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June 11, 2013

Re: Florida CAA Executive Directors Leadership Strategic Planning Retreat

Dear Florida Community Action Agency Leaders:

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Executive Directors' Luncheon held at the FACA Conference last month. Attached is a copy of the sign-in sheet for your information. In addition to brief presentations by DEO and Payout USA, FACA presented two important agenda items for discussion:

1. Charting Our Course & Developing A Network Strategic Plan: "Change, Local Control and Involvement of the Low-Income Community"
2. Network Support for the Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Exchanges Funding Opportunity

Regarding item 1, the Luncheon attendees overwhelmingly reinforced the need to have a retreat to identify issues, opportunities and strategies to benefit the Network collective mission to help low-income Floridians to achieve economic security. The group further agreed to schedule this retreat as soon as possible and requested the FACA Office to send out this announcement.

As such, all CAA nonprofit Executive Directors, CEOs and public CAA program leaders are invited to attend a 1.5 day retreat scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2013, 8:30am - 4:30pm and Friday, July 12, 2013, 8:30am - 12noon, hosted by and held at Manatee Community Action Agency, Inc., Bradenton, Florida 34208.

John Edwards has followed up with William B. Killingsworth, Director, Division of Community Development and Paula Lemmo. Both of whom are in support of this retreat and both have been invited to attend.

Barbara Patten has arranged hotel accommodations at a rate of \$89 with a cutoff date of June 20<sup>th</sup> (which includes a full breakfast) at the Hampton Inn Ellenton-Bradenton, 5810 20<sup>th</sup> Ct. East, Ellenton, FL 34222 (941) 721-4000. Group name: Manatee Community Action.

The draft Agenda is attached along with a RSVP form to assist Manatee with further planning. This is a tremendous opportunity for leadership to come together, identify strengths within the Network, and work on collective opportunities for improvement. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Sincerely,

Wilma McKay

cc: FACA Board of Directors, Bill Killingsworth, Paula Lemmo  
Attachments (Draft Agenda, Conference Luncheon Sign-In Sheet, Retreat RSVP Form

