

Developmental Disabilities Executive Committee December 7, 2009 Meeting Notes

Present:	Kathleen Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
	Teresa Johnson	Parent
	Susan Magers	Parent
	Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
	Kameron Partridge	Easter Seals
	Ryan Stoyles	Community Haven

- The purpose of the meeting was to focus on the Developmental Disabilities Committee priorities for 2010. For 2009, issues included transportation, advocacy, education and legislative issues. The issues of respite and after care were put on hold in 2009.
- The committee agreed that they should not exceed two to three issues plus advocacy. They felt that transportation is important but there are other issues that should rise to the top next year.
- Health care for persons with disabilities is important, considering all information from Congress.
- The committee needs an awareness campaign for caregivers to let them know what services are out there.
- The Developmental Disabilities Committee should provide the Community Alliance with specific items that they are working on - - not just advocacy or education but broader. The brochure may assist with this information.
- The Committee is in the process of creating awareness in Sarasota County for existing services that are available through the 18 to 30 spreadsheet.
- The Committee did not feel that there was a pressing need to add respite to the priority list as it falls under the advocacy priority.
- The final list of priorities to present to the Developmental Disabilities Committee:
 1. Advocacy (transition services and respite)
 2. Education (awareness campaign, CIT Training and emergency-based issues)
 3. Data Collection
- For data collection, it was noted for Federico Valadez, Project 10 Coordinator to begin the "Gaps and Overlap" session on January 12 with Kameron Partridge's spreadsheet.

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- Photographs were selected for placement in the brochure. The brochure will be available at the December 8 Developmental Disabilities meeting.
- The next scheduled conference call will be on January 7, 2010 at 1:00 prior to the next Developmental Disabilities Committee meeting.