Leadership Work Group Activities

Participants:
Barbara Grogan, Sumter Archway Professional Community Members: 14 Females (7 African American, 7 White) 10 Males (3 African American, 3 White)

- Americus Sumter Chamber of Commerce: President, Members
  - Leadership Sumter: Past Participants
- City of Americus: Staff and Elected Officials
- Georgia Southwestern State University: Faculty and Staff
- South Georgia Technical College: Faculty and Staff
- Sumter County Schools Board of Education: Members
- Sumter County Cooperative Extension
- Sumter Area Ministerial Association

The Sumter Archway Partnership recognizes the need for a curriculum based leadership development program. Many members of the community who serve in elected, appointed and leadership positions are aging, and many have not been provided the tools necessary to serve to the best of their ability. Sumter Archway would like to determine the best method and curriculum available to address this community-wide need.

Sumter Archway has convened two local meetings to discuss the need for curriculum based leadership training. Community members and organizations vital to the sustainability of such efforts are key participants, as well as community members who are serving in leadership roles. The group clearly agreed there is a need for curriculum based training, and requested that options be shared to meet this need.

The UGA Fanning Institute joined the Leadership Work Group in June 2011 to share the UGA Fanning Institute models of Leadership Training and Train the Trainer. Pulaski Tomorrow Chairman Harley Lawson also visited with the work group in June to share about their experience with Train the Trainer, the value of the program, the large number of willing participants, and the desire of the Pulaski community to continue their efforts. The Sumter Leadership Work Group requested a proposal from the UGA Fanning Institute to train community members with leadership development skills as well as train the trainer facilitation skills. The proposal has been received and will be shared with the Sumter Archway Executive Committee in July 2011.