

APPENDIX B

CMA's Strategic Objectives from the Fiscal Year 2012-2013, **"Annual Accountability Report"**

- Convince the Governor and members of the General Assembly that if they want to increase prosperity, they must focus on taking away those factors that decrease prosperity; namely, the eight poverty indicators (fragile families; education deprivation; lack of economic development; lack of jobs; lack of income; lack of minority businesses; poor health; and criminal incarcerations) that contribute to long-term systemic poverty;
- Realign state budget to conform to the eight contributing factors causing poverty by the eight areas to identify the realignment of funds; and fund only new programs that address the eight areas that contribute to the alleviation of poverty in South Carolina;
- Increase research with faculty from institution of higher education whose focus aligns with the eight contributing factors to poverty;
- Convene executive, legislative, state and private partners working across the state to begin the process of developing a State Plan of Action to alleviate poverty by 2050;
- Increase state funding to the CMA to fulfill its mission; restructure disjointed programs and activities in other state agencies that directly or indirectly address poverty under the CMA to create targeted strategic partnerships; and
- Increase private/federal partnerships that lead to additional resources to effectively fight poverty and the proliferation of poverty in South Carolina.