



Engaging our community stakeholders as equal voices in dialogue, consensus, and action to spur community improvement in Seminole County is the mission of *Envision Seminole*. Representatives from Seminole County government, all seven cities, three chambers of commerce, for-profit, non-profit, and faith-based organizations make up the board of directors. Leaders of a community must have a forum where progressive thought, decisive action, and good character can prevail for the betterment of society. *Envision Seminole* is that forum.



Shepherd's Hope Clinic for the Uninsured/Underinsured

The dedication of Leadership Seminole class members extend long after their time in the program. While a member of Leadership Seminole Class of 2006 and Envision Seminole Board of Directors, Pastor Paul Hoyer recognized a community-wide need for medical care for the under and uninsured. A goal was set to provide quality care to as many of our county's 50,000 uninsured as possible. After collaboration around the Envision Seminole table, a partnership between the Seminole County Health Department, Shepherd's Hope, and the faith based community, resulted in Shepherd's Hope Clinic. In 2007 the clinic began providing free non-emergent care. It has over 480 volunteers and serves 20-25 patients per night over a three-hour period.

Mayors and Managers Group

Leadership Seminole Inc., d.b.a. Envision Seminole has a continuing vision to build, engage, and bring together leaders to improve the community. As part of that vision the organization facilitates monthly Mayors and Managers meetings. The mission is to bring these stakeholders together to identify needs, then create & deliver community-wide initiatives that will improve the quality of life in Seminole County. The group tackles key issues affecting our area such as zoning, water, and tax reform, striving to develop smart regional solutions for the future.



Seminole County Youth Commission

Envision Seminole revitalized the Seminole County Youth Commission (SCYC) to serve as a community advocate and catalyst in identifying and promoting services and opportunities for youth. While it will not be a direct service provider, the commission will provide continuous and on-going assessment of things affecting the quality of life for youth in the county. SCYC will encourage partnerships, collaborations, and cooperation between the various private and public resources affecting youth in order to strengthen the quality of life for youth in Seminole County. Envision Seminole supports the Seminole County Youth Commission on an ongoing basis.

Taking Action ~ The Future of Seminole County's Water

The mission of Leadership Seminole Inc., d.b.a. Envision Seminole is to engage key players in not only dialog, but action. Growing concerns about the future of Seminole County's water supply were brought before the Envision Seminole Board of Directors. The board recognized these concerns as imminent and committed to giving the issue concentrated focus and immediate attention. After developing a position statement, the group began taking steps to communicate the message and is currently assisting with the formation of a joint County-City Water Authority Board.

