

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Community Foundation, 2635 Fruitville Road

MEETING SUMMARY

April 14, 2010

Members Present: Ken Alexander
Janet Kahn
Bill Little
Janice Mee
Tom Pfaff
Steve Queior
Stewart Stearns
Jerry Thompson
Caroline Zucker (Co-chair of the Legislative Committee)

Members Absent: Dr. Kay Glasser
Sherri Reynolds

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Bill Little welcomed everyone.

Emerging Issues

HSAC/Community Alliance Workshop with the BCC

Janice Mee and Bill Little provided an overview of the HSAC/Community Alliance Workshop with the BCC that morning. The [presentation](#), which was well received by the Board of County Commissioners, focused on three areas:

- strengthening connections among the elements of the community's human services systems;
- aligning HSAC and the Community Alliance to better address human services through a systems approach; and
- monitoring and managing community systems through data and information.

The Community Alliance's focus has been more at a systems level, while the HSAC's focus has been primarily on programs and funding recommendations. Although there are already some connections between the HSAC and the

Community Alliance (e.g., common Community Outcome Targets and some issue analysis), there is the potential for better collaboration.

With HSAC and the BCC moving to more of a systems-level approach for funding, it is anticipated that this will allow more opportunities to invest at system intersections, allow a more holistic approach in bringing resources to human services issues, encourage efficiencies and fiscal savings, sharing of best practices, and encouraging a blending of multiple funding systems.

The 9 systems which were identified as currently being funded by the County's Contracted Human Services are:

- Aging
- Behavioral Health
- Child Welfare
- Criminal Justice
- Developmental Disabilities
- Early Learning
- Food and Emergency Financial Assistance
- Health
- Positive Youth Development

Regarding the utilization of data and information, there is a large amount of data available in the community that is being used to make decisions; however, this is one area that has the potential for vast improvement. Three strategies were presented that would improve the way we collect and share data:

- Tapestry
- "Data Warehouse"
- Healthy Communities

The HSAC and Community Alliance members asked the BCC for the opportunity to return at a later date to discuss the data and information management issue further.

The future direction of the HSAC and Community Alliance collaboration shows both groups focusing on:

- Issue analysis
- Policy analysis
- Becoming policy advisors to the BCC
- Strategic Investments
- Systems Improvements
- Community Outcome Indicators
- Focus on systems outcomes

- Collaboration efforts

The HSAC would continue to develop funding strategies, while the Community Alliance would continue to advocate for health and human services.

The BCC passed a motion to encourage the move towards a systems approach to funding human services. The recommendation was made that the Executive Committee meet with HSAC to discuss what the next steps should be. It was also suggested that an HSAC member and a Community Alliance member participate with staff in the June Budget Workshop with the BCC.

Nominating and Membership Committee Recommendations

Janet Kahn reported that the Nominating and Membership Committee met to discuss a number of issues:

- Vacant seats
- Membership attendance
- Nomination to fill the vacant Executive Committee seat
- Additional seats

Members of the Committee offered to make contact with representatives to appoint someone for the following seats: City of North Port, City of Sarasota, City of Venice—Criminal Justice, Healthy Start Coalition, Housing and the NAACP.

Pauline Tracy has communicated with most of the members who have missed more than 3 consecutive meetings to determine their interest in remaining on the Steering Committee. Most have expressed a desire to remain on the committee and pledged to attend more often. A few stated they usually have scheduling conflicts that prevent them from attending but that they would ask their organization to appoint someone else to replace them.

The Nominating and Membership Committee discussed several candidates for the Executive Committee seat vacated by Bob Carter. They passed a motion selecting Benny Weaver as their nominee. Benny has had good attendance at the Steering Committee meetings, has expressed an interest in getting involved at the Executive Committee level, and would add another south county perspective. The Executive Committee agreed to place the nomination of Benny Weaver to fill the Executive Committee vacant seat on the Steering Committee agenda for a vote.

Another discussion item at the Nominating and Membership Committee was a review of the current seats and whether there is a need to add seats under the “Community Representative” category. Pauline spoke to Ken Modzelewski with the South County Family YMCA, who expressed an interest in serving on the

Steering Committee. He felt his perspective would be different from the two current “Children and Youth Serving Organizations”, noting that his organization is the largest after school and day care provider in the southern part of the county. It was agreed to amend the by-laws to add a north county seat and a south county seat to the “Community Representative” category. It was suggested that the Newtown CHAT might be interested in selecting someone to fill the north county seat, while Ken Modzelewski could fill the south county seat. This will be a recommendation to the Steering Committee on April 19.

Legislative Issues

A lengthy discussion on the ongoing legislative session was held. Since things have been changing so quickly, any discussion at the Steering Committee meeting of specific bills would more than likely not be useful. It was decided to wait until after the session to determine how legislation has affected health and human services.

Community Outreach Strategic Planning Meeting

At the March Steering Committee meeting, it was decided to dedicate the May 17 Steering Committee meeting to a facilitated brainstorming session on marketing opportunities for the Community Alliance and the health and human services community. The Executive Committee will recommend to the Steering Committee that we postpone the date of that session to the June 21 Steering Committee meeting, which will give more time to locate a facilitator and properly plan the session. Tom Pfaff suggested that we begin some of the work at the May meeting by asking a few questions at that time. Steve Queior offered to ask one of his chamber members who works in the marketing field to be the facilitator for the June 21 session. This will be discussed further at the Steering Committee meeting.

Standing Committee and Work Group Updates

Behavioral Health Stakeholders’ Consortium

The Behavioral Health Stakeholders’ Consortium monthly report was included in the member’s packets.

COAD

Pauline was contacted by a national organization, Hands On Network, operated by the Points of Light Institute, to participate in a webinar to talk about the Sarasota COAD. Pauline has asked Stewart Stearns and Ed McCrane to also participate if available.

April 19 Steering Committee Agenda

- HSAC/Community Alliance Presentation to the BCC Update
- SCOSA Update—City Ordinance
- Healthy Communities Presentation
- Election of Executive Committee Member
- Committee and Work Group Reports