



## **Advocate for Your Clients – Ensure Our Legislators Know What YOU Need! Set Legislative Priorities - Complete the Legislative Issues Questionnaire**

Nonprofits are a major segment of the economy - the third largest employer in the United States. We bring \$40 billion into our respective states. And, yet, for many years, we had no real impact on the legislative process. The Legislative Advocacy Initiative here in Palm Beach County is changing that – it gives YOU a louder voice in advocating for your organization and for your clients and legislators are listening.

The Human Services Coalition and Nonprofit Chamber of Palm Beach County offer all nonprofit health and human services organizations and stakeholders the opportunity to be part of the legislative process. For the sixth year, YOU are invited to be part of the Legislative Advocacy Initiative in which you submit state legislative priorities you see as essential for your client population, attend a workshop to help select the top two priorities in your area of service, and then attend a Legislative Summit where our legislative delegation hears your top two priorities and receives a Green Book of all selected priorities to take with them for the next legislative session.

Completion of the questionnaire is a critical first step to ensuring that the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation and its colleagues in both Chambers of the Florida Legislature understand the many challenges facing health and human services providers in Palm Beach County and the residents they serve. Through this process, we have been moving the needle steadily in some crucial areas of concern and the momentum continues to build as we continue this important process.

Legislators take the Green Book that is created with the results of the priority-setting workshop to Tallahassee with them and refer to it often. So, it is crucial that we receive the widest possible input from all of you in setting the priorities.

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### **PLEASE GET INVOLVED.**

Linda De Piano, Ph. D., Chairwoman, Human Services Coalition of Palm Beach County

Sergio Palacio, President, Nonprofit Chamber of Palm Beach County

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**Fill out the questionnaire as completely as you can. Attend the Legislative Priorities Workshop on Friday, September 22, 2017 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 900 Brandywine Road, West Palm Beach, 33409. You may register for the workshop at <http://www.hscpalmbeach.org>. Cost is \$15 which includes breakfast.**

**REMEMBER: You must be represented at the workshop for your issue to be considered.**

**Please email completed Legislative Priorities Form to <mailto:npcpbc@gmail.com>**

**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**



PRIORITY NUMBER

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Priority Number to be completed at workshop

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES PRIORITIES QUESTIONNAIRE**  
Please complete a separate questionnaire for each of your issues.

**ISSUE TITLE**

(Please be specific. Ex. Increase Funding for ...)

Your Name

Organization

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email

**Select One**

Children & Youth

Disabilities

Elders

Health

Homeless, Hunger, Housing

Mental Health/Substance Abuse

**Select whether your issue is Statutory or Appropriations or both. (Appropriations involves budget changes; Statutory involves changing laws on the books.)**

Statutory

**If statutory, include statute number or numbers affected.**

Appropriations

**Briefly state what you are asking legislators to do and describe the client population affected. Get right to the point – Example – Increase funding for the Healthy Families Florida program by XXX million. This would allow XXXX additional children and families at risk of abuse to receive services. [1,000 character limit]**

**How will the change you are seeking affect the population you represent? (What are the benefits? Be specific about the estimated number of people affected in Palm Beach County and/or statewide) [1,000 characters]**

**What are the anticipated costs and savings associated with the change, if any?**

**List any legislators, groups, associations, coalitions or other agencies that support OR oppose the issue.**

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