

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

### MEETING SUMMARY

October 15, 2008

Members Present: Karen Bagues  
Kay Glasser  
Bill Little  
Susan Magers  
Steve Queior  
Sherri Reynolds  
Stewart Stearns  
Beverly Stockton  
Jerry Thompson

Guests Present: Mary Koctur, Catholic Charities  
Bryan Pope, Salvation Army  
Tam Sicard, Catholic Charities

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

Steve Queior welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

#### **ESS Collaboration Work Group**

A [presentation](#) was made by Tom Pfaff, Mary Koctur, Bryan Pope and Tam Sicard on the work of the ESS Collaboration Work Group. The Work Group met over the summer and identified a need for additional case management services in Sarasota County due to the dramatic increase in requests for emergency financial assistance and services. The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and Jewish Families and Children's Services are currently working collaboratively to meet the needs of individuals and families but they have all found that the demand far exceeds existing resources. The Work Group's recommendation is to expand the existing collaborative service delivery model by increasing the funding level for financial assistance and case management and supportive services.

## **2009 Legislative Priorities**

The Committee members reviewed the [legislative proposals](#) which were approved by the Legislative Advocacy Committee as well as a proposal from CYD which was submitted after the Committee met. After discussion, the Executive Committee approved all of the proposals. Members who submitted the proposals will be asked to be present at the Steering Committee meeting to answer questions. The question was raised as to whether or not the proposals should be prioritized. It was decided to bring that issue up for discussion at the Steering Committee meeting.

Elliott Metcalfe will be presenting the legislative proposals to the Board of County Commissioners on December 10 to request their support.

## **Committee and Work Group Updates**

### Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

Stewart Stearns deferred his report until the Steering Committee meeting due to time restraints.

### Developmental Disabilities Work Group

Susan Magers, Chair of the Developmental Disabilities Work Group, reported that the Work Group is focusing on the following areas:

- a community plan to address the SCAT Plus policy change which will financially impact the agencies which serve individuals with developmental disabilities;
- a survey of parents and family members of individuals with disabilities to collect data on aftercare services;
- respite services;
- advocacy efforts; and,
- development of by-laws.

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little referred the Committee to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health [report](#) in their packets. Shelley Robertson will facilitate the next Consortium meeting to focus on the group's accomplishments and next steps.

## **2009 Nomination of Officers**

Sherri Reynolds reported that the Nominating Committee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks to nominate a Chair since Elliott will be stepping down at the end of the calendar year. The Committee will also address several vacancies on the Steering Committee and one vacancy on the Executive Committee.

***Next Meeting: The next Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation.***