

Community Alliance of Sarasota County

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Developmental Disabilities Committee

January 12, 2010

Meeting Summary

Present:

Cain Blackwell	YMCA/Safe Children Coalition
Alma Cervantes	Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Kathi Coiro	Children's Medical Services
Kari Ellingstad	CHIP/Sarasota County Health Department
Margie Genter	Goodwill Industries – Manasota
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Deborah Hobson	Family Network on Disabilities
Teresa Johnson	Parent
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Susan Magers	Parent
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
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
Federico Valadez	Project 10
Jessica Ventimiglia	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Kim Vorias	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center
Laurel White	Vocational Rehabilitation
Kim Williams	The Florida Center
Alwin Woodall	Children's Medical Services

Chair Ryan Stoyles welcomed participants and self-introductions were made. The meeting summary for the December 8, 2009 meeting was approved without corrections.

Volunteer Recruitment for Community Health Profile

Kari Ellingstad of the Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP) with the Health Department requested volunteers to assist in updating the state-wide Community Health Profile. CHIP is an effort to engage community members in creating a healthier Sarasota County. The Community Health Action Teams (CHAT) around the county meet monthly to discuss various health topics.

CHIP is in the process of preparing their third Community Health Survey which goes out to about 8,000 households in Sarasota, DeSoto and Charlotte Counties. Kari is on the state committee that is currently updating the state-wide Community Health Profile. They want to improve the look of the report and update the content. One of the areas they want to include is in the area of developmental disabilities. They need some questions that address this cohort for inclusion in the survey. A conference call will be set up to discuss this issue.

Gaps and Overlaps

Federico (Freddie) Valadez, Project 10, explained that Project 10 helps support interagency councils that work with the school board. They work on Community Resource Mapping which is a strategy for promoting interagency collaboration by better aligning programs and services for youth and families.

The major goal of Community Resource Mapping is to ensure that all youth have access to broad, comprehensive, and integrated system of services.

In addition, during times of economic hardship Community Resource Mapping allows for blending/sharing of financial resources among agencies as well as giving agencies one voice to apply for grants and/or to advocate to the city, county, and/or state in preventing any further cuts and/or reductions in any or further services/resources through data representation and speaking in unity.

Freddie reviewed with the committee the mission statement of the Sarasota County Developmental Disabilities Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the need for the committee to have annual goals.

The composition of the committee was discussed. He noted that the following groups have not been included on the committee: all service providers (UCP), young adult (age18-21), SCTI, Community College, secondary school, Workforce Development Board, employers, leaders in the community, and representatives from Juvenile Justice.

Discussion ensued regarding scanning resources. A comprehensive description of each resource - BY PROGRAM - that works with the developmental disabilities population is needed. Jamie will send out Freddie's PowerPoint presentation to all members for them to review the information that is needed. She will ask that they fill out the resource information and return it in time for the next meeting.

Once the information is completed, have the committee list all the types of developmental disabilities that they want to work with. Then, list all the types of issues these individuals need addressed. (The DD 18-30 subcommittee has started this list.) Use the Auditorium to spread out the sheets completed by the agencies and compare the gaps and overlaps.

Kameron Partridge suggested that the Executive Committee at their next conference call consider the following goals: community awareness, tracking and identifying the population, and engaging in getting services delivered.

Freddie agreed to come back and help once all the information has been collected. The consensus of the group was to have the Executive Committee work with Freddie to develop the report in February. They asked him to come back to their March 9 meeting to discuss next steps.

Meeting with APD

Chip Taylor advised that he has been successful in getting Jim DeBeaugrine, Director for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to come to a special Developmental Disabilities meeting in Sarasota on January 19, 2010 to discuss the latest changes in Tallahassee.

Susan Magers mentioned that school is out that day. Some of the parents will not be able to come without respite. Chip suggested that we may be able to arrange day care. More information will be forthcoming. Jamie will send out an email asking who will need to take advantage of day care services.

United Way 2-1-1

Jessica Ventimiglia, Executive Director of United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, brought copies of their resource directory for use by the committee in their research.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Committee will be held on February 9, 2010 at 1:00 at the Health and Human Services Building, Sarasota in Room 226.