

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

March 14, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Stewart Stearns, Chair
Ken Alexander
Bob Carter
Kay Glasser
Bill Little
Jerry Thompson

Members Absent: Peter Howard
Elliott Metcalfe
Sherry Reynolds
Alex Young

Others Present: Leslie Clarke
Beverly Stockton

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Committee and Work Group Updates

Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters (Sarasota COAD)

Chip Taylor provided the update. The need to identify who are official members of the COAD was discussed. It was decided to wait until we received official designation from the National VOAD to determine if they have certain requirements regarding membership. The 2007 Work Plan was discussed and updated by each task force and work group.

Chip reported that there hasn't been much progress on the information sharing issue. There are several software programs which are being looked at by the Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health, including the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which may be useful to the COAD. The possibility of a universal information sharing agreement was also discussed.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Pam Meunier gave the report for the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium](#).

Legislative Issues

Beverly Stockton presented SB 382 which would allow the local workforce board to become a pilot for 2 years through which they could become a direct provider of intake, assessment, eligibility determinations or other direct services. These services are currently contracted out. The Executive Committee and Steering Committee are being asked to support the legislation as one of their priority legislative issues for 2007.

Jerry Thompson moved, Bob Carter seconded that the issue be presented to the Community Alliance Steering Committee to endorse SB 382 as one of their priority legislative issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Carter presented a Community Budget Issue Request submitted by the Florida Association of Volunteer Centers in the amount of \$1,806,542. This funding will “increase the capacity of Volunteer Centers to engage citizens in addressing critical community needs, train and certify volunteer managers, and prepare for and respond during disasters”.

Jerry Thompson moved, Kay Glasser seconded that the issue be presented to the Community Alliance Steering Committee to endorse Florida Association of Volunteer Centers' Community Budget Request as one of their priority legislative issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Indicators

Pauline Tracy and Leslie Clarke reported on a recent meeting with the CHIP-Health Systems Collaboration Committee (HSCC) regarding community outcomes. After a lengthy discussion at the HSCC meeting, it was recommended that the HSCC, Community Alliance, SCOPE and others who are collecting data and tracking indicators meet to discuss how to coordinate all of their efforts and not duplicate work. The possibility of having a centralized location for all of the data that is being tracked was also discussed.

A model from *Truckee Meadows Tomorrow* (Reno, Nevada) was reviewed. This model uses a not-for-profit organization which tracks indicators in many different domains, involves the community (in particular the business community) and has one central tracking point so the community knows exactly where to go for data. The recommendation was made to take this issue to the Planning and Outcomes Work Group for further discussion. A suggestion was also made that once the Community Alliance ad-hoc work groups (which are expected to be formed at the

next Steering Committee meeting) complete their task of determining priorities they should be charged with reviewing current indicators and targets for their respective areas.

Strategic Planning Work Groups

Chip Taylor reviewed the discussion at the February 19 Steering Committee meeting where the recommendation was made to form ad-hoc work groups around issue areas to meet over the next 3 to 4 months to determine community priorities. These groups will bring their recommended priorities back to the Community Alliance which will determine the overall most important issues for the community. A draft of possible work groups and members from the Steering Committee was discussed. It was agreed to present this draft to the Steering Committee members on Monday with the understanding that some members may want to change the work group they are currently assigned to and some members may want to join more than one group.

A recommendation was made to consider a work group to look at employment and economic development issues. This will be discussed further on Monday.

Mission Statement

At the last Steering Committee meeting, Stewart Stearns, Janice Mee and Steve Queior agreed to draft a new mission statement that is more succinct. Stewart presented the current mission statement and the group's proposed mission statement.

Current mission statement: The mission of the Community Alliance is to provide a focal point for community participation, guidance and oversight of health and human services in Sarasota County by establishing a framework for the optimum achievement of an integrated health and human services delivery system which will enable citizens to achieve their maximum potential and improve their overall quality of life.

Proposed mission statement: To advance communication, collaboration and advocacy of the health and human service needs of all citizens in Sarasota County through more integrated, effective and efficient delivery systems.

The Executive Committee agreed to present the proposed mission statement to the Steering Committee on Monday for discussion.

Location of Steering Committee Meetings

Pauline Tracy reported that the Nominating and Membership Committee asked that the issue of changing the location of the Steering Committee meetings to a

more central location for both north and south county members be brought up for discussion. Some members felt that the current location is not easily accessible for those who travel from the southern part of the county and discourage their attendance at the meetings. This issue will be placed on the agenda for Monday's meeting.