

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY

October 6, 2008

Members Present: Stanley Godleski  
Kay Glasser  
Marsha Hosack  
Elliott Metcalfe

Staff Present: Pauline Tracy

Elliott Metcalfe welcomed everyone to the meeting. The following proposals were reviewed:

- [\*Addressing the inability of the physically-challenged to visit neighbors and socialize normally despite disability and the inability of all to "age in place"\*](#), submitted by the Seniors Advisory Council.
- [\*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASD\)\*](#), submitted by the Florida Center for Child and Family Development and First Step of Florida.
- [\*Inadequate housing for low-income retirees\*](#), submitted by the Seniors Advisory Council.
- [\*Increase or maintain funding for key services targeting older adults, particularly frail older adults\*](#), submitted by the Seniors Advisory Council.
- [\*Juvenile Assessment Center Funding\*](#), submitted by Wayne Applebee, Sarasota County Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator.
- [\*Nonrecurring funding for Sarasota County mental health and substance abuse funding\*](#), submitted by Jerry Thompson, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare.
- [\*Potential cuts to Human Services\*](#), submitted by Carl Weinrich, Sarasota Family YMCA.
- [\*Proposal to add \\$1.00 per pack tax to cigarettes\*](#), submitted by the Seniors Advisory Council.
- [\*Protect existing and increase older adult transportation funding, particularly for low-income older adults\*](#), submitted by the Seniors Advisory Council.

Each proposal was reviewed. Elliott requested additional information on the first proposal which supports funding a study to determine a method to enhance the

State of Florida Building Code. Stanley Godleski will research the cost of the study and who would conduct the study.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to prioritize the proposals. That decision will be made at the Steering Committee meeting on October 20.

The Sarasota County BCC has always supported the priorities of the Community Alliance. They are scheduled to discuss the Board's priorities on October 22.