

Community Alliance of Sarasota County Developmental Disabilities Committee

Meeting Summary January 10, 2012

Present:

Kim Barger	Early Steps
Danielle Boyette	Take Stock in Children
Stephanie Caldwell	Take Stock in Children
Alan Cicora	Plan for What If
Sara Dawson	Sarasota YMCA / Safe Children's Coalition
Margie Genter	Goodwill Industries
Kathleen Marie Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Kameron Hodgens	Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
Edwina Jones	Community Haven
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Teresa Johnson	Parent
Liza Leonard	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health
Judi Martin	Community Haven
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Candice McLeod	Take Stock in Children
Laura McIntyre	Family Safety Alliance
Michelle Pilkington	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities Manasota
Jack Sweeney	Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Catlin Trask	United Cerebral Palsy
Kim Vorias	Manasota 2-1-1

<i>Agenda Topic: Plan for "What If"</i>		Alan Cicora
Handout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binders with CD/Workbook (for review) and business cards 	
Program Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Cicora is the Founder of the "Plan for What If" program and is a certified financial planner. • The program assists parents' document pertinent information to plan for their special needs child/adult's future, to make transitions easier on their loved one, and to share this important information with family and close friends. • The program includes a step-by-step instruction CD, a workbook, and one mentoring financial advisor session by a disability advocate. Additional sessions can be purchased for a cost. • The program has partnered with local agencies as a resource for the community. If a parent purchases the program, the program donates a certain percentage of the sale to the agency. • A Spanish version will be released in the near future and are discussing the creation of an electronically accessible program. • For program costs and fee schedules go to: www.plan4whatif.com. 	

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Notations	It was noted that if a plan is not in place for a special needs child/adult there could be consequences in disqualification from government benefits along with turning the special needs person's life upside down. The program will have a booth at the next Oak Park Agency Fair along with future events in the community.
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<i>Agenda Topic: College Scholarships - Take Stock in Children</i>		Danielle Boyette
Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Stock in Children flyer/brochure and business cards • ChairScholars Foundation Application/brochure and business cards 	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Stock in Children is a scholarship and mentoring program for at-risk youths. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The program is funded by the community and the State of Florida. ○ It is currently accepting applications for middle school children (6 to 8 grade). ○ The program serves all counties in the State of Florida. ○ There are approximately 250 students being served in Sarasota County. ○ The criteria includes an income based guideline, student application, teacher recommendations, and an interview process. The child must have a 2.5 GPA and be drug and alcohol free. ○ Once qualified a student meets with a mentor on a regular basis and programs are initiated to assist the student prepare for college (college prep workshops and community service projects). ○ Students in this program have a 96% graduation rate. ○ Upon graduation students in the program receive a tuition scholarship for two years to a community college and then an additional two years to a university. • The ChairScholars Foundation recently opened the application process for scholarships for disabled children within the Take Stock in Children Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications are due by January 31. ○ It is open to surrounding counties in the State of Florida. ○ Criteria include qualifying disability, meeting the financial standard, and doctor documentation on the qualifying disability. ○ There are approximately 12 students currently enrolled in this program. ○ The Foundation has a national scholarship program. 	
Notations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program welcomes additional mentors. • If there are children not in the qualified criteria, applications can be submitted for review. 	

<i>Agenda Topic: Developmental Disabilities Summit</i>		<i>Presenter: Summit Planning Committee</i>
<i>Handout</i>	January 3 meeting summary, list of questions, and invitation list	
<i>Discussion</i>	A review of the upcoming Summit	
<i>Plans for the Summit</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date/Time/location: Feb. 28, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Sarasota County School Board in the "Blue Awning Building" (Room 221) at the Landings. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments will be provided by Family Network on Disabilities Manasota and Prader-Willi Syndrome Association. • Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. - PowerPoint presentation ○ 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – three breakout sessions (birth to 12, 13 to 25, and 26 and older) to include three discussion questions. County staff will facilitate each session. ○ 11:00 a.m. to noon – debriefing session • Lunch to follow at the Olive Garden Restaurant (self-pay).
<i>Additional Invitees</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida (formerly Manasota ARC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Norma Israel, Executive Director ○ Gail Larsky, Day Program Coordinator • Developmental Disabilities Strike Team • Chambers of Commerce • Stacey Quaid, Executive Director Manasota BUDS • Academy for Community Transition (Sarah Hickey will send flyer home with parents) ❖ Members asked that only professionals and the Developmental Disabilities families be invited to the event.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Show PowerPoint presentation at the February meeting.	Jamie Mahadeo	February 14
Email new APD data on updated wait-list and currently served population (by ages and county) to staff.	Michelle Pilkington	Immediately
Email the “Save the Date” and flyer to invite lists.	Jamie Mahadeo	January 13
Encourage medical providers to attend the Summit.	All members	Immediately
Add the title of the Summit and the purpose statement in the first slide on the PowerPoint presentation.	Jamie Mahadeo	Immediately
Acquire approval from the School Board on the cost of the brochures	Sarah Hickey	Immediately
Update the brochure	Jamie Mahadeo and Kathleen Marie Hall	As soon as possible
Create after-the-fact press release with Dianne Shipley.	Jamie Mahadeo and Executive Committee	No date given

<i>Agenda Topic: Tapestry / Single Point of Entry</i>	
Discussion	Create a “single point-of-entry” profile in Tapestry for the Developmental Disabilities community (parents and agencies) to include medical releases, financial assistance, application, resources, services, and intake forms. It was noted that it would be similar to the college financial aid applications. Other discussions were on HIPAA regulations and signing releases.

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<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Invite Ben Kunkel to the next Developmental Disabilities Executive Committee meeting	Jamie Mahadeo	March 6

<i>Agenda Topic: Announcements</i>	
Jamie Mahadeo	In an effort to be "Green," the meeting summaries will no longer be distributed at the meetings nor will they need prior approval before posting them to the website. To review the summaries go to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o http://sarasotaalliance.net/meeting_summaries_2012.asp
Andrea King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-REC Newsletter • The Miracle League of Manasota will be completed in the spring. • Sonshine Chapter Fun Day – January 14 at Nokomis Community Center. • T-REC Fun Day – January 28 in North Port. • Phillippi Estate Park Gazebo – "Brown Bag" Concert Series begins in February through March on Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.
Kameron Hodgens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Seals is hosting a "Design Sense" contest (top toy designer) on February 24 at Dolphin Aviation. The cost to attend the event is \$35. The winner will then go on to Las Vegas to compete. Additional information can be found on the website (www.easterseals-swfl.org).
Jack Sweeney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suncoast Center for Independent Living (SCIL) recently moved to 3281 17th Street. An "Open House" will be held in the near future. Information on the vent will be emailed to staff for distribution.

<i>Agenda Topic: Next Meeting</i>		<i>Presenter: Kameron Partridge</i>
<i>Date/Time</i>	Tuesday, February 14, 1:00 p.m.	
<i>Location</i>	Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Conference Room 226.	

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.