

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sarasota Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd

MEETING SUMMARY

January 20, 2010

Members Present: Ken Alexander
Bob Carter
Kay Glasser
Janet Kahn
Bill Little
Tom Pfaff

Members Absent: Janice Mee
Steve Quieor
Sherri Reynolds
Stewart Stearns
Jerry Thompson

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Bill Little welcomed everyone.

Emerging Issues

Aging in Place and Community Engagement

Bob Carter gave a brief history of the Aging in Place Action Team and the Community Engagement Action Team. Both have matured to the point where he thought they would be more appropriately placed under the purview of the Community Alliance. The committee agreed to recommend to the Steering Committee that both of these action teams become work groups of the Community Alliance and in time they may need to become standing committees.

Bob will ask Kathleen Houseweart, Chair of the Aging in Place Action Team, and Dennis Stover, Chair of the Community Engagement Action Team, to make a brief presentation to the Community Alliance on the purposes of the two teams.

USF School of Social Work Update

Pauline shared a copy of the [response](#) to the Community Alliance's letter to Dr. Guilford regarding the USF Sarasota-Manatee plan to discontinue their BSW and MSW programs. In his response, Dr. Guilford stated that the current BSW and MSW students will be able to complete their programs through the Tampa campus. The Sarasota-Manatee campus is applying for a separate accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and hopes to be approved by June 2011. At that time, the school will be able to operate the degree programs that will meet the community's needs, which could include Social Work programs.

Standing Committee and Work Group Updates

Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little referred members to the [summary](#) in their packets. He announced that the Consortium agreed to change its name to the Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium and the name of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strategic Planning Work Group to the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Work Group.

Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

Chip Taylor reported that Mickey Watkins with Sarasota Memorial Hospital presented the hospital's Disaster Preparedness plan at the COAD meeting. He also reported that 21 agencies have signed data sharing agreements to use the Tapestry software system in the event of a disaster.

New Business/Announcements

Florida Back to Work Program

Janet Kahn shared a press release from the Agency for Workforce Innovation dated December 17, 2009 regarding information on the Florida Back to Work Program. Funding is available through September 30, 2010 to help pay for jobs for low-income families. The group agreed to invite Leslie Loveless to the Steering Committee to talk about the program. This may be a way to assist some of the non-profit agencies in getting through the increase in demand for services.

FRAN Update to the Board of County Commissioners

Pauline Tracy was asked by the Foreclosure Resources Assistance Network (FRAN) Tactical Team to request that the Community Alliance be a co-author of a memo to the Board of County Commissioners which will provide an update on

the FRAN initiative. The Alliance co-sponsored the *Hope for Homeowners Seminars* and the case management agencies which are members of the Alliance and are receiving the stimulus funds have participated in the FRAN Community Agency Work Group. The Tactical Team has sent updates to the BCC in the past but felt it should really come from both the Team and the Community Alliance. The Executive Committee agreed to place it on the Steering Committee's agenda for discussion.

Mission Statement

Dr. Kay Glasser asked that the Community Alliance's mission statement be placed somewhere visible to members during the meetings such as at the bottom of the agenda. Pauline stated that the agendas for Monday's meeting will have the mission statement added.

WEDU Be More Awards

Janet Kahn announced that the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County recently won two WEDU *Be More Awards*: *WEDU's Be More Knowledgeable Award* for its "Look for the Stars" child care quality improvement program and *WEDU's Be More Informed Award* for its "Literacy Empowers All Families" (LEAF) social marketing campaign to encourage parents to talk, listen and read to their children. Girls, Inc. also won several awards: *WEDU's Be More Brilliant Award* for outstanding achievement in innovation and the "Nonprofit Organization of the Year".