



## MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • MARCH 2002

### Employer's Seminar to be Held This Month

The Mayor's Alliance Employment Committee will present this year's Employers' Employment Information Seminar on Thursday, March 21 at the Lighthouse For The Blind at 1106 Platt Street in Tampa. The seminar, "HIRING SMART IN TODAY'S ECONOMY" will inform employers how to reach the large labor pool of persons with disabilities. The program will run from 8:30 to 10:30am. For more information contact Cindy Stevens at 984-6840.

### Training for Certified Deaf Interpreters Available

The Deaf Services Center of Pasco-Hernando Counties is offering training workshop for people who want to take the test to become Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI). The workshop will take place at the Tampa Westshore Crowne Plaza, the weekend of May 17-19 and will meet the requirements of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID). This training is required before taking the written part of the test and will be led by Dr. Daniel D. Burch who is a current World Federation of the Deaf "Expert in Interpreting". Dr. Burch is a former President of RID and served as Facilitator for the Organizational Board of the Conference of Interpreter Trainers. For more information on the training call Kristen Wistrand at 727-816-1314 voice or TTY. Kirsten can also be reached via email at [JKWistrand@aol.com](mailto:JKWistrand@aol.com).

### You Have the Right to Live Anywhere You Choose

The Fair Housing Act was amended in 1988 to include persons with disabilities. This means that you

have the right to choose wherever you wish to live and you cannot be discriminated against if you require a wheelchair, personal care attendant or a service animal. If you feel that you have been discriminated against in a housing situation due to a disability you have the right to be heard. In the City of Tampa the Human Relations Office handles such complaints. To file a complaint or get more information call the Human Rights Office at 274-5835.

### Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board Vacancy

There are two vacancies on the Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board (HCAB) that need to be filled. The purpose of the HCAB is to improve accessibility and efficiency of the care for medically poor residents of Hillsborough County through annual recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for fund allocation, coordination, planning and monitoring of health care delivery systems. The two positions vacant are specified as a "Hillsborough County Indigent Health Care Plan consumer" and an "At-Large representative". The terms are for four years and the meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 3:00p.m. If you are interested in serving on this board call the Boards and Councils Coordinator at 272-5632.

### Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday every month at 1:00 p.m.  
Sandy Freedman Tennis Club  
Everybody Welcome!

### Health Council of West Central Florida, Inc. (District VI) Vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Health Council of West Central Florida (HCWCF-Dist.-VI). The council develops plans for coordinating the delivery and improvement of health care services throughout the district. Consumer publications are prepared by the HCWCF-Dist.-VI to help constituents make more informed choices for their health. If you are interested in serving on this board call the Boards and Councils Coordinator at 272-5632.

### Guide Dog Users Regional Meeting

On Saturday, March 9, 2002, there will be a regional networking meeting of the Florida Association of Guide Dog users from Hillsborough County. The meeting will be held at Lowry Park from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A free picnic lunch will be served. Anyone interested in guide dog users' issues is urged to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to Sherrill O' Brien, Secretary Florida Association of Guide Dog users (813) 935-0474 [guidedogs@nfbflorida.org](mailto:guidedogs@nfbflorida.org)

### ADA Information and Complaint Line

The Department of Justice operates a toll-free ADA Information Line to provide information and publications to the public about the requirements of the ADA. ADA specialists are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Spanish language service is also available. To obtain general ADA information, get answers to technical questions, order free ADA materials, or ask about filing a complaint, call: 800-514-0301 (voice), 800-514-0383 (TDD).

## Dates to Remember

2nd Monday every month - 7pm

### The Mayor's Hour

Live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

### Employment & Job Fair Committee Meeting

Corporate Square, 7402 N. 56th Street, Building 800, Suite 850. For more information, call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

### Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

### Florida Council for the Blind, Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B

3rd Tuesday every month - 6:30pm

### Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group

Jefferson High School

4th Wednesday every month - 2pm

### County Alliance Meeting

Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3625 or Debra Guest at 558-5557.

3rd Thursday every 3rd month - 2pm

(next meeting 4/19)

### HARTLINE ADA Consumer Forum

Hartline Offices, 4305 E. 21st Ave. For more information contact Lauren Skiver at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

## Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

### Support Groups

City of Tampa Office of Human Rights .....	274-5835
Hillsborough County Information Line .....	272-5900
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group .....	975-6560
Family Network on Disabilities .....	1-800-825-5736 Jan Labell
VA Spinal Cord .....	972-2000 ext. 7886 Karen McGoff
Brain and Head Injury Support .....	908-1375 Bob Barrett
Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group .....	800-FIGHTMS
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND)	
Offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities .....	258-5700 Patricia Miller
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)	
Learn about assistive technology .....	844-7591
Spinal Cord Injury Unit, Tampa General Hospital .....	844-4286
Amputees Together .....	870-3323
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) .....	935-6540 Ben Ritter
All People's Life Center 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.)	
Fully accessible recreation center .....	903-2248 Al Orr
Tampa Bay Polio Survivors Support Group .....	779-8158 Lonnie Hazelwood, President

### Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson: Norman Mallory .....	988-4985
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak .....	276-5555
Secretary: Kelly Hickman .....	974-8927
Past Chairperson: Chuck Porter .....	276-2029 ext. 7659
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Norman Mallory .....	988-4985
Ben Ritter .....	935-6540
Employment Committee Chairperson: Cindy Stephens .....	984-6840
Awareness Committee Chairperson: Chuck Porter .....	276-2029 ext. 7659
Mayor's Representative: Herb Gold .....	254-1111



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