

The **Inaugural Meeting** of HSIN took place on January 8, 2004. The Southwest Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America graciously provided their headquarters at 1801 Boy Scout Boulevard and over 100 people attended from various agencies and organizations. The attendees got to play with Legos as noted guest speaker Barbara Rudnicki took them through an exercise in team building.

The **2nd** meeting of HSIN was hosted by Lee Memorial Hospital at their Cleveland campus on March 4, 2004. Approximately 120 people attended representing nearly 100 agencies and organizations. Marjory May, V.P. of Post Acute Care, presented an overview of the many facets and services of the Lee Memorial Health System. Madolyn Gingell, Director of Medical Social Work, presented for their social work delivery system and a panel of social workers answered questions regarding services and the referral process.

The **3rd** meeting of HSIN was hosted by the staff of the Career & Service Center at 4150 Ford Street Ext. on May 6, 2004. Approximately 110 people attended. Staff at the Center provided overviews for ACS State & Local Solutions, Agency for Workforce Innovation, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Department of Children & Families, Lee County Human Services, the Resource Room, the School District of Lee County, Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Workforce Council of Southwest Florida, Inc.

The **4th** meeting of HSIN was held at Florida Gulf Coast University on July 1, 2004. Johnny McGaha, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, and Patricia Washington, Director of the Division of Social Work, welcomed the group and discussed the array of programs available at the university that can benefit local human service agencies. Staff from different programs including the Small Business Development Center, the Institute of Government, the Center for Positive Aging, and the Center for Public and Social Policy gave overviews of their areas and how they interact with the local community.

The **5th** meeting of HSIN was held on September 2, 2004. The African Caribbean American Catholic Community building on Michigan Avenue provided the meeting space and The Ruth Cooper Center hosted the meeting. Unfortunately, due to another hurricane working its way up and possibly threatening Florida again within a few days, attendance was not at its usual level. Jan Eustis and Michael McNally presented a shortened version of their original program and answered questions from those attending. HSIN planned to reschedule Ruth Cooper for a future meeting when their full program could benefit a larger group of people and thus an even wider agency client base.

The **6th** meeting of HSIN was held at Dunbar High School on November 4, 2004. Dr. Charles Bell, Director of Student Services with the School District of Lee County, presented for the District on services available to students in the Lee County system. Student members of the ROTC and SADD provided assistance with parking and directions on the campus.

The **7th** meeting of HSIN was held January 13, 2005. The Career & Service Center provided the meeting room and the meeting was hosted by the Lee County Department of Human Services. Speakers Ann Arnall, Deputy Director, Program Managers Susan Oliver, Roger Mercado, and Marsha Popkey provided an in-depth look at Administration and Budget, Family Self-Sufficiency, Neighborhood Building, Housing Services, and other projects.

The **8th** meeting of HSIN was held on March 2, 2005. The Boy Scout Council again provided their building and the meeting was hosted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Speakers Mayra Hickman, Victim's Advocate, and Stacey Payne, Crime Prevention, discussed services and programs offered through the Sheriff's Office. Attendees were especially pleased that newly-elected Sheriff Mike Scott was able to attend. He was very upbeat and informative as he discussed his plans and hopes for his term as Sheriff.

On May 5, 2005, the **9th** HSIN meeting took place at the Riverside Community Center, right on the Caloosahatchee River. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning for Lee County Emergency Management, presented to the group. He discussed the ways that we can prepare ourselves, our families, and businesses for hurricane season. He also shared his expertise on the types of risks and situations that can occur in the event of a storm.

On July 7, 2005, the **10th** meeting of HSIN was held, again at the Boy Scout Headquarters. Janet Eustis, CEO of Lee Mental Health Center, Inc., discussed the past, present, and future of mental health services in Southwest Florida and the exciting development of VISTA, a new in-patient mental health facility. She also discussed the history of the Ruth Cooper Center and the services and programs offered.

The **11th** meeting of HSIN was held on September 1, 2005, at the new Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road. Cliff Smith, President of the Lee County United Way, and Linda Pankow, Program Manager for United Way 211, hosted this meeting to celebrate the two-year anniversary of the United Way 211 Program. Many organizations were recognized for their contributions to the program.

The **12th** meeting of HSIN was held on November 3, 2005. St Hilary's Episcopal Church graciously provided the meeting space and the presentation was entitled Lee County Homeless Coalition: Increasing Community Awareness. Robert Stryker, Coordinator of the Lee County Homeless Coalition, presented the program with assistance from Richard Faris and John Bizelli, Planners with Human Services.

The **13th** meeting of HSIN was held on January 5, 2006. The Hope Health Center at 2668 Winkler Avenue hosted the event. Mary Curtis, Director of Hope Life Care, and Millie Martinez, Manager of Long Term Care Diversion, provided an overview of Hope Life Care and other programs offered.

The **14th** meeting of HSIN was held on March 2, 2006. Southwest Regional Medical Center provided the Auditorium of their Community Health Care Center on Fowler for the meeting. Marti Van Veen, Administrator of Business Development for the hospital, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a brief preview of the new facility at Daniels and Metro that will combine Southwest Regional and Gulfcoast hospitals. Dr. Judith Hartner, Director of the Lee County Health Department, provided an informative and entertaining overview of the main areas of service provided to the public.

The **15th** meeting of HSIN was May 4, 2006, and convened in the Edison Room of the luxurious Cypress Cove. Ed Kunzweiler, Administrator of Cypress Cove, welcomed the group. HSIN would like to thank him and his staff for the arrangements and continental breakfast. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning, Lee County Emergency Management, Heidi Ruster, Director, Lee County Chapter of American Red Cross, Sofia Adams, Family Services Coordinator with The Salvation Army, Doug Fowler, Project HOPE of SWFL, Karen Hawes, Director of Human Services speaking for the Lee County Long Term Recovery Committee, and Brett Slocum, United Way 211 Storm Information Hotline Coordinator, presented for their respective groups or agencies. While some of the discussion was on preparing for hurricanes, most of the information was centered on each agency's role in rebuilding the community in the event of a disaster.

The **16th** meeting of HSIN took place July 6, 2006, and was graciously hosted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office at their facility on Ortiz Avenue. Tatanya Davila coordinated the arrangements and Captain Jim Jones welcomed the group. The main topic of this meeting was to promote awareness of human trafficking in the Southwest Florida area. Anna Rodriguez, CEO and founder of the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and Detectives Shawn Ramsey and Janet Rincon from the Sheriff's Human Trafficking Unit discussed their efforts to identify and assist victims of this crime.

The **17th** meeting of HSIN was September 14, 2006, and the Boy Scout Headquarters again provided their facility. The meeting was hosted by Family Health Centers of SWFL and Lalai Hamric, President & CEO, and Bob Johns, Director of Development & Special Projects, provided the opening remarks. Lu Greene, Family Health Centers, Theresa Menacol, Lee Memorial Health Systems, Irene Pintado, Lee County Health Department, and Cis Curtin-Harrell, Partners for Breast Cancer Care provided an overview of the Health Body, Healthy Soul program and how their agencies work together. Mount Hermon's Pastor William Glover also spoke on the interaction of the program with the faith-based community.

The **18th** meeting of HSIN took place November 2, 2006. Goodwill Industries of SWFL hosted the meeting at their Three Oaks Banquet Hall and Conference Center at 20991 Three Oaks Parkway, which is available to rent for conferences, weddings, or events. Tom Feurig, CEO and President of Goodwill

SWFL provided an overview of the many services offered by the organization. Primarily known for their thrift stores, they operate about 24 stores in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties that provide close to 90% of their revenue. This goes a long way toward their mission of helping people with disabilities and other disadvantages overcome barriers to employment and independence. Goodwill also operates low-income housing, For Wheels For Work, provides job placement services, neighborhood outreach, and services to students with disabilities through High School-High Tech and the L.I.F.E. Academy Charter High School. For more information on their programs, visit their [web site](#).

The **19th** meeting of HSIN was held January 11, 2007. Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center again graciously provided the meeting space in their Community Center on Fowler Street. Robert McHarry, District Administrator for the Department of Children & Families, provided an overview of services in Lee County and discussed the maturing of the Community-Based Care Program.

The **20th** meeting of HSIN was held March 1, 2007. Lee Memorial Hospital, as they did for HSIN's second meeting in March of 2004, provided the auditorium on their Cleveland campus for the meeting. Jim Nathan, President & CEO of Lee Memorial Health Systems, discussed the future of health care in Lee County and what to expect from the acquisition by Lee Memorial of SW Regional and Gulf Coast hospitals. It was very informative and Mr. Nathan stayed to answer additional questions. This topic drew a record number of people as almost 150 were in attendance.

The **21st** meeting of HSIN was May 3, 2007. Boy Scout Headquarters again graciously provided their facility for this meeting. May is usually a good time to highlight the upcoming hurricane season beginning in June. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning for Lee County Emergency Management, once again addressed the group with information learned from past hurricanes and the importance of planning ahead for any disaster. Emergency Management is working on a new publication - the Family Hurricane Plan. This is a work in progress and will not be published in large numbers until they have received enough feedback to feel they have a complete document. You are encouraged to look it over at <http://www.leeecoc.com/>. If you can think of anything to add, please e-mail or contact them with your suggestions.

The **22nd** meeting of HSIN was held July 12, 2007. The Salvation Army hosted this meeting in the Chapel of their Red Shield Lodge at 2400 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers. Patti Rigby, Medical Director for the Army, discussed the programs offered. It was very fortunate that, even in July, we had about 95 in attendance for this informative presentation.

The **23rd** meeting of HSIN was held September 6, 2007. St. Hilary's Episcopal Church again graciously provided the meeting site for about 113 persons. Kevin Lewis, CEO for Southwest Florida Addiction Services, provided an entertaining and informing overview of his agency entitled "Decoding SWFAS".

The **24th** meeting was held November 1, 2007 at the Lakes Regional Library. The Lee County Library System hosted the meeting and Marilyn Graham, Manager of Public Services, Anne Clark, Head of Reference, and Kathy Mayo, Outreach Services Manager provided an overview of the many tools and resources available for the members and how we could use many of them to assist our clients.

The **25th** meeting of HSIN was hosted by the United Way of Lee County, and Boy Scout Headquarters again graciously provided their meeting hall for the occasion. Cliff Smith, President of the United Way, welcomed close to 120 people to the beginning of the 5th year of HSIN and provided an overview of the 12 United Way Houses and Community Resource Centers that stretch from LaBelle all the way down to Bonita Springs. Each House Coordinator then gave a brief description of services available at the various locations. [Click here](#) for a list. Please note: this information is subject to change. The most up-to-date information is available by calling 211 from a land line phone or 239-433-3900.

The **26th** meeting of HSIN was held March 6, 2008. Lee County Schools Student Services hosted the meeting at the new Lee County Public Education Center (the old Amtell Mall). Jean Campbell, Coordinator of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Sharon Warnecke, Coordinator of Health Services, and Mattie Young, Coordinator of Student Welfare and Attendance provided an overview of their services.

The **27th** meeting of HSIN was held May 1, 2008. HealthPark Medical Center provided the meeting space near the main lobby of the hospital. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning for Lee County Emergency Management, presented "All Hazard's Preparedness and Planning: Do You Have a Plan?". Mr. Campbell is a familiar speaker for HSIN near the beginning of each hurricane season, updating the community on emergency planning in an informative and entertaining manner.

The **28th** meeting of HSIN was held on June 10, 2008. The Boy Scouts graciously provided the meeting space. Al Brislain, Executive Director of Harry Chapin Food Banks of Southwest Florida, provided an overview of their organization and discussed working together to end hunger.

The **29th** meeting of HSIN was held on September 4, 2008. Marion Manning and the staff at Myerlee Manor really spoiled our attendees with a scrumptious breakfast and beautiful setting in their dining room. Dr. Judith Hartner, Director, Lee County Health Department, brought everyone up-to-date on "What's New and Different at Lee County Health Department".

The **30th** meeting of HSIN was held on November 6, 2008 at the Boy Scout Headquarters. The topic was New and Improved Services at Family Health Centers. Bob Johns, Senior Vice President of Development and Special Projects; Roger Ward, Senior Vice President of Operations; and Ena Mendez, Assistant Vice President of Clinical Counseling and Social Services provided an informational and entertaining overview of services available.

The **31st** Meeting of HSIN was held January 29 at the Boy Scout Hall. Lane Houk, Founder & CEO of Hero Care gave an overview of his organization. Hero Care attempts to sign up business partners in the area to provide discounts for SW Florida essential service workers. Linda Pichler and Dawn Russell discussed their educational and other services available at Consumer Credit Counseling Services.

The **32nd** meeting of HSIN was held March 4 at the Lee County Public Education Center on Colonial Blvd. Tom Feurig, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries, brought along several of his staff to provide an overview of their mission and discuss various functions such as housing, their shredding business, and career and development services.

The **33rd** HSIN meeting was held on May 4 at the new Gulf Coast Medical Center hospital. Doug Lockett, Chief Administrative Officer, discussed the newly remodeled facility that combined Southwest Regional Medical Center and Gulfcoast Hospital. Jim Nathan, President, Lee Memorial Health System discussed services and the health care industry in Lee and surrounding counties.

The **34th** HSIN meeting was held July 9 at the new United Way offices at 7273 Concourse Drive in Fort Myers. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning for Lee County Emergency Management, presented his informative and ever-entertaining tips for planning for hurricanes and other disasters.

The **35th** HSIN meeting was held September 3, again at the new United Way office building on Concourse Drive. The discussion featured programs with the Lee County Department of Human Services presented by Kim Hustad, Program Manager with Family Self-Sufficiency, Shawn Tan, Program Manager with Housing Services, and Julie Boudreaux, Program Manager of Neighborhood Building.

The **36th** HSIN meeting was held November 5 at the United Way conference room

The **37th** meeting of HSIN was January 28 and held at the United Way headquarters. There are eight United Way Houses and two Resource Centers operating in Lee, Hendry, and Glades. Staff from several of the locations presented an overview of services available. Roger Mercado was introduced as the Director of Allocations & Community Planning.

The **38th** HSIN meeting was held March 4 at the United Way. Kevin Lewis, CEO of Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS), provided an informative and entertaining insight into their services.

The **39th** HSIN meeting was held May 6 at United Way. Jenny Spencer, Chief Operating Officer, and Stacey Cook, Assistant Vice-President of Residential & Outpatient with Lee Mental Health, Inc discussed services available.

The **40th** HSIN meeting was held July 16 at United Way. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning with Lee County Emergency Management, discussed storm season preparations with an emphasis on hurricanes.

The **41st** meeting was held September 2 at United Way. Aimee McLaughlin, Director of Development & Communications with the Children's Network of Southwest Florida, discussed Community-Based Care.

The **42nd** meeting was held November 4 at United Way. Megan Spears, Resource Management Director, and Myrna Molinari, Social Services Director talked about "getting to know your Salvation Army in your community".

The **43rd** meeting of HSIN was held at the United Way on January 13 and was hosted by Catholic Charities of Lee, Hendry, and Glades. Mary Lewis, Senior Program Director, and Alex Olivares, Program Director, presented an overview of programs including progress and challenges surrounding human trafficking.

The **44th** meeting of HSIN was held at the United Way Headquarters on March 3 and featured John Strickling, Community Relations Director, and Jonathan Scalone, Veteran Outreach providing an overview of Hope HealthCare Services.

The **45th** meeting of HSIN at the United Way on May 5 featured Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning with Lee County Emergency Management, discussing all hazards preparedness and planning prior to the hurricane season.

There was no July meeting. The **46th** meeting of HSIN on August 11 at the United Way featured Tom Feurig, CEO, Rick Evanchyk, Senior Vice President, and Mike Sell, Career and Development Services discussing the de-centralization of services for Goodwill Industries.

The **47th** meeting of HSIN was held October 6 at the United Way. Kim Hustad, Program Manager for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program of Human Services, gave an overview of services provided.

Next meeting will be January 2012.

The **48th** meeting of HSIN was held January 12 at the United Way and featured an overview of services by the Lee County Sheriff's Office presented by Michelle Sargis, Crime Preventions Specialist, and Brenda Gellinger, Senior Services Specialist.

The **49th** meeting of HSIN was March 1 at the United Way. Joe Paterno, Executive Director, and Peg Elmore, Center Director discussed how "**Southwest Florida Works for you**"!

The **50th** meeting of HSIN was held May 3 at the United Way. The Lee County School District's "Action Through Education" featured Dr. Ruthie Lohmeyer, Mavis Pacetti, Laura Neal, and Leila Muvdi from the School District and Rebecca McGuire from the Children's Home Society.

The **51st** meeting of HSIN was held July 12 at the United Way. Gerald Campbell, Chief of Planning with Lee County Emergency Management, talked about "Things the Brochure Never Told Me".

The **52nd** meeting of HSIN was held September 6 at the United Way. Bill Naylor, Manager of the Juvenile Justice Center, and Nora Hitchcock, Program Manager with the Neighborhood Accountability Board gave an overview of the Juvenile Justice System and Early Intervention.

The **53rd** meeting of HSIN was held November 1 at the United Way. Roger Mercado from CCMI, Amy Hartman Scott from Children's Home Society, Kim Hustad from Human Services and Jeremy Gentile from the American Red Cross discussed a Collaborative Community Project for helping homeless children.

The **56th** Meeting of HSIN was held May 9 at the United Way. An Overview of Park Royal Hospital by Mike Evans, CEO.

The **57th** Meeting of HSIN was held July 11 at the United Way. Gerald Campbell from Lee County Emergency Management discussed preparations for hurricane season.

The **58th** Meeting of HSIN was held September 5 at the United Way. Kevin Lewis, President and CEO of the new SalusCare, discussed the merger of Lee Mental Health and SWFAS.

The **59th** Meeting of HSIN was held November 7th at the United Way. Alex Olivares, Catholic Charities Program Director Human Trafficking Services discussed services for Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

The **60th** Meeting of HSIN was held January 9 at the United Way. Susan Block, CEO of the Early Learning Coalition, discussed "Early Learning 101".

The **61st** Meeting of HSIN was held March 6 at the United Way. Bob Johns, Executive Director, gave an overview of Lee Community HealthCare, Inc, also known as Lee Physicians Group and United Way Clinics.

The **62nd** Meeting of HSIN was held May 1st at the United Way. Fred Richards, Vice-President of Community Support Services for Goodwill Industries spoke about "Goodwill, it's so much more than the stores".

The **63rd** Meeting of HSIN was held July 10 at the United Way. Lee Mayfield, Planning Chief, Lee County Emergency Management, discussed Hurricane Season 2014 and what you need to know.

The **64th** Meeting of HSIN was held September 4 at the United Way. Marianne Lorini, CEO, and Theresa Davis from the Area Agency on Aging discussed *Assistance, Advocacy, and Answers*.

The **65th** Meeting was held at the United Way on November 6. Five speakers from the United Way and Health Planning Council discussed the resources available in the 19 United Way Houses.