

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Office of the Public Defender
Criminal Justice Center, 2071 Ringling Blvd., 5th Floor

May 16, 2007

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Elliott Metcalfe, Chair
Ken Alexander
Kay Glasser
Peter Howard
Bill Little
Tom Pfaff
Jerry Thompson

Members Absent: Bob Carter
Steve Queior
Sherry Reynolds
Stewart Stearns
Beverly Stockton
Alex Young

Staff Present: Kathleen Marie Hall
Chip Taylor

Welcome and Introductions

Elliott Metcalfe welcomed the members to the meeting.

Committee and Work Group Updates

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little reported that the monthly [report](#) was in the members' packets for review.

Planning and Outcomes Work Group

Ken Alexander reported that the Planning and Outcomes Work Group met on May 4 and appointed Karen Bogues as Chair. The work group will seek a co-chair from the Human Services Advisory Council, as the work group is comprised of members from both organizations.

Ken pointed out that the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) report has been released by the School Board and the findings are in sharp contrast with the findings of the CTC survey completed at the same time (half of Sarasota's high school students took one survey, while half took the other survey). The work group plans to review/compare the data from the two surveys at the next meeting. Ken stated that there was discussion about whether it would be beneficial to look at the CTC raw data on a school-by-school basis to determine what areas of the community are most affected by a particular measure. Chip Taylor stated that Sherri Reynolds will research the cost to generate data at the individual school level.

Ken noted that discussion ensued on the potential duplication of indicators and outcome measures within the community (the Community Alliance, SCOPE, and CHIP all have separate indicators that they track, although there is some overlap) and a proposal to adopt the "Truckee Meadows Tomorrow" model utilized in Nevada that involves the business community. The members recommended not to adopt the Truckee Meadows model in totality but to search for ways to collaborate in developing a single set of indicators from very specific to more general. Ken further explained that although these indicators would impact each organization differently, there would be a single body adopting an overarching set of indicators that each entity could use for their own purposes.

Ken stated that the next steps would be to seek new measures for positive youth development and aging services and to prepare for FY 2008 by reviewing the YRBS report, comparing it with the CTC survey report for validity, and determining whether or not it would be feasible to evaluate raw CTC data at the individual school level

Strategic Planning Work Groups

Chip Taylor reported that a copy of the updated [work groups](#) was in the members' packets for review.

A discussion ensued on the leadership of the Strategic Planning Work Groups. The Executive Committee recommended work group co-chairs as follows:

- Children and Youth Services: P.J. Brooks and Rose Chapman
- Developmental Disabilities: Peter Howard and Benny Weaver
- Economic Self Sufficiency: Richard Martin and Steve Queior

The Executive Committee agreed that in May and July the regular Community Alliance Steering Committee would convene. In June and August, no Steering Committee meetings would be held, but the Strategic Planning Work Groups would meet at the regular meeting times of the Steering Committee at various locations within the county.

A discussion ensued on whether it was necessary to hold the June Executive Committee meeting. The members agreed to cancel the June meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on July 11 at the Community Foundation.

Legislative Update

Elliott Metcalfe reported that there were two articles in the members' packets for review: [HMOs Profit From Provision](#) and [Florida's HMOs would benefit under provisions tucked into a must-pass budget bill](#). Elliott stated that the legislative special session to consider property tax reforms will begin on June 12 and run through June 22.

New Business

Teen Overdose Conversation

Bill Little reported that he has recently had several meetings with grieving parents who have lost a teenager to a drug overdose and are passionate about making a connection with the community to promote public awareness of this issue. Bill suggested bringing this issue before the Steering Committee to begin a conversation on how to assist these parents. Members suggested initiating self-help groups for grieving parents through one of the existing community organizations. It was also suggested that parents be encouraged to channel their efforts through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium or through SCOSA, which will be meeting on May 24 to re-engage the community with their organization.

Policy Group for Detention Facility Planning

Chip Taylor reported that the Criminal Justice Commission recently endorsed the National Institute of Corrections' Detention Facility Planning approach for designing and siting the County's new jail and on May 22 the CJC will go before the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation to hire a consultant to assist in implementing this approach. Chip explained that the next step will be to create a high level "Policy Group" to oversee the planning effort. Chip stated that the "Policy Group" will utilize the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) as its core and then reach out to engage other community representatives from a community foundation, a chamber of commerce, the faith-based community, the Sarasota County School Board, one or more neighborhood associations, and the Community Alliance. Chip pointed out that the Community Alliance needs to appoint a representative to serve on this group. The members suggested appointing Stewart Stearns as the Community Alliance representative and to recommend this appointment at the May 21 Steering Committee meeting.