell Hatt  
Ms. Patricia Sheils  
Ms. Esther Rachwal  
Ms. Audrey Greco

Following comments, Chair Mills requested a report from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on US 41 in Nokomis/Venice road work, without objection.  
(1:51:30)

Ms. Babette Bach commented on the HSAC recommendations.

Discussions were held with Mr. Berman, Mr. Taylor, and County Administrator Ley regarding the following topics/issues:

- carry-over fund balance
- Alzheimers Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter/number of persons served
- Teen Court/funding sources/South County expansion
- Mental Health Court
- duplication of services/opportunities for collaboration/overhead costs
- Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse/funding request versus funding allocation
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice, Inc./number of persons served versus funding amount
- duplicate child care services/funding
- Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota
- Special Athlete's Booster, Inc./carry-over fund balance.

Following comments, Commr. Staub moved to increase the funding allocation from \$16,000.00 to \$31,000.00 to the Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, to fund a Representative in South County. The motion was seconded by Commr. Thaxton. Following comments by Commr. Patterson on clarification of the motion to hire an individual either full or part-time to help increase services in South County, the motion carried by a 4-1 vote, with Commr. Mercier voting "No."

Chair Mills moved to delete funding for the ALSO for Gay Youth, Inc. The motion died for lack of a second.  
(2:44:23)

Discussion ensued with Teen Court Executive Director Katie Self on funding sources and financial stability for the Teen Court and noted reinstatement of funding by the Legislature or State.

**1. GRANTS - Continued**

Following comments, Commr. Staub move to approve and execute the Contracts, upon review and concurrence by the County Attorney's Office for the FY 2007 Contracted Human Services Program awards, in the amount of \$8,937.781.00, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commr. Patterson. Following individual comments, the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:52 p.m.