

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Alliance for Human Services

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Representatives from the Alliance for Human Services have asked to have the opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners regarding a proposal to disband the Alliance for Human Services.

A couple of weeks ago, staff met with representatives from County's Alliance for Human Services partners, the Community Foundation and the United Way, and was informed that the Alliance Executive Board of Directors has recommended that the Alliance be dissolved by June 30, 2010. The Alliance Board feels that it has served its "useful life" for two of its three funders, the Community Foundation and the United Way, and has suggested that the County consider appointing a volunteer committee to make funding recommendations on its human service non-profits. As you may be aware, the Alliance for Human Services was developed as a partnership between the County, the Community Foundation and the United Way after the County initiated the "Blue Ribbon Study on Human Services" in 1995 in order to identify duplicative services provided by non-profit agencies in the County. Subsequently, the Alliance became a 501c3 non-profit and began performing non-profit organizational accreditations, allocation reviews and began making funding recommendations to the three funders for their annual budget deliberations. The dissolution of the Alliance for Human Services will impact the way in which the County makes its funding allocations to area human service non-profits and this is an issue that the Board will need to discuss.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners hear the proposal from the Alliance, have discussion as to how this will impact the County's budget deliberations in the future and give staff direction on how to proceed.

Suggested Motion:

No suggested motion