

The Top Five Facts About the Community Alliance of Sarasota County

1. The Community Alliance Steering Committee was established in January 2002. All meetings operate in the sunshine and are open to the public.
2. The purpose of the Community Alliance is to *advance communication, collaboration and advocacy of the health and human service needs of all citizens in Sarasota County through more integrated, effective and efficient delivery systems.*
3. The Steering Committee consists of 56 members from many perspectives: funders, local and state government, non-profit human service agencies, the court system, law enforcement, education, health, community and consumer advocates, housing, business and faith-based agencies.
4. The Community Alliance Steering Committee functions through the work of its committees and workgroups:
 - Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium
 - Acute Care System Task Force
 - Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Work Group
 - Transitional Housing Committee
 - Developmental Disabilities Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Legislative Advocacy Committee
 - Nominating and Membership Committee
 - Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)
 - Planning and Outcomes Committee
5. Accomplishments include playing a key role in the development and implementation of the following:
 - Community Alternatives Residential Treatment (CART) Initiative
 - Addictions Receiving Facility
 - Voluntary Interim Placement Enhanced Recovery (VIP-ER)
 - Transitional Housing
 - Redesign of the Acute Care System
 - Coastal Behavioral Healthcare is now the receiving facility for adults 18 to 64.
 - Bayside Behavioral Health is now the receiving facility for children and adults over 65.
 - Repurposed substance abuse funds from DCF to treat more children with substance abuse issues in their home.
 - Prescription Drug Initiative
 - Sarasota County Pain Clinic Ordinance
 - Prescription Drug Take Back Program
 - Four County Regional Doctor Education Campaign
 - Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
 - Over 400 law enforcement personnel trained.
 - COAD Strike Teams (Mental Health an Substance Abuse, Aging, Children and Families, Developmental Disabilities, Volunteers and Donations)

Detailed information on all of the above can be found at www.sarasotaalliance.net.