

# Community Alliance of Sarasota County Developmental Disabilities Committee

## Meeting Summary

November 9, 2010

Present:

Reilly Campbell	Special Day Foundation
Marilyn Dubor	AmeriCorps Volunteer
Kathleen Marie Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Deborah Hobson	Family Network on Disabilities
Stephanie Hoffman	Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Florida
Alma Johnson	Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Teresa Johnson	Family/Caregiver Representative
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks & Recreation
Susan Magers	Family/Caregiver Representative
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Judi Martin	Community Haven and Adult Community
Kameron Partridge	Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
Michelle Pilkington	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Carol Burmeister Prichard	Community Representative
Susan Richmond	Center for Autism Related Disabilities (CARD)
Judith Rotolo	AmeriCorps Volunteer
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Federico Valadez	Project 10
Kim Vorias	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Alwin Woodall	Children's Medical Services

Kameron Partridge welcomed members and self-introductions were made. The October 12 meeting summary was approved without corrections.

### **Gaps and Overlaps**

Kameron Partridge reported that there was a handout in the members' packets for review. Kameron explained that the Executive Committee met with Jon McKenzie, Sarasota County Project Manager to review the Gaps and Overlaps data and to identify a way to visually map the data. Jon asked several questions:

- Where is the Committee currently?
- What does the Committee want to be?
- What performance measures should exist in the community, based on the needs of the people who live there?
- What benchmarks should be set to get there?
- What is the Committee going to do with the data?

Jon suggested identifying a "gold" standard and a key performance/community measure in each category for youth and adults. Jon felt that the data gathered was a good

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starting point of a “community inventory”. It was noted that the Committee needs to follow-up with the agencies that have no information on the spreadsheet. Kameron noted that the survey results will greatly assist in this effort. Jamie Mahadeo stated that she will place the data into a narrative version to identify the pieces that are missing in each section. It was pointed out that the process in capturing the performance measures should include the following:

- What is the “gold” standard?
- How does the funding matter?
- How well is the service utilized?
- How satisfied are the clients that are using the service?

In addition, the Committee should determine how to capture the zip code data and identify the “Community Improvement Plan” for Sarasota County’s developmental disability population. Members discussed available data software, relationship mapping, community-wide best practices, examples of performance measures, not reinventing the wheel, and turning the information into a community discussion.

The next steps will be to pick one category to begin the process of capturing the above information including the correct performance measures for the community. Federico Valadez stated that he will contact the *National Association of County Governments* to inquire on “free” software mapping programs. Sarah Hickey mentioned that the Sarasota County School Board has available funding to purchase software programs. It was agreed that the performance measures should be limited to the main categories.

## Survey

Kameron Partridge reported that the survey was launched on November 8. A discussion ensued on paper vs. electronic version, client participation, volunteer assistance, identifying agency contact persons, agency newsletters advertisements, and adding a Family Care Council representative seat. In addition, members discussed the Sarasota County School Board’s disclaimer on the flyer, printing and disseminating the flyer to the community and schools, setting a deadline, creating a Spanish version, developing a letter to agency CEOs, agency responsibility, future intake process to include survey data, and running specific school reports. It was requested that all agencies email the survey to their clients and place a link on their agency website. The link will also be placed on the Developmental Disabilities webpage. Kameron asked agencies to push the survey as much as possible and pass it on.

The next steps will include adding the deadline of January 15, 2011 to the flyer and distributing the flyer to the Sarasota County Schools the week of November 29. Chip Taylor stated that the County will cover the printing expense of the flyers. Kameron will draft the agency CEO letter and email it to Jamie for distribution.

## Announcements

- Reilly Campbell announced that the *Special Day Foundation’s* mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities through recreation (donations

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of sporting and recreation events along with a boating program) and specialized dental care. The Foundation provides access to specialized dental care through partnerships with the University of Florida College of Dentistry in St. Petersburg and Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. In addition, the Foundation is in the process of establishing a partnership with a Sarasota dentist as well. The dental program has been in existence for approximately six months and 25 families are enrolled in the program. It is an assistance program with the costs and access to dental care for persons with developmental disabilities. Andrea King stated that recently T-REC held a nutrition classes focused on dental care. The Sarasota County Health Department's Dental Clinic donated educational packets to share with dentists to become specialized in developmental disability treatment. Reilly stated that 10% of their program funding is designated to educate dental students on this type of specialized care. It was noted that as of January 1, 2011 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) mobile dental clinic will begin serving at least 400 waitlist clients during the year.

- Michelle Pilkington announced that APD received a grant through AmeriCorps with 150 volunteers throughout the state; four volunteers are housed at the Manatee APD office and are currently going through training. APD's mission is to develop resources for the individuals on the waitlist.
- Suncoast Center for Independent Living (SCIL) announced that on November 11 Easter Seals, Family Network on Disabilities, and SCIL will hold a developmental disabilities support group, "Community United for Disability Living and Education" (CUDLE) event. The topic will be on positive behavioral supports and respite care is available. Future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month. The goal is to unite parents in communication, education, and relationships through this support system. Future topics will be chosen by the parents.
- Andrea King announced that T-REC will hold a Special O'Laughics on November 16, a sand sculpture contest event will take place on Siesta Key Beach on November 18-21, and the current edition of the *Sarasota County Parks and Recreational Activities and Events Guide* is available. Andrea also mentioned that Sarasota County is offering floating wheelchairs at five of its major beaches.
- Federico Valadez announced that agencies who are interested in obtaining AmeriCorps volunteers will need to contribute a 24% match. The goal is to acquire more businesses to hire persons with disabilities. Federico will email the link to staff on the *Volunteer Florida* site.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Committee will be held on December 14, 2010 at 1:00 in Room 226 at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard in Sarasota.