Monthly Key Accomplishments – August 2011

**Appointed Citizenry Curriculum Packets**

**Participants:**
Barbara Grogan, Sumter Archway Professional
Adam Hebert, Archway MPA Student Intern

Community Members: Outreach, conversations and survey gathering has occurred with well over 50 individuals to gather the documentation and information necessary.

State Agency Partner: Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Communities of Opportunity Program

The Americus City Council and Sumter County Board of Commissioners, partners of the Sumter Archway Partnership, recognize the need to provide citizens with additional information and training before appointing them to serve on the many authorities, boards and commissions in the community. These individuals make decisions that have lasting financial and physical impact on the community. In an effort to address this need and coordinate a funding source, the Sumter Archway Partnership is collaborating with the DCA Co-Op program. Co-Op provides an opportunity to match local, in-kind services with state dollars available for such efforts.

Sumter County Archway Professional Barbara Grogan, along with MPA intern Adam Hebert, has worked since mid-2010 to develop, distribute, collect and compile survey information from the 164 individuals serving in appointed positions in the Community. With a response rate of over 30%, data collection regarding training services, terms of office, knowledge of current roles and responsibilities and other information was completed in August 2011 in Sumter County. This information has been organized into charts and missing information is being gathered through one-on-one interviews with professional staff members of each board when available. Once all pertinent information is gathered, board specific packets will be created for distribution to citizens as they consider appointment to the various entities. The information will be quite extensive, providing board specific information and requirements for attendance, training, etc... Additionally, general board operating procedures will be included. The financial support of the Co-Op program will provide for the printing and electronic development of the packets.