

## **Sarah K. Snyder**

Sarah is the first Executive Director of the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., in this position since November, 2005. She also serves as the staff director to the Pinellas Homeless Leadership Network (HLN), the policy group of 13 local elected officials and 18 other community and business leaders formed in January, 2006 to oversee implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Pinellas County. In the first year, the HLN and the Coalition successfully worked with the Pinellas County Commission to secure over \$3,000,000 in new and expanded funding for homeless and homeless prevention programs, and aggressively promoted the approved establishment of the County's \$30,000,000 affordable housing trust fund.

Prior to her involvement in the homelessness issue, she was the President of the Pinellas Private Industry Council, Inc. for over 16 years, in the field of workforce development. During that time she served as President of the state workforce association for two years and on the Boards of Directors of three national workforce organizations. She was awarded the National Job Training Professional of the Year by the National Alliance of Business, and led the Pinellas Private Industry Council to be named the first Outstanding Private Industry Council in the country by President Ronald Reagan.

Sarah led her own consulting company at the local, state, and national levels for ten years, specializing in Board, staff and organizational development, quality and continuous improvement, and staff training in numerous topics.

She has been a resident of Pinellas County for over 30 years, and has a MA from the University of South Florida.