

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

## Data Group

### January 18, 2008 Meeting Summary

**Present:** George Aristizabal, Royal Venice  
Philomena D'sa, Catholic Charities  
Phil Gorelick, Jewish Family and Children's Services  
Don Hadsell, Office of Housing and Community Development  
Doug Kerr, H.D. Kerr, LLC  
Ben Kunkel, United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota  
Richard Martin, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness  
Erin McLeod, Senior Friendship Centers  
Tom Pfaff, Goodwill/Sarasota Ministerial Association  
Bryan Pope, Salvation Army  
Stewart Stearns, Community Foundation of Sarasota County

**Staff:** Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Human Services

Richard Martin welcomed the group and self-introductions were made. The January 2, 2008 meeting summary was approved by the committee.

Jamie Mahadeo handed out a few copies of a paper on EITC from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The committee members requested that they get this document electronically.

Discussion ensued regarding a memorandum that Richard prepared for the Community Alliance regarding the Sarasota County System of Care Task Force. The funding section of the document (regarding the dollars targeted to homelessness) was highlighted and discussed. At the present time, they are doing a two county homeless census.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$5 million fund that is being proposed:

- Is that a reasonable amount?
- If a campaign is envisioned, the request needs to be stated as: "\_\_\_\_\_ (what going to be changed) is based on \$\_\_\_\_\_ given."
- The proposal could be developed without mentioning the \$5 million target then later develop the amount needed to actualize it.

It was announced that Steve Queior is going to have an open house with the IRS in attendance to show businesses the benefit that can come from educating their employees on the EITC.

The following types of questions were posed for discussion:

- What are the eligibility criteria?

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- What is the focus?
- Who is our target group?
- What are the resources?
- How does the faith community fit in?

Richard agreed to finalize the paper for presentation to the Community Alliance Steering Committee next week and then subsequently bring it to the Community Alliance. He will e-mail the committee a copy of the final paper.