

**Florida Prosperity Partnership
Notes
10-30-08**

Attendees: Anika Coney, Michael Gutter, Sandra Bernard-Bastien, Kaye D. Schmitz, Ted Granger, Jessica Perlmutter, Evan Goldman, Roxanne Paisible, Vanessa Benavides, Daniella Levine, Brittany Richards, Karen Landry

The conference call was called to order at 11:02am.

Evan Goldman described the Tampa Conference as informative and helpful in terms of building interest in the Prosperity Partnership. He described the wide range of speakers and outlined specific short and long term goals for the Advocacy Committee.

Daniella Levine noted that breakout sessions mirrored the action planning forms provided by the National Community Tax Coalition.

LISTSERV – Evan stressed the importance of a single method of communication and encouraged everyone to join the listserv.

- To join the group, send an email to this email address: fl_assets-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive an email from Yahoo Groups which will give instructions on how to join.
- Once that is completed you can send an email to this email address: fl_assets@yahoogroups.com and the entire group will receive it.

Sandra Bernard-Bastien praised the one-page governance document as a strong framework for moving forward and describing the partnership. Others echoed these sentiments and the work of the founding members.

Ted Granger agreed to liaise with the Tampa Bay-area United Way and Allegany Franciscan Ministries in order to secure funding for the partnership and to use the documents already drafted as a basis for approaching potential funders. The group also discussed the need for a fiscal agent and the United Way agreed to serve in this capacity. The need for a statewide coordinator was discussed and Sandra Bernard-Bastien agreed to provide a draft job description. Sandra offered support of her staff in scheduling calls and other administrative tasks on an interim basis.

Daniella Levine directed call participants to the Prosperity Campaign website to learn more about recent activity – www.flaprospertycampaign.org.

Kaye Schmitz raised the need for a Chair and nominated Janet Hamer for the position and Michael Gutter as co-chair. Daniella nominated Anika Coney as secretary and suggested a treasurer could be appointed once funds are available. Discussion followed and was inconclusive, and it was agreed that the co-conveners would review the discussion and make further recommendations to the group. (Note: this has occurred and results will be reported separately).

Date of next Conference Call

No date suggested as yet; waiting to hear from co-chairs on their availability.

The conference call ended at 12:14pm.