



Recap of TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: August 10, 2015

❖ Medical Tourism Initiative

TBRPC issued a Request for Proposals for consultants to assess the Medical Tourism assets and capabilities of the Tampa Bay area and to prepare a roadmap for the region to follow in developing that industry in the region. Interviews were held with the prospective consultants on July 22nd. A staff report summarizes the process to date and was provided to the Council. Council approved Global Health Resources (GHR) of West Palm Beach. Funding for the study has been approved by our county partners.

❖ Tampa Bay's Collaborative Approach to Recovery

Ms. Holly Greening, Executive Director for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program provided a presentation on Tampa Bay's Collaborative Approach to Recovery. In her presentation she discussed sea grass recovery, the economic value of a healthy Tampa Bay, and the on-going initiatives to address the emerging challenges of maintaining the health of Tampa Bay.

❖ TBRPC Executive Director Manny Pumariega Announces Retirement

Manny Pumariega, Executive Director with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council announced his retirement plans after almost 35 years with the TBRPC. Mr. Pumariega will officially retire on September 30th of this year. A celebration will be held in his honor on Thursday, September 17th, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.

All presentations, pertinent links and detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org. 727.570.5151