United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Board of Directors Meeting, December 13, 2019

Minutes

Present: Betsy Alderman, Patricia Bell, Bob Beville, Cindy Carfore, Michael Clark, John Clinger, Michael Collins, David Dale, Roger Desjarlais, Linda Doggett, Lowell George, Gary Griffin, Larry Hart, Patricia Heath, Beth Hendry, Amy Hughes, Matt Humphreys, Charles Idelson, Sally Jackson, Kevin Lewis, David Lucas, Paul Makurat, Charlotte Miller, Bill Motzer, Stan Nelson, Scott Nygaard, Pat O'Donnell, David Oliver, Steve Pontius, Dean Schreiner, Robert Shearman, Tom Uhler, Mary Vlasak Snell, Mark Webb, Scott White.

Staff: Kim Berghs, Danielle Brown, Cindy Burgess, Nancy Coker, Angel Cruz-Pagan, Patrice Cunningham, Megan Fasig, Kim Fay, Linda Hafner, Louise Hawthorne, Jeannine Joy, Madison Mitchell, Hannah Pelle, Marcia Turner, Michael Willis

Guests: Cheryl McConahy and Pamela Johnson of Fifth Third Bank

- 1. United Way Board Chair Beth Hendry called the meeting to order at 8:02 am at the United Way Building with a quorum present.
- 2. The minutes of the November 1, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented.
- 3. The Living United Award was presented to Fifth Third Bank for participating in a Day of Caring at Special Equestrians.
- 4. Following a presentation by Allocations Chair Tom Uhler, the Board approved the 2020 Revised Allocations Recommendations subject to making this year's campaign goal and authorized that that payments begin in January 2020.

The updates and changes are as follows:

<u>The Salvation Army</u>: Provide outreach workers at the Cape Coral United Way House. Propose funding this service at \$8,000 in 2020.

<u>Project Dentists Care</u>: As a result of Health Department cuts on dental funding propose \$79,000 in 2020 and the 2019 funding will be adjusted from \$93,000 to \$84,584 for Project Dentist Care.

We Care: The Salvation Army, under new leadership, has decided to eliminate the WeCare program from their mission as they continue to cut expenses. As a result, the Community Impact department at United Way will be overseeing the We Care program, effective January 2, 2020. The \$110,000 previously allocated to The Salvation Army will be redirected to United Way to support the staff positions associated with this program.

<u>Agency Conditions</u>: All seven agencies have cleared their conditions. Despite clearing their conditions, there are two agencies whose funding will be frozen until further strategic planning is done. Those agencies are Lifeline Family Center and AMI Kids.



- 5. Community Impact Chair, John Clinger, reported that United Way has received a grant from the University of Central Florida to start a Community Partnership School. This is in collaboration with the School District, Lee Health, FGCU, and numerous partner agencies. The school will be at Franklin Park Elementary. Three staff members will be added to implement the project. Grant funds will need to be matched.
- 6. Following a presentation by Finance Committee Member Gary Griffin, the Board approved the 2020 Proposed Budget as presented.
- 7. Campaign Chair Roger Desjarlais announced that the campaign is at 80%. He thanked the Board members for their generosity and support. Alexis de Tocqueville Chair David Lucas gave an update on membership, and shared that 5-10 new members will still be needed. Mary Snell was thanked for being the newest Alexis de Tocqueville Board Member.
- 8. Volunteer Center Chair Steve Pontius shared an update on VITA.
- 9. Volunteer Center Director Patrice Cunningham updated the board on Holiday volunteer opportunities as well as our first Family Service Learning Day.
- 10. United Way 211 Chair Larry Hart reported that the November call volume was 5,754. 255 homeless residents were entered into the Continuum of Care and another 143 at risk of homelessness individuals were assisted with resources and referrals. The Mission United program served 143 veterans in November. Mission United staff members and veterans, Danielle Brown and Angel Cruz-Pagan, shared their visit to the Veterans Hospital with United Way Program Beesley's Paw Prints.
- 11. Board Chair Beth Hendry wished everyone Happy Holidays and adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Joy President & CEO