

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades
Board of Directors Meeting
September 15, 2023**

Minutes

Present: Julian Agollari, Patricia Bell, Bob Beville, Gary Bryant, John Clinger, Barbara Hartman, Cindy Hawkins, Beth Hendry, Michelle Hudson, Matt Humphreys, Charles Idelson, Sally Jackson, John Joyce, David Klein, Paul Makurat, Gary Matter, Charlotte Miller, Bill Motzer, Landon Mullinax, Barbara Mundy, Stan Nelson, Scott Nygaard, Dan O'Berski, Pat O'Donnell, David Oliver, Harlan Parrish, April Phillips, Steve Pontius, Victoria Rodriguez, Carolyn Rogers, Bob Shearman, Bryan Simmering, Mary Snell, Dotty St. Amand, Tom Uhler, Corey Vertich, Darren Wallace, Scott White, Earnest Wilks

Staff: Barbara Alderson, Connie Boyd, Jennifer Carolluzzi, Edelyn Castellon, Tina Corbett, Marissa Crawford, Patrice Cunningham, Stacey Devlin, Angela Fischler, Nice Garcia, Greg Gunter, Linda Hafner, Andre Heiting, Michelle Hidalgo, Heather Housand, Angela Jackson, Jeannine Joy, John Joy, Christine LoConte, Madison Mitchell, Annie Noel, Lissette Ortiz, Hannah Pelle, Claudia Portalatin, Lissette Quintero, Toni Rozelle-Rosio, Jim Sanger, Tish Sargent, Amy Singer, Marcia Turner

Guests: Karl Steidinger of Midwest Food Bank

1. United Way Board Co-Chair Matt Humphreys called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. in person and Zoom with a quorum present.
2. The minutes of the August 4, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented.
3. Nominating Committee Chair Pat O'Donnell introduced April Phillips of NBC2 Hearst Broadcasting/ABC7. A motion was made to elect April to the Board of Directors. The motion was approved as presented.
4. VP of Community Impact Madison Mitchell and COO Hannah Pelle presented the Live United! Award to our partners, Feed thy Neighbor and Midwest Food Bank for providing meals to Lee county Safe Haven locations during Hurricane Idalia.
5. COO Hannah Pelle presented the board with a Suspension/Debarment Verification Policy for our federal grant recipients. This is something United Way already does but the auditor wanted an official policy. The policy was unanimously approved as presented.
6. Treasurer Cindy Hawkins shared that the Auditors notified us that the draft is ready for the audit and single audit and should be set to present at the next board meeting. Financial statements were provided for the first half of 2023. These financial statements will be provided quarterly.
7. 211 Chair Gary Bryant made the announcement that the 211 20th Anniversary celebration has been rescheduled for October 4, 2023 from 4-6PM.

8. Dr. Nygaard stated that the summer was busy for WeCare. Through the generosity of our community partners, WeCare provided over \$2.5 million dollars in medical services to patients in need. With the recently completed annual report for the Florida Department of Health, they reported \$8.1 in charitable medical care for 2022-2023. 227 patients are actively enrolled and currently receiving care. United Way and Family Health Centers hosted two health screening events in July at local Pine Island businesses. Uninsured employees received breast and cervical cancer education, blood pressure checks and blood glucose testing.

9. President and CEO Jeannine Joy introduced the 2023-2024 Organizational Work Plan which was shared in its entirety prior to the meeting via email. Highlights were shared by department heads on new and expanding programs. The plan was unanimously approved as presented.

10. VP of Community Impact Madison Mitchell reported that we just wrapped up our annual Fund Distribution process in Hendry and Glades Counties. This year, we had nine teams with a total of 58 volunteers who participated in the review process. These volunteers include representatives from many of the primary industries and employers in the counties including county and city governments, US Sugar, and the School District. The goal for 2023-2024 in Hendry and Glades will be set at \$364,200 which was the number we previously approved in June as part of our Executive Summary.

11. Campaign Co-Chair Jay Santos stated that the second meeting of the Campaign Cabinet was completed and generating engagement across-the-board with the next meeting scheduled for October 11. Pacesetter co-chairs Carolyn Rogers and Gary Matter updated on companies, currently at 112. A United Way Pacesetter video was shared with the group. Dotty St. Amand reported that 61 agencies are part of those Pacesetters with the goal of 100% agency participation. Announced Sponsorship opportunities for our Kickoff Event on November 8 at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Past Chair Bob Beville shared information for the sponsorships and revealed that Busey Bank was the first to sign up; two sponsorships are left.

The annual Impact Report was sent to Alexis de Tocqueville members with a personal note from Jeannine. An ADT reception is planned for October 17 and dinner on April 8, 2024. Leadership Chairs Tom Uhler and Corey Vertich are challenging all cabinet and board members to secure at least three new leadership donors by October 19. The winner of the most new gifts secured, plus three guests, receive a private dinner at Harold's Restaurant. Anyone with three or more will be invited to a wine tasting. Shared the flyer with complete details.

Hendry and Glades Campaign Co-Chairs have been established: Dr. Barbara Mundy and Bob Beville. Dr. Mundy announced that their kickoff is planned for November 16. Bob Beville is excited to be part of the team.

12. The next meeting will be on October 27, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeannine Joy
President & CEO