

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

April 11, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Elliott Metcalfe, Chair
Stewart Stearns
Bob Carter
Kay Glasser
Peter Howard
Bill Little
Tom Pfaff
Steve Queior
Sherry Reynolds
Beverly Stockton
Alex Young

Members Absent: Ken Alexander
Jerry Thompson

Staff Present: Nancy DeLoach
Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Committee and Work Group Updates

Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters (SCOAD)

Alex Young reported the COAD submitted an application to the State VOAD a couple of months ago but have not received a response back yet. The advantage of being the official VOAD/COAD is that in the aftermath of a disaster, many national volunteer organizations will contact the local VOAD/COAD to offer assistance.

The availability of training next year geared towards businesses was explored. An all-hazards approach should be taken so that businesses are prepared for more than just the weather-related events. Bill Little offered to contact Cher McGuirk and Ed McCrane to work with the Chamber of Commerce to arrange the training.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little directed members to the [report](#) in their packets for the Consortium's activities over the last month.

Sarasota County Jail Update

Bill provided an overview of the current status of the jail discussions. Staff from Human Services, the Sheriff's office and County Planning Services attended a meeting in Colorado several weeks ago which focused on jail planning. One of the key lessons learned was that there needs to be a community conversation around planning for a new jail so that it is seen as an economic development asset. A "big systems" approach will need to be taken. It has been suggested that the Criminal Justice Commission should serve as the Project Steering Committee with an advisory committee comprised of members from the community including businesses, the school system and the Community Alliance.

A presentation was made to the Board of County Commissioners the previous week which gave a good overview of the current jail population and projections which supports the need for an additional jail facility. Staff was asked to make the same presentation to the Steering Committee on Monday.

Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Update

Bill reported that a presentation was also made to the Board of County Commissioners on recommended sites for the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC). The Board asked staff to research additional locations that are more centrally located in the county and to report back. Staff was asked to make this presentation to the Steering Committee on Monday also.

Grants Committee

Steve Queior and Elliott Metcalfe discussed the possibility of bringing together a group of people on a quarterly basis to focus and share information on grant opportunities. Members felt that it was easier to share grant opportunities via the internet than to ask people to come together to discuss.

Strategic Planning Work Groups

Chip Taylor discussed the proposed membership listing for the work groups which were formed as a result of the Strategic Planning Retreat. It was agreed that the Housing and Homeless Category should be renamed Economic Self Sufficiency Services, which would include housing and homeless issues.

Three areas which already have established groups meeting independently and can assume leadership of the task to identify the top 3 to 5 human services issues are:

- Aging Services (Sarasota Community for All Generations)
- Health (Community Health Improvement Partnership)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium)

The remaining three areas will need leaders identified:

- Children and Youth Services
- Developmental Disabilities
- Economic Self Sufficiency Issues

Members were asked to send their recommendations for leaders of these three groups to Chip or Pauline by the end of the week. The work groups will be asked to add members from the community as needed.

The recommendation was made to hold regular Steering Committee meetings in April and May and use the June Steering Committee date and time for the work groups to meet.

Legislative Updates

Beverly Stockton stated SB 382 did not pass in the Senate and asked the Executive Committee if they would consider writing a letter of support to Governor Crist. Members asked that she bring the issue to the Steering Committee for their consideration.

Steering Committee Meeting Location

Pauline Tracy reported that 31 Community Alliance members responded to the survey regarding the meeting date, location and time. The top two choices were:

- Keep the current meeting date, location and time.
- Keep the current meeting date and location but change the time to 3:00 p.m.

Pauline will present those two options to the Steering Committee for their vote on Monday.

Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Funding Recommendations

Nancy DeLoach provided a [summary](#) of the recent recommendation made by the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) to the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners regarding prioritizing funding through Contracted Human Services.

In light of pending legislation that may significantly impact the County's budget in FY 2007-08 and beyond, the County Commission directed HSAC to assume a flat funded budget of \$8,941,241 for the coming year. The Board also asked HSAC to review how priority outcome areas were funded and to consider shifting funding to those areas that the Council felt were of higher priority. HSAC subsequently made the recommendation to reduce funding for the 6 lowest-ranked sub areas by 20% and the 5 middle-ranked sub-areas by 10% and redistribute the funding to the 6 highest-ranked sub-areas. The Board approved their recommendation on April 10. Information was provided in the member's packets outlining the funding changes.

April 16 Steering Committee Agenda

The April 16 Steering Committee Meeting agenda will include:

- Reorganization of DCF
- Contracted Human Services Update
- Sarasota County Jail Update
- Juvenile Assessment Center Update
- Strategic Planning Work Group Discussion
- Vote on Steering Committee Meeting Time