

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee  
Board of Directors Meeting, November 1, 2019**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Julian Agollari, Betsy Alderman, Patricia Bell, Bob Beville, Gary Brooks, John Clinger, David Dale, Craig Folk, David Fry, Gary Griffin, Barbara Hartman, Cindy Hawkins, Beth Hendry, Michelle Hudson, Sally Jackson, Calli Johnson, Tony Lapi, Victoria Loyola, David Lucas, Vicki Moreland, Bill Motzer, Scott Nygaard, Tommy Perry, Robert Shearman, Tom Uhler, Mary Vlasak Snell, Scott White.

**Staff:** Nancy Coker, Nancy Cote, Patrice Cunningham, Bryelle Dafeldecker, Kim Fay, Odalys Gonzalez, Jeannine Joy, Mary Meador, Madison Mitchell, Hannah Pelle, Alexis Rodriguez, Nilda Rodriguez, Toni Roselle-Rossi, Marcia Turner, Keesha Wick, Michael Willis

**Guests:** Shannon Palzer, Bell Tower  
Sergeant Castellon, Lee County Sheriff's Office

1. United Way Board Chair Beth Hendry called the meeting to order at 8:03 am at the United Way Building with a quorum present.
2. The minutes of the September 27, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented.
3. The Living United Award was presented to Shannon Palzer from Bell Tower for their generous donation of space that now houses the United Way Community Impact Center.
4. Sergeant Castellon from the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Hannah Pelle, Vice President of Community Impact presented on the ReUnite Program. The program is a community based collaborative between the Lee County Sheriff's Office and United Way, for individuals with cognitive and/or behavioral disorders and their caregivers. The program provides families with a GPS tracker and a scent kit that will aid first responders in search and rescue operations should a loved one go missing.
5. Tocqueville Chair David Lucas gave an update on Tocqueville Results, we will still need 5-10 new members. Pacesetter Chair Bob Beville recapped the pacesetter results from Kick Off and thanked everyone for being a Pacesetter. Over 800 attendees were at Kick Off and with Pacesetters and early leadership gifts, the campaign was at the highest amount ever raised at Kick Off with \$6,523,389.
6. Building Committee Chair David Fry updated the board on the progress of finding more office and warehouse space for United Way. The Pre-Application meeting at the county revealed that any new space, even a portable, would more than likely have to go through a Limited Development Order.
7. Volunteer Center Director Patrice Cunningham updated the board on Holiday volunteer opportunities as well as our first Family Service Learning Day.

8. Following a report from Allocations Chair Tom Uhler, the following was presented and unanimously approved for Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Allocations:

**Hendry and Glades Counties**

- Reviewed 24 agencies

- Admitted one new agency:

Dress for Success- \$1,500. This partner, who is already funded as a Lee County Agency, will be offering a mini-clothes closet at the LaBelle United Way House. These items are targeted for women who are un-employed and under-employed and provide outfits and clothing pieces for interviews and the first days of employment.

**2020 Recommendation: \$340,120**

**Okeechobee**

- Reviewed 14 agencies

- Admitted two new agencies:

Tykes & Teens- Based on the East Coast, this Agency serves children with mental health issues, doing assessments of "at-risk" students and offering treatment and counseling plans. An example of an at-risk child includes a student with a Baker Act in their history or has had some sort of crisis event. The program that United Way will be funding in Okeechobee is school-based, and consists of a counselor embedded directly in the high school. Funding for this is \$5,000.


Helping People Succeed- Agency is based on the East Coast and has a large foot print helping children and adults with behavioral health as well as those with disabilities. This funding in Okeechobee will be used for on-site individual therapy for children struggling with mental and behavioral health. Funding for this is recommended at \$2,000.

**2020 Recommendation: \$167,800**

9. United Way 211 Database Manager Nilda Rodriguez gave the Quarter 3 Call Report. Call volume continues to increase with a rise in homeless and at-risk homeless calls. This increase is because of United Way 211's role in Coordinated Entry with Lee County.

10. Upcoming events were announced. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeannine Joy  
President & CEO