COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

MEETING SUMMARY

August 13, 2008

Members Present: Ken Alexander
Karen Bogues
Peter Howard
Bill Little
Stewart Stearns
Beverly Stockton
Jerry Thompson

Guests Present: Rose Chapman, Jewish Family and Children's Services
Carolyn Eagan, Mental Health Community Centers
Beverly Kent, SCAT
Connie Mawby, Community Haven
Jon McKenzie, Sarasota County Information Technology
Carl Penxa, Loveland Center
Katrina Rae, DCF—SunCoast Region

Staff Present: Wayne Applebee
Nancy DeLoach
Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Bill Little welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Detention Facility Planning Update

Wayne Applebee, Criminal Justice Policy Coordinator, provided an update on the County's planning process for a new detention facility. It has been estimated that by 2030, Sarasota County will need 1,750 jail beds. We have the opportunity now to determine what those beds will look like. Several Criminal Justice Commission members and community partners have toured other sites including Hillsboro, Oregon which has had some amazing outcomes. In Hillsboro, the 12 month recidivism rate is 10% for those who had constructive activities in the center and after they left (college, work, etc.), had a pro-social support network and had access to mental health and substance abuse treatment in the center.

Wayne will be making a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on October 29 to discuss the next phase of the detention planning facility. The Criminal Justice Commission will be determining what can be done with the current system to improve the outcomes even before the new detention center is built.

Developmental Disabilities Work Group

Peter Howard reported that the work group is looking at four different areas:

- Respite
- Advocacy
- Before and after school care
- Transportation

A major discussion item at the meeting revolved around transportation. The provider agencies reported that they have been notified by SCAT that they would now incur a charge for transportation of their clients to their facilities. Loveland Center has calculated that this change in policy will cost them over $100,000 annually.

Beverly Kent, SCAT, reported that this change was made to encourage provider agencies to develop a partnership with SCAT and to get more involved in service delivery. Fifty-one percent of all trips made by SCAT Plus are for the agencies serving the developmentally disabled. The implementation date is still up in the air, as SCAT is scheduled to bring the issue back to the Board of County Commissioners in September for discussion. SCAT is willing to sit down with the provider agencies and try to reach a compromise.

Information and Data Exchange Alliance of the Suncoast (IDEAS)

Jon McKenzie provided an update on IDEAS. The technical team, with representation from Manasota 2-1-1, the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (SPEH), Sarasota County, Manatee County, and the American Red Cross, has met over the summer and completed the initial configuration package which was sent to VisionLink. The first meeting of the Policy Group will be held on August 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Contracted Human Services Update

Nancy DeLoach provided an update on Contacted Human Services (CHS). The Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) will meet on four Fridays in August and September to come up with their funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. There is a total of $6.9 million in CHS funds this year, which is $1.6 million less than last year (a 19% reduction). There have been

three systems presentations to HSAC: substance abuse, mental health and criminal justice; health; and, aging. The presentations were to highlight how agencies interrelate and how decisions made by the HSAC and the BCC affect services. Another change this year is the use of financial scores by the Finance Committee to indicate whether an agency has adequate fiscal controls and their financial necessity score (combination of the number of months of operating reserves, their most recent year's surplus, and how large of an unrestricted foundation or endowment they have). This financial score will help identify programs with the highest financial need and will be one of analytical frameworks used by HSAC in making their recommendations.

Children and Families Strategic Planning Work Group

Rose Chapman reported that the Children and Families Strategic Planning Work Group decided to break their work down into the following age groups:

- 0 to 4
- 5 to 10
- 11 to 13
- 14 to 18

A Zoomerang survey was sent out seeking input on what action could be taken in each age group to address a need without additional funds. The second part of the survey asked what could be done to address a need if funds were available. The results were as follows:

<u>Ages 2 to 4</u>

No additional funds: conduct more social marketing on existing resources; advocate for quality child care; hold regularly scheduled meetings of providers and advocates for this age group.

With some additional funds: provide affordable, quality child care for working families.

<u>Ages 5 to 10</u>

No additional funds: conduct social marketing to attract volunteer mentors and hold regularly scheduled meetings of providers and advocates for this age group.

With some additional funds: fund more intervention and prevention programs.

Ages 11 to 13

No additional funds: conduct social marketing; recruit more volunteers to be mentors; encourage more collaboration.

With some additional funds: provide more intervention in the mental health and substance abuse treatment arenas.

Ages 14 to 18

No additional funds: provide more collaboration among service providers.

With some additional funds: implement a school-based mental health and substance abuse intervention pilot program.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Work Group

Carolyn Eagan distributed a report outlining the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Work Group's findings. The work group identified the following priority needs:

- awareness
- affordability
- accountability
- accessibility

The work group recommendation for an action that requires no additional funding is to increase awareness and accessibility. IDEAS and 2-1-1 will be able to help accomplish both. With some resources available, the work group recommends collaborating with a trade association and using a dedicated funding source to work with the media and legislators on awareness.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Committee members were referred to the Consortium's monthly report in their packets.

New Business

There was no new business.

Next Meeting: The next Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation.