

# **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**November 12, 2008**

Members Present: Ken Alexander  
Karen Bogues  
Bob Carter  
Kay Glasser  
Bill Little  
Elliott Metcalfe  
Tom Pfaff  
Steve Queior  
Stewart Stearns  
Jerry Thompson

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Kathleen Marie Hall

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Elliott Metcalfe welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

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

##### **Developmental Disabilities Work Group**

Chip Taylor reported that the Developmental Disabilities Work Group met on Monday, November 10 and had a productive meeting. The work group focused on its priorities, the draft of the by-laws, identifying services for the 18 to 30 age group, and the upcoming meeting with SCAT regarding the policy change to increase fees. Chip noted that SCAT has sent a letter to the Board of County Commissioners requesting a delay of the policy change until October, 2009. This will give the Developmental Disabilities Work Group, SCAT, and Health and Human Services staff the opportunity to collaborate in identifying a better solution. Chip pointed out that the work group has decided to change its name from the Developmental Disabilities Work Group to the Developmental Disabilities Committee as it becomes a standing committee of the Community Alliance.

A discussion ensued on work groups vs. formal standing committees, changes in the Community Alliance by-laws, other work groups taking the next step, and setting criteria for this purpose.

## **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium**

Bill Little reported that a Substance Abuse and Mental Health [report](#) was in the members' packets for review. Bill commented on a few areas within the report:

- Jerry Thompson suggested nominating the CART Initiative for a 2009 award, *Excellence in Community Collaboration* through the *National Council for Community Behavioral Health Care*. The group has begun the process in putting together a submission for the award with the assistance of Pam Meunier.
- A "Tapestry Inventory" demonstration will be presented to the Transitional Housing Committee on November 18 and then again on November 21 to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium. The presentation will be shown to the Community Alliance Steering Committee on December 15.
- On October 29 the Board of County Commissioners voted to support the creation of the Community Corrections Center. A pilot program (a 100-bed facility) will be implemented as soon as a suitable existing facility can be located.
- The *Early Case Resolution* process has begun through the Sarasota County Court System. Judge Roberts is processing approximately 20 to 25 cases a week, with the result that technical probation violation cases are being moved through the court system at a faster rate.

## **Nominating and Membership Committee Update**

Steve Queior reported that the Nominating and Membership Committee met on October 30 and discussed the extended terms of the current Executive Committee members and the vacant seats and Chair position on the Steering Committee. It was suggested to nominate someone for the Chair position who has been on the Community Alliance since the beginning. The committee proposed nominating Sherri Reynolds for the position. Chip Taylor noted that this committee will be meeting directly after the Community Alliance Steering Committee on November 17 to finalize the nominees. The nominees will be presented to the Community Alliance Steering Committee at its meeting on December 15 for approval. Stewart Stearns suggested that Sarah Pappas, the new CEO of the Selby Foundation, should have a seat at the table.

## **ESS Collaboration Work Group**

Steve Queior distributed a [summary](#) from the November 10 ESS Collaboration Work Group meeting for review. Steve stated that the work group fully supports the case management model that was presented to the Community Alliance Steering Committee on October 20. The work group has created the next steps (see page 2) to continue the process which includes identifying a lead fiscal agency and a request for the Community Alliance to adopt the following proposed resolution:

*The Community Alliance believes the work of Catholic Charities, Jewish Families and Children's Services, Salvation Army, and affiliated human service partners delivering coordinated, case-managed services - to help individuals and families attain economic self sufficiency - is both critically important and very cost-effective.*

*Therefore, the Community Alliance of Sarasota County supports the Economic Self Sufficiency Work Group's Collaboration for Self Sufficiency Proposal, which outlined how increased resources could be best utilized to meet emergency needs, as presented October 20, 2008.*

A discussion ensued on supporting the resolution, declaring an "Economic Disaster", replicating the Sarasota COAD *Long-term Recovery* plan for the case management plan, creating a framework similar to the EOC's incident command structure, staffing issues, developing an information exchange between all the "small s" groups at the same table, and identifying who the lead fiscal agency should be. Bill Little noted that the current situation should be treated as an economic disaster and that key players need to be brought to the table to discuss a plan. Staff could be pulled from various departments to collaborate in creating the infrastructure. Bill noted that an initial brainstorming session should be scheduled to include himself, Steve Queior, Elliott Metcalfe, Stewart Stearns, Chip Taylor, and Susan Scott and asked staff to arrange the meeting.

Members agreed to approve the resolution but asked the work group to identify the next step. Steve stated that the work group would come back at the December 15 meeting with further direction on the next steps.

*Steve Queior moved, Tom Pfaff seconded to approve the above ESS Collaboration Work Group Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **New Business**

### **Positive Youth Development Workgroup Update**

Karen Bogues distributed information on the "Ready by 21" initiative to the members to review. Karen explained that last year the Planning and Outcomes Work Group (POWG) had identified two areas of concern: the lack of outcomes for seniors and for positive youth development. The senior issue moved forward, indicators were set, and will be presented to the Community Alliance before the end of February 2009. The Positive Youth Development Work Group has been meeting on a regular basis for the past year but has only created an outline on the *Ready by 21* Challenge. This challenge is an assessment tool for the community to assist in preparing youth to be ready for college, work and life. The United Way has selected this initiative as one of its priorities and is recommending that all United Way agencies across the country adopt this priority.

Karen pointed out that the Early Learning Coalition has completed the 0 – 5 age group and CYD has completed the 11 – 18 age group. The challenge is in the young adults and the elementary age groups. One suggestion was to hold a workshop for the youth development organizations in the community to discuss their outcomes in order to identify the low-hanging fruit. Once this has been accomplished, the work group could identify 4 to 6 indicators to present to the community in the spring of 2009.

Karen noted that the National Partners encourages local groups to create an entity. Karen suggested forming a Children's Council but was not sure that this would be

possible without an independent taxing district or whether it would have any weight without such a funding source.

A discussion ensued on creating a comparable entity that has advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board, possibly being a committee of the Community Alliance, bringing the right people together to the table, the possibility of a future labor force crisis, and developing a workshop to capture all the programs within the County. Karen noted that the *Ready by 21* Challenge should target not only the college students but also the drop out prevention and substance abuse prevention population. Bill Little asked Karen to provide the names of who should be at the table. Karen stated that Bill, Stewart Stearns, Steve Queior, Deborah Jacobs, Tim Dutton, and Alex Young should be at the table. Stewart suggested inviting Sarah Pappas to the table. Elliott asked staff to schedule a brainstorming session to discuss the framework in bringing the right people to the table. Bill also suggested that Karen speak to Kari Ellingstad regarding the *Health Interactive* model.

### **Administrative Service Organization**

Chip Taylor explained that the *Administrative Service Organization* assists small nonprofit agencies in sharing the expense of an accountant, human resources, and other “back office” services. Sarasota County has requested that the Human Service Advisory Council (HSAC) take the lead on this initiative and suggested that a representative from the Community Alliance be involved as well. On Wednesday, November 19 there will be a meeting with an ASO currently operating in Hillsborough County, *Achieve Management*, to discuss their services. Chip asked for a volunteer to attend this meeting. Stewart Stearns volunteered to assist in creating a workshop forum to market the area in bringing nonprofit agencies to the table.

### **November 17 Steering Committee Meeting**

Elliott Metcalfe reminded members that the November 17 Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting would be at the Health Department, not at the School Board (Landings).

***The next Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:30 pm at the Community Foundation.***