

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**The Community Foundation, 2635 Fruitville Road**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**May 12, 2010**

Members Present: Ken Alexander  
Karen Bogues (Chair, Planning and Outcomes Committee)  
Janet Kahn  
Janice Mee  
Sherri Reynolds  
Stewart Stearns  
Caroline Zucker (Co-chair, Legislative Advocacy Committee)

Members Absent: Dr. Kay Glasser  
Bill Little  
Tom Pfaff  
Steve Queior  
Jerry Thompson

Staff Present: Brooke Baker  
Pam Meunier  
Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

Sherri Reynolds welcomed everyone.

**Emerging Issues**

Legislative Session Debrief

Several summaries and an overview of the legislative session were included in the members' packets. At the last Legislative Advocacy Committee meeting, the recommendation was made to schedule some time in early fall to meet with the local delegation about health and human service issues. The 2011 Community Alliance Legislative Priorities will need to be approved prior to the meeting with the delegation. This will be discussed further at the May 17 Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee members will be asked to bring information to the meeting regarding how new legislation will impact their organization and the community.

## April Steering Committee Meeting Debrief

There was some concern and confusion expressed at the April Steering Committee meeting regarding the Healthy Communities website demonstration that Mary Sassi presented. Some members felt that the County has already decided to move forward with the website without a lot of input from the community partners. The price of buying into the Healthy Communities initiative was also a concern. Unfortunately, those who were most familiar with the initiative were not at the April meeting to answer questions. It was decided that Bill Little would be asked to address the members' concerns at the next Steering Committee meeting.

## Redesign of the Acute Care System

Ken Alexander reported that after many months of discussions among the acute care system partners, there has been agreement reached that due to the historic underutilization of children's beds and the need for additional adult beds at the CSU, effective July 1, 2010 the following changes will occur:

- all children's crisis stabilization beds will be located at Bayside Center for Behavioral Health;
- all crisis stabilization beds for persons age 65 and older will be located at Bayside Center for Behavioral Health; and,
- crisis stabilization beds for persons age 18 to 64 will be located at Coastal Behavioral Healthcare.

Exceptions to the above adult bed locations will be granted if the patient or family member chooses a different location due to their preference or for insurance purposes. A Transportation Exception Plan (TEP) is being developed which will include the above changes.

## **Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update**

Brooke Baker provided an overview of the Comprehensive [Community Action Plan](#) which is being developed by the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Work Group on their first priority—Prescription Drug Misuse. The plan addresses the following intervening variables:

- retail access and availability
- social access and availability
- enforcement and adjudication
- attitudes and beliefs

The plan includes outcomes which include decreasing the number of unintentional prescription drug poisoning deaths in 20 to 24 year olds, decreasing the amount of unused and expired medications in the community, raising

community awareness, increasing enforcement of individuals establishing pain clinics within Sarasota County, and decreasing the number of pain clinics opening and dispensing medications in Sarasota County. The Work Group is asking for the Community Alliance's support in proposing a public hearing to be held by the Board of County Commissioners to pass an ordinance to place a one year moratorium on new pain clinics in Sarasota County. The Executive Committee agreed to place the item on the May 17 Steering Committee agenda for discussion.

### **June 21 Strategic Planning Meeting**

Pauline reported that Steve Queior felt confident he would be able to find a facilitator for the June 21 Steering Committee meeting which will focus on outreach and marketing. The key messages that the Alliance wants to share need to be clarified and agreed upon by all members on June 21. An example of a simple way to market the Alliance is to ask members to place the link to the Community Alliance on their website. It was decided to call the June 21 meeting a "Marketing Planning Meeting". Karen shared the outline which was developed by the ad hoc group chaired by Erin McLeod and the planning documents that were developed in the very first strategic planning session for the Alliance facilitated by Debra Jacobs. Some of the same marketing and planning issues were highlighted at that time as well.

Pauline was asked to see if the facilitator could attend the May Steering Committee meeting.

### **Standing Committee and Work Group Updates**

#### Planning and Outcomes Committee

The next Planning and Outcomes Committee meeting will be held on May 21 and will focus on the substance abuse outcome areas. The community "experts" on substance abuse issues have been invited to attend and review the existing community outcome indicators and targets and to share others that their organization is currently tracking.

#### COAD

Pauline announced that Marion Sortore, Ed McCrane, Jamie Mahadeo and Jon McKenzie made a presentation on the Sarasota COAD at the National VOAD meeting in Orlando. The presentation was received well and the group received requests from several people for a videotape of the presentation.

## **New Business/Announcements**

Karen announced that the PYD Initiative is currently applying to be one of the “100 Best Communities for Youth” and would like to have an endorsement from the Community Alliance. She and other PYD “experts” made a presentation to the HSAC on the positive youth development system in the community and it became clear that the system is very siloed. She recommended that a presentation be made to the Community Alliance on the positive youth development system in Sarasota County. It was suggested that all of the “systems” which have presented at HSAC should also make a presentation to the Community Alliance.

Karen asked for an endorsement from the Community Alliance for the PYD Initiative’s application for the Collaboration Prize 2011. Discussion ensued as to whether other Sarasota groups are also applying for the Collaboration Prize. In 2010, three applications from Sarasota were submitted. It was decided to place this issue on the agenda for discussion at the May 17 Steering Committee meeting.