

**Community Alliance of Sarasota County**

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**Developmental Disabilities Committee**

November 10, 2009

**Meeting Summary**

**Members present:**

Cain Blackwell	YMCA/Safe Children Coalition
Milena Capek	United Cerebral Palsy (for Caitlin M. Trask)
Kayly Dennis	Vocational Rehabilitation (for Laurel White)
Irania Graterol	Goodwill Industries – Manasota (for Margie Genter)
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Deborah Hobson	Family Network on Disabilities
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Teresa Johnson	Parent
Susan Magers	Parent
Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Kameron Partridge	Easter Seals Southwest Florida
Michelle Pilkington	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Carol Burmeister Prichard	Community Member – Special Education Professional
Myriam Reyes	Parent Representative for Manasota ARC
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities
Ryan Stoyles	Community Haven
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

**Members not present:**

Sue Firestone	Senior Friendship Centers
Ellen Hepner	Children's Medical Services
Keith Kitchens	Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Boyd L. Stout, Jr.	Parent Representative for United Cerebral Palsy
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center
Diane Weiner	Manasota ARC
Kim Williams	The Florida Center

**Others present:**

Terry Davis	Sarasota County School Board
Jessica Ventimiglia	Manasota 2-1-1

**Staff:**

Kathleen Marie Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Ryan Stoyles welcomed members and guests to the meeting. A quorum was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

***Susan Magers moved, Teresa Johnson seconded to approve the October 13 meeting summary. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **Manasota 2-1-1 Presentation**

Jessica Ventimiglia gave a presentation on the United Way Manasota 2-1-1 program that serves Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto counties as a 24/7 one-stop informational resource center. The United Way of Sarasota County provides free office space for the center and the area foundations have provided funding for additional equipment in order to add volunteers to assist with the overwhelming amount of calls per month (10,000). The majority of calls are for the basic needs (utility assistance and food). The center is in the process of raising funds and is in need of additional volunteers. It was noted that the 2-1-1 website ([www.uw211Manasota.net](http://www.uw211Manasota.net)) has over 900 agencies registered on their *Tapestry* database. It was suggested that Jon McKenzie be invited to a future meeting to review the *Tapestry* system, including the caseworker access and the agency update processes.

A discussion ensued on the *Tapestry* system, marketing to the public, the "Bluebook", agency assistance, and nonprofit vs. profit agencies on the database. Members requested to view the developmental disability agency information on the 2-1-1 database.

***Susan Magers moved, Mary Smith seconded to review the developmental disability agency listing of services on the 2-1-1 database at the January 12 meeting. The motion passed unanimously***

Jessica stated that she will email the listing to staff for distribution and asked to be placed on the Committee's email distribution list.

## **Bylaws Discussion**

Ryan Stoyles reported that the bylaws will be discussed at the December 8 meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Letter to the Board of County Commissioners**

Ryan Stoyles thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their assistance in writing the letter to the Board of County Commissioners on the unfunded respite service. The letter made a statement that times are not getting any better and that the lack of respite care can lead to abuse. Chip Taylor commented that the letter was well received by the Board and there is a good possibility that respite will be funded in 2011.

## **18-30 Age Range Work Group**

Kameron Partridge reported that no new updates have been made to the spreadsheet. Cain Blackwell pointed out that he contacted four of the five assigned agencies but only one returned his call. Kameron asked members to assist in contacting the remainder of the agencies. A proposed date for the "Agency Crawl" will be on January 19 where five out of eight agencies will visit area schools in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

A discussion ensued on emergency issues, high school referrals, the available community resources, the services needed to lead a productive life, the educational awareness and video testimonial tools for parents and the public, individuals not meeting the ADP waiver criteria, and the limited connections in the community for those over 18. It was suggested that a gaps and overlap exercise be completed at a future meeting to identify obtainable goals for the work group.

## **Composition of Committee**

Ryan Stoyles reported that there was a copy of the [Composition of Committee](#) in the members' packets for review. Ryan suggested adding a seat under Government Agencies for the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department.

***Susan Magers moved, Carol Burmeister Prichard seconded to amend the bylaws to add a seat under Government Agencies for Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department. The motion passed unanimously.***

It was noted that the new seat will be filled by Andrea King. Ryan asked the members under the Provider Category to assist with filling their vacant parent/caregiver seats.

## **Developmental Disabilities Strike Team**

Michelle Pilkington reported that there was a copy of the October meeting [summary](#) in the members' packets for review. Michelle stated that the second co-chair seat is still vacant. Susan Magers stated that she will attend the November 19 meeting and may volunteer to be the co-chair.

## **Mission and Purpose Brochure**

Ryan Stoyles reported that a copy of the [brochure](#) and several additional [pictures](#) were in the members' packets for review. Ryan stated that this discussion will be tabled until the next meeting due to the lack of response in forwarding recent pictures. Members noted that many parents do not want their children's pictures on public information. Sarah Hickey suggested purchasing "iStockphoto" pictures through a school board fund. Sarah stated that she will email the pictures to staff.

## **Priority Updates**

Ryan Stoyles suggested that the Committee identify the focus and priorities for 2010. Sarah Hickey suggested contacting Federico Valadez at Project 10 to facilitate a gaps

and overlap exercise at the next meeting. It was noted that this will be a good opportunity to collect data for future funding streams.

A discussion ensued on being proactive and not reactive, the local concise priorities vs. a gaps and overlap exercise, monitoring the County funding process and attendance at future Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meetings to understand their process. Additional discussions were on HSAC vacancies, adding an educational Developmental Disabilities presentation to a future HSAC meeting, and requesting staff from Contracted Human Services to speak at the December 8 meeting on the HSAC process. Teresa Johnson volunteered to attend the November 20 HSAC meeting to request information. It was noted that it would be advisable to include agency representatives, parents, and individuals with disabilities in their presentation to HSAC.

## **New Business**

### **Community Alliance Update**

Ryan Stoyles reported that at the October 19 Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting there was a Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) presentation along with a discussion and approval of the legislative priorities.

### **Agency Neutral**

Ryan Stoyles pointed out that the members must continue to stay neutral when advocating for the Developmental Disabilities Committee.

### **Announcements**

Michelle Pilkington announced that APD will hold a quarterly informational meeting on Monday, November 16 at the Selby Library for individuals on the wait-list.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

***Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 1:00 p.m., Sarasota County Health and Human Services, Room 226***