

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

MEETING SUMMARY

December 10, 2008

Members Present: Ken Alexander
Karen Bogues
Bob Carter
Mary Crowley (for Jerry Thompson)
Kay Glasser
Bill Little
Susan Magers
Tom Pfaff
Steve Queior
Sherri Reynolds
Stewart Stearns

Guests Present: Bryan Pope
Alex Young

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Steve Queior welcomed everyone.

Committee and Work Group Updates

COAD

Stewart Stearns reported that the COAD met on December 8 and approved their slate of officers and Executive Committee membership. The officers of the COAD are:

- Stewart Stearns—Chair
- Bruce Wismer—First Vice Chair
- Bill Little—Second Vice Chair
- Erin McLeod (Elder Strike Team Leader)
- Jim Purdy/Lois Natiello (Children and Families Strike Team Leader)
- Miriam Lacher (Mental Health and Substance Abuse Strike Team Leader)

- Dennis Stover (Volunteer and Donations Strike Teams Leader)
- Marion Sortore (Florida VOAD representative)
- Anne Miller (At-large member)
- Inaki Rezola (At large member)
- Bryan Pope (At large member)
- Phil Gorelick (At large member)

The Long Term Recovery Policies and Procedural Manual was also approved. By approving the policies and procedures, the Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) was established and team chairs were appointed. The following COAD members were appointed to the LTRC Leadership Team:

- Bruce Wismer (Chair)
- Marion Sortore (Unmet Needs Team Chair)
- Steve Queior (Resource Development Team Chair)
- Stewart Stearns (Advocacy Team Chair)
- Rose Chapman (Emotional and Spiritual Care Team Chair)
- Tony Souza (Construction Team Chair)
- Inaki Rezola (At large member)
- Bryan Pope (At large member)
- Health Department Medical Director (At large member)
- Scott Montgomery (At large member)
- Alex Young (At large member)

COAD's focus between January and May 2010 will be to provide intensive training for the team chairs and their teams.

Developmental Disabilities Work Group

Susan Magers reported that several members of the Developmental Disabilities Work Group met with SCAT and Health and Human Services staff to discuss the SCAT Premium Fare issue. Everyone thought the meeting was productive as it became clearer what the problematic issues were for SCAT. One of their main concerns was that although budget was not an issue for the current year, how to sustain the service in the future was definitely a concern. Over the past couple of years, some clients have begun to rely on SCAT Premium service for trips taken throughout the day after they arrive at the agency, while other agencies, such as Community Haven, provide the daytime trips for their clients using their own vehicles. This has created a heavier burden on the transportation system. There are also clients who could possibly use the non-subscription service instead of the more costly premium services. SCAT offers training to riders who are unfamiliar with their system.

The Developmental Disabilities Committee approved their bylaws at the last meeting. The bylaws were drafted from the Community Alliance's bylaws. Sherri

Reynolds asked that a copy of the Developmental Disabilities bylaws be sent to the Executive Committee.

In January, Susan will share the results of an after care survey of 18 to 30 year olds. The survey was conducted out of a concern expressed by some Committee members that this population is at home and not enrolled in any type of service.

Nominating and Membership Committee

Pauline Tracy reported that the Nominating and Membership Committee's proposed slate of officers and Executive Committee members were included in the meeting packets. The following members are being recommended for the 2009-2010 officer positions:

- Sherri Reynolds, Chair
- Steve Queior, Vice-Chair
- Bill Little, Vice-Chair
- Stewart Stearns, Immediate Past Chair

The following members are being recommended for the 2009-2010 Executive Committee positions:

- Ken Alexander
- Bob Carter
- Dr. Kay Glasser
- Janet Kahn
- Bill Little
- Janice Mee
- Tom Pfaff
- Sherri Reynolds
- Steve Queior
- Stewart Stearns
- Dr. Jerry Thompson

The Executive Committee supported the proposed slate of officers and Executive Committee members which will be presented to the Steering Committee on Monday, December 15.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little referred everyone to the [Consortium's report](#) in their meeting packet. The Transitional Housing Subcommittee of the Consortium is working with Jon McKenzie, IDEAS Project Manager, to develop a resource directory of transitional and sober housing in the community using the Tapestry software

system. This system will provide information such as which houses currently have vacancies for single people as well as families, their location, and costs. This resource will be available to the provider agencies as well as to the general public. Keeping the information on the directory current will be the responsibility of each transitional housing agency. The Acute Care System Task Force will be looking at ways to utilize Tapestry as well.

New Business

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Sarasota County's Foreclosure Recovery Assistance Network which was discussed at a recent Board of County Commissioners' meeting. The Board approved \$500,000 now to provide immediate assistance to families on the threshold of foreclosure and possibly another \$500,000, if needed, in the future. The details on how the assistance will be delivered are yet to be worked out. Susan Scott, Deputy County Administrator, has taken the lead on the project.

Next Meeting: The next Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation.