

# Community Alliance of Sarasota County Developmental Disabilities Committee

## May 11, 2010 Meeting Summary

### Present:

Kathleen Marie Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Stephanie Hoffman	Area Agency on Aging
Teresa Johnson	Family/Caregiver Representative
Susan Magers	Family/Caregiver Representative
Judi Martin	Community Haven
Bill McDaniel	Parent/Caregiver
Kameron Partridge	Easter Seals
Michelle Pilkington	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Carissa Potts (for Andrea King)	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Carol Burmeister Prichard	Special Education Professional
Myriam Reyes	Family/Caregiver Representative
Susan Richmond	Center for Autism Related Disabilities (CARD)
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Laurel White	Vocational Rehabilitation

Kameron Partridge welcomed the participants and self-introductions were made. The meeting summary for the April 13, 2010 meeting was approved without corrections.

### **Work Group Reports**

#### *Community Awareness Work Group:*

- The DD Committee brochures were completed in time for the agency fair.
- They are planning a collaborative family fun event for all ages either at Arlington Park or at the pool. They need volunteers to assist with transportation to the event, advertisement, food, agency information, etc. The date has not been set.
- Discussion ensued regarding how this event will be different from the Oak Park Agency Fair.

#### *Tracking and Identifying our Population Work Group:*

They went over the survey changes to be made. It will be under 10 questions. They will create an online survey and/or paper survey. The paper data received will be combined with the online data received. The ultimate goal is to identify what needs are being met and what are the unmet needs. It was suggested that they send out an email to the ESE population or send a flyer home to parents to capture the data. Sarah will find out who to talk to. They will add questions on other funding sources and social security. The target population is birth to adult.

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Mary Smith will email the form to Jamie for creation. It was suggested that the agencies take on the responsibility of combining the paper surveys with the online surveys. After some discussion, it was decided that the name field be left out completely, but a field for gender will be added.

### *Engaging Those in Need and Delivering Services Work Group:*

The Gaps and Overlaps Reports were discussed. Blank forms were distributed for those agencies that have not responded. Six more completed forms were turned in. Work Group members have been assigned a list of agencies to contact to get their information. The deadline to receive all the forms is June 8.

### **HSAC Presentation Update**

Kameron Partridge reported that the presentation to the Human Services Advisory Council went well. It was an umbrella approach, not an agency approach. They received a lot of positive feedback. Kameron, Mary, and Susan presented. Representatives from United Cerebral Palsy were present. The HSAC felt that the presentation opened their eyes to what the DD Committee does and what the needs in the community are. Chip Taylor felt that the session was very interactive, went well, and shed light on the subject. The HSAC will be evaluating their approach during the next couple of months.

### **Community Systems Approach**

Chip Taylor explained how the new HSAC community systems approach will work. Outcomes and scoring systems currently being used are being incorporated into the systems approach. Basically, it will be all about buying services for the County, not about giving grants. At first, when they zeroed in on buying services, the focus became too narrow. Community connections must be taken into consideration. The systems approach includes the natural sub-systems within the larger system. HSAC now requests presenters to come and explain their agency systems approach. Funding decisions are being made at the sub-system level.

### **Legislative Update**

Susan Magers reported that the session is over. Providers took a hit again. Senate Bill 4 passed with student testing being affected, including "special" diplomas. DD Committee members should take the opportunity to visit their Senators' offices and let them know how they feel about the bills.

### **Developmental Disabilities Strike Team**

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Michelle Pilkington reported that there was low attendance at the April 22 Strike Team meeting. The Oak Park Agency Fair, the COAD website, the roles and responsibilities matrix, and uniform paperwork for the strike teams were discussed. The next meeting will be held on May 27 in Room 2063.

### **Community Alliance Update**

Kameron Partridge reported that a majority of the meeting was on the Healthy Communities website. The website address for the San Francisco project is [www.healthmattersinsf.org](http://www.healthmattersinsf.org). The next Community Alliance meeting will be held Monday, May 17.

### **Oak Park Agency Fair Update**

Sarah Hickey reported that 65 agencies attended the fair. It was reported that 100 families, including several middle school families, also attended. Kameron Partridge stated that she has a donor who will provide food next year. Susan Magers noted that one issue was that parents had trouble finding the school. Sarah Hickey mentioned that the event will probably be held at a different location next year.

### **Announcements**

- Mary Smith mentioned that respite workers are needed for their program in Manatee and Sarasota counties (including South Sarasota County). Some experience with the DD population (especially children) is important. The pay varies. A background check, finger printing, and CPR/First Aid training will be offered.
- Kameron noted that Easter Seals also needs respite workers for South Sarasota County.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Committee will be held on June 8, 2010 at 1:00 at the Health and Human Services Building, Sarasota in Room 226.