

# Community Alliance of Sarasota County Developmental Disabilities Committee

## February 9, 2010 Meeting Summary

### Present:

Cain Blackwell	YMCA/Safe Children Coalition
Alma Cervantes	Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Sara Dawson	YMCA/Safe Children Coalition
Anna Day	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Nancy DeLoach	Sarasota County Health and Human 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
Cathy Jaffer	Parent, Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Laura McIntyre	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
Susan Richmond	USF, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Laurel White	Vocational Rehabilitation
Kim Williams	The Florida Center
Alwin Woodall	Children’s Medical Services

Kameron Partridge welcomed participants and self-introductions were made. The meeting summary for the January 12, 2010 meeting was approved without corrections.

### **Developmental Disabilities Strike Team**

Anna Day introduced herself as staff support to the DD Strike Team. She explained that the team has a lot of tasks they want to undertake. However, they are not getting the participation they need. She asked if each agency represented on the DD Committee would consider sending someone, not necessarily the DD Committee representative, to attend strike team meetings.

During hurricane season they meet every month. Off season they meet every other month. They meet in the Health and Human Services building but also have the ability to conference call or teleconference.

Anna will send the meeting notices to Jamie Mahadeo for distribution to the DD Committee. You may also contact Anna directly at [aday@scgov.net](mailto:aday@scgov.net).

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## **Human Services Advisory Council**

Nancy DeLoach explained that the HSAC is willing to hear presentations about human services subsystems. At the last DD Committee meeting, she was requested to reserve a spot on the HSAC agenda for them to hear about developmental disabilities service needs and resources. The presentation should not be agency specific and should not be a request for funding. This is an opportunity to educate the HSAC on the developmental disabilities services available in the community, how they work together, and how important they are to the public.

The HSAC has agreed to receive a 30 minute presentation at their March 26 meeting at 3:00 p.m. Nancy assigned Barbara Kopp of her staff to work with the DD Committee on preparing their presentation. They will meet in March at Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Green Building in the large conference room.

## **Annual Goals**

Kameron presented the following goals for consideration by the committee as their annual goals for 2010:

- Community Awareness
- Tracking and Identifying our Population
- Engaging Those in Need and Delivering Services

The committee approved the goals as presented. It was suggested that these goals would be a good framework for the presentation to HSAC.

## **Bylaws**

Kameron reviewed the list of new membership categories suggested by Freddie Valadez (Project 10) at last month's meeting:

- Youth representative
- Workforce development officials
- Representatives from faith-based organizations
- Large & small employers & leaders from local business & industry
- Representative from juvenile justice system

Kameron will meet with Jamie Mahadeo to go over the bylaws and determine the next steps to add these categories.

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### **Community Health Profile**

Kameron asked for two volunteers to work with Kari Ellingstad from the Sarasota County Health Department on the Community Health Profile. Discussion ensued regarding how the DD Committee can best help her. Laura McIntyre went to Kari's office to ask her to step in to the meeting.

Kari advised that she has found a profile on vulnerable populations that she can use to collect data for developmental disabilities. Discussion ensued regarding how to gather data for those individuals that don't attend school.

The CHIP Community Health Survey will be coming out soon. There were only a couple of general questions on that survey related to disabilities. Kameron stressed that this survey is the one that they would really like to provide input on. Kari agreed to provide Kameron with the local CHIP survey and the vulnerable populations information.

### **Community Resource Mapping Tool**

Jamie sent out the material to the DD Committee requesting that the resources format be filled in by each agency. Only a few were received. Discussion ensued regarding the need for creating the document by program rather than by agency. It was reiterated that the information needs to be by program in order for the committee to work with it.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to get this same information from other agencies that don't participate on the committee. Kameron suggested that it could be done by email for a start. She will work with Jamie on developing an email and identifying the appropriate agencies.

### **Next Meeting**

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