

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**April 16, 2008**

Members Present: Elliott Metcalfe, Chair  
Ken Alexander  
Karen Bogues  
Bob Carter  
Kay Glasser  
Peter Howard  
Bill Little  
Tom Pfaff  
Steve Quieor  
Stewart Stearns  
Jerry Thompson

Guests Present: P. J. Brooks  
Rose Chapman  
Carolyn Eagan  
Kari Ellingstad  
Bryan Pope  
Sherri Reynolds  
Benny Weaver

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

Elliott Metcalfe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Committee and Work Group Updates**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little directed everyone to the [report](#) in their folders. Bill provided an update on the Health Interactive which was held earlier that morning and brought approximately 200 people together to talk about improving the community's health. Improved mental health services were identified by the participants as one of the top priorities. It was agreed that Kari Ellingstad would make a

presentation at a future Steering Committee meeting on the outcomes of the Health Interactive session.

### Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

Stewart Stearns reported that Ed McCrane, Sarasota County's Emergency Management Chief, attended the last COAD meeting and made a presentation on the County's emergency management process.

The Long Term Recovery Planning Group met with Scott Montgomery, Sarasota County Emergency Management, to discuss Sarasota County's plan for long term recovery. Scott stated that Emergency Management never totally pulls out of long term recovery. They are always involved and overseeing the process regardless of the timeframe.

The Executive Committee agreed that the focus of either the May or June Steering Committee meeting should be on emergency preparedness and COAD's response to the health and human service needs after a disaster. It was suggested that the meeting be held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and that CEOs from health and human service agencies should be invited. Non-profits should build their emergency plans to be compatible with the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

Chip Taylor gave an update on the Tapestry software system. Manatee County Government has a board agenda item on April 22 to request \$12,000 towards the first year implementation costs of the Tapestry software system. Sarasota is ready to proceed with the disaster management and 2-1-1 modules. The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness Board had some concerns and questions which are being addressed. It is unclear whether they will be ready to move their Homeless Management Information System to Tapestry during the first year.

### **Changes to the Community Based Care Local Structure**

Ed McBride, Vice President of Community Based Care (CBC) Operations at the Sarasota Family YMCA, introduced himself and provided an update on the restructuring at the YMCA. With the loss of the Pasco and Pinellas CBC contract, the YMCA has downsized and made some staff shifts internally. They will continue their focus on child welfare and building better communications with the community. Ed will transition into his position in Sarasota on July 1 but has already begun meeting with community partners. He is interested in becoming more involved in the community and asked committee members to let him know if there are meetings, such as the Community Alliance meetings, that he should attend.

The Committee asked Ed to make periodic reports to the Community Alliance on the CBC operations.

### **Strategic Planning Work Groups**

Elliott Metcalfe reported on the outcome of the small work group which met to discuss next steps for the strategic planning work groups. They are asking each group to meet again and identify “low hanging fruit” which would not cost any additional dollars and another priority which might have costs associated with it.

The Developmental Disabilities Work Group is already scheduled to meet on April 17 to identify the “low hanging fruit”: The Economic Self Sufficiency Work Group’s meeting earlier in the month was cancelled but will be rescheduled in the near future. Steve Queior and Richard Martin are in the process of identifying additional resources in the banking and mortgage fields who will help the group address the current foreclosure and eviction crisis. The United Way of Sarasota County has taken the lead on conducting research on how to establish a holistic multi-year Prosperity Campaign in Sarasota.

Rose Chapman and P. J. Brooks expressed concern regarding how to effectively channel the discussion among the members of the Children and Families Strategic Planning Work Group. Issues stymieing the group in the past have centered around the wide age range and how you address children’s issues for the 0 to 5 population completely different from those ages 5 to 12 and ages 12 to 18. It was suggested that the group meet again and decide how to manage the discussion even if it means breaking up into 2 or 3 smaller groups.

The possibility of the conducting the Steering Committee meeting every other month so that the strategic planning work groups can again use the third Monday of each month to meet was discussed. The final decision will be made by the Steering Committee on April 21.

### **New Business**

Karen Bagues announced that Community Youth Development will no longer be a part of the Sarasota Family YMCA. She thanked the YMCA for all of their support over the years. CYD is looking for another non-profit to take over as their fiscal agent effective July 1.

Steering Committee members will be asked to be prepared to discuss legislative issues and budget reductions at the April 21 meeting.

***Next Meeting: The next Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation.***