



Board of Directors Meeting

January 10, 2008

Disaster Recovery Leadership Network (DRLN) Planning Grant

Item II.C.

Recommended Action:	Accept Pinellas County Emergency Management grant for \$40,000 and place the money into the HHSCC 2007-08 budget.
Issue:	The Disaster Recovery Leadership Network (DRLN) Planning Grant.
Program:	Health & Human Services Coordinating Council (HHSCC).
Budget Impact:	HHSCC budget will be increased from \$ 288,500 to \$ 328,500.
Strategic Plan Goal:	Goal 5: Support increased coordination of county-wide human service planning and funding.

Background:

DRLN is one of 4 networks supported by the HHSCC. The other networks include: Health and Behavioral Health, Homelessness Leadership and Low-Income Housing.

The mission of the DRLN is to ensure that priority human services are made available to the public at the earliest opportunity should a major disaster occur in Pinellas County. Several months ago, the DRLN submitted a grant request to Pinellas County Emergency Management for development of a communications plan and for the planning and testing of that plan. The grant was approved for \$40,000.

The funds will be used to create a communications plan that will allow the Health and Human Services Disaster Recovery Leadership Network (DRLN) to effectively augment and support Pinellas County Emergency Management (EM) in the response and recovery phases of a disaster. The plan will build on the previous work of the DRLN, creating a codified set of communications strategies, with related procedures and protocols, that will allow the DRLN to, when called upon, work with EM to efficiently manage the recovery of health and human services following a disaster.

The JWB is the fiscal agent for the HHSCC.