

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

MEETING SUMMARY

MARCH 12, 2009

Members Present: Janice Mee, Chair
Ken Alexander
Rose Chapman
Larry Egers
Kay Glasser
Susan Magers
Sherri Reynolds

Staff Present: Pauline Tracy

The Community Alliance's 2009 Legislative Priorities and the additional legislative issues recently received by Community Alliance members were reviewed and discussed. The following was agreed to be the Committee's focus during the current legislative session:

- Support the proposal to add \$1.00 per pack tax to cigarettes.
- Oppose HB 195 and SB 970 which would create the Florida Public Employees' Charitable Campaign.
- Support replacing non-recurring funds with recurring funds for the following vital community services:
 - Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)
 - Mothers and Infants Program
 - Family Emergency Treatment Center (FETC)
 - Compass Center
 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Pauline Tracy will develop a set of talking points on the issues above for members to use when meeting with legislators.

The Committee plans to invite the local legislative delegation to a Community Alliance meeting in October to share with them the Alliance's priorities and to try to help them understand the effect budget reductions have on their constituents.

Once the results of the Zoomerang survey are received, the Legislative Committee will meet again to see how they align to the above focus areas.