

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY WORK GROUP

May 11, 2004

Members Present: Karen Bogues
Bob Carter
Diana French
Cheryl Kopmann
Bill Newell
Beverly Stockton

Staff Present: Pauline Tracy

Steering Committee Meeting Educational Sessions

May 17 Steering Committee

A panel discussion on the homeless issue in Sarasota County will be presented at the May 17 Steering Committee meeting. Tom Treend (YMCA), David English (Continuum of Care Leadership Council), Major Bert Tanner (Salvation Army), and Sandy Baar (Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless) will participate in the panel discussion. Each has been asked to briefly describe what the role of their organization is in addressing the homeless issue and how their organizations work together. Questions that need to be answered include what is the system's capacity; is there any duplication of services; and how effective and efficient are the services. The panel members have also been asked to bring handouts that Alliance members can take back to their offices with them which includes key contacts and phone numbers.

Pauline will call each panel member to confirm their attendance and to see if they have any questions.

SCOPE has also been asked to present the proposed study topic issues that are being considered for next year. Jake Thomas will be making the presentation at Monday's meeting.

Future Steering Committee Presentations

Discussion ensued regarding several different presentation topics including:

- SCOPE's Family Violence Study
- SCOPE's Redevelopment Study
- SCOPE's Affordable Housing Study (*key issue*)
- SCOPE's School Dropout Study
- SCOPE's Mental Health Study
- SCOPE's Traffic Flow Study
- Child Care/After School Care (*key issue*)
- Middle School After-School Activities
- Aging and Older Adult Services (*key issue*)
- Funder information
- "211" Update
- Living wage/economic development-how it affects human services
- Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) and the changes to the policy framework for Sarasota County Grants-in-Aid Program

It was agreed that HSAC and 211 should be the next presentations at the appropriate Steering Committee meetings. Pauline will contact Brett Rees and Alberto Suarez to try and arrange the dates.

The School Readiness Coalition is currently discussing after school care and perhaps a presentation on childcare and after-school care can be scheduled sometime in the Fall. HSAC has also appointed an Out of School Time Committee which is looking at the after school issue.

Beverly Stockton volunteered to research what is currently being done in Sarasota County regarding establishing a living wage. She will report back to this work group with her results.

Karen Bogues will prepare a proposal to bring back to this group for a presentation on activities for Middle School students after school.

A presentation on SCOPE's Family Violence Study should also be scheduled sometime after the HSAC and 211 presentations.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Education and Advocacy Work Group was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, at 3:00, at Senior Friendship Center.