

CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

May 27, 2011

PRESENTED BY: LISA COLMENARES, CO-CHAIRPERSON

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The Human Services Advisory Board consists of ten members and two alternates. The board members for FY 2009/2010 included:

Officers

Mark Driver, Chair
Alexander Lewy, Co-Chair
Sherea Atkins, Secretary

*Members

Linda Cox Jackie Pentecost Dr. Mark Pomerantz
Father Robert Preston Denise Lettau (resigned 2/09)

Board Liaison

Marian McCann-Colliee, Director of Human Services

*In December of 2010, the board chair resigned because he was no longer a resident of the City of Hallandale Beach. After a strong recruitment effort by the City and Board of Commissioners, new board members were added. The following is the board for 2010/2011:

Linda Cox, Chair	Lisa Colmenares, Co-Chair	Qunea Gordon, Secretary
Jacqueline Pentecost	Dr. Deborah Brown	Sherea Atkins
Dr. Judith Selz	Dr. Mark Pomerantz	Kimberly Russell
Dr. Seymour Zeidman	Father Robert Preston, Alternate	

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A board orientation was held on January 20, 2011, and facilitated by the Department Liaison, Marian McCann-Colliee. During the orientation, the board was introduced to Administrative Staff and received a power point presentation along with an overview of the Department. The board continues to work with the Department to market services and develop new resources. Board members have attended various activities and events that were provided by the Human Services Department. In addition to the Senior Center activities and the After School Program events, the board has shown support by volunteering at other projects sponsored/hosted by the Department.

In addition, the board is responsible for facilitating the selection process and recommendation to the City Commission for the Annual MLK Humanitarian Award recipient. The 2010 MLK Humanitarian awardee was Armin Lovenvirth, a long time resident, Chairman of the Friends of Hepburn Center, retired Vice-President and Branch Manager of City National Bank in Hallandale Beach, Treasurer of the Hallandale Symphonic POPS Orchestra, member of the Future Foundation, President of the Three Islands Council Safe Neighborhood District, President of Towers of Ocean View South, Treasurer of the Hallandale Chamber of Commerce since 1978, and he participates in the Cancer Relay for Life Fundraiser.

Some activities during the past year included:

- 2nd Annual Prostate Cancer Health Fair for Men, held in September.
- 5th Annual Cancer Awareness Health Fair, held in October. This year the Fair focused on issues affecting women's health and it was well attended. There were over 150 women in attendance.
- Annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon with over two hundred meals served to guests and homebound residents.
- Annual MLK Parade & Celebration

The Board continues to actively participate in planning and development of resources. Some members of the Advisory Board are also members of Friends of Hepburn Center, Inc., so during the year a joint meeting was held with Friends to discuss marketing, funding and activities that will assist the Department in addressing the needs of the community during these economically challenging times.

Like other Advisory Boards we are always looking for opportunities to assist the Department in serving the community. More recently, board members have begun to actively work on projects important to the Department. Some of the activities facilitated by the board include:

- ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) classes and assist with the monthly USDA food distribution.
- Obtained support for scholarship funds for the After School Program from the Hallandale Beach Rotary Club.
- Brought FAU students to work on a special project.
- Organized Police Chief's Celebration along with the Department.
- Implemented mentoring programs for children and seniors.

Finally, we are asking individuals or businesses that are interested in helping the Department serve the community through volunteerism or donations to please contact the Department at 954-457-1460.