

Community Alliance of Sarasota County Developmental Disabilities Committee

March 9, 2010 Meeting Summary

Present:

Milena Capek	United Cerebral Palsy
Nancy DeLoach	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Deborah Hobson	Family Network on Disabilities
Teresa Johnson	Parent
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Barbara Kopp	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
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	Manasota ARC Parent Representative
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities
Stewart Stearns	Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster
Lori Stephens	GAP School
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Caitlin Trask	United Cerebral Palsy
Kim Vorias	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota

Kameron Partridge welcomed participants and self-introductions were made. The meeting summary for the February 9, 2010 meeting was approved without corrections.

Developmental Disabilities Strike Team

Stewart Stearns congratulated the committee on their on-going work and encouraged members to participate in the Developmental Disabilities Strike Team. He commented on the importance of the strike teams to the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) and their emergency disaster planning efforts.

Election of Officers

Kameron reminded the committee that the Chair of the committee has resigned. She opened the floor for nominations for that position. Kameron, who is currently the Vice Chair, was nominated as the Chair. Teresa Johnson, who is also a Vice Chair, took over the meeting and called the question. Kameron was elected unanimously as Chair of the committee.

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Kameron opened the floor to fill her vacated Vice Chair position. Kameron nominated Mary Smith for the position. Mary accepted the nomination. She was elected unanimously as Vice Chair of the committee.

Human Services Advisory Council

Kameron Partridge explained to the committee that the group spearheading the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) presentation has requested a one month delay, moving the presentation to April. Nancy DeLoach, HSAC staff, expressed her disappointment that they were unable to meet the March deadline. She explained that the presentation is not about the Developmental Disabilities Committee. It is about the developmental disabilities service system in the community. Kameron explained that they need more participation from individuals on the committee in order to make a well-rounded presentation.

Nancy will present the DD Committee request for an April time slot to the Chair and Vice Chair of the HSAC this week and will get back with Jamie Mahadeo with confirmation. She offered additional resources to the committee in preparing their presentation including HSAC staff assistance from Barbara Kopp.

Susan Magers asked if anyone else was interested in helping them put together this presentation. Sarah Hickey offered to help since the new school data is available.

Agency Crawl

Kameron advised everyone that she had noted the wrong date for the agency crawl. The event will take place on Friday, March 26, 2010. Caitlin Trask from United Cerebral Palsy asked if they could be added to the tour. It was agreed that there was time on the agenda to visit UCP as well from 2:30 to 3:00.

Kameron asked Sarah Hickey, who is coordinating the tour for the School Board, to let her know how many will be attending so she can have lunch ready when they arrive.

New Subcommittee Structure

Kameron explained that the Executive Committee has recommended that subcommittees meet during part of the regular DD Committee meeting time so no additional time is required out of everyone's schedule. The subcommittees will be based on the targeted priorities:

- Community Awareness – marketing, implementation of bylaws, strike team representation, brochure, website

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- Tracking and Identifying DD Population – gaps and overlaps (community mapping), agency profiles, agency resources checklist
- Engaging Those in Need and Delivering Services – on-line or written surveys, tracking data gathering efforts of other agencies, tracking other local systems that connect people to services

The subcommittees will meet prior to and will report on their progress during the general committee meeting. The 18-to-30 Age Group Subcommittee will be disbanded and its members merged into the other subcommittees.

For the next meeting, Jamie will send an email out to committee members asking them which committee they would like to sit on.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day

Kameron will be going up to Tallahassee with several others on the 15th and asked if anyone else would like to join. It was mentioned that this is the same day as the meeting for families and caregivers in Ft. Myers. A few committee members will be attending the event in Ft. Myers.

Susan Magers shared her experiences when she attended Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day last year. It was an ideal opportunity to talk face-to-face with legislators. The attendance, however, was very poor.

Legislative Update

- Adult Day Trainings may be totally eliminated.
- Early Steps is on the chopping block.
- Changes to graduation requirements that will impact the DD community and will not include resources to assist these individuals to meet the new requirements.

Announcements

Kameron asked that everyone please keep working on the Gaps and Overlaps grid and get your completed documents to Jamie as soon as you can.

Susan Magers asked if any members receive notifications or updates on what is going on in Tallahassee with the legislature, that they copy Jamie so she can get it out to the whole group for action.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Committee will be held on April 13, 2010 at 1:00 at the Health and Human Services Building, Sarasota in Room 226.