

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK
GROUP CHAIRS

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

September 12, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Ken Alexander
Karen Bogues
PJ Brooks
Bob Carter
Rose Chapman
Carolyn Eagen
Kari Ellingstad
Kay Glasser
Peter Howard
Bill Little
Richard Martin
Elliott Metcalfe
Tom Pfaff
Bryan Pope
Steve Queior
Sherri Reynolds
Jerry Thompson
Benny Weaver
Loring Wood
Stewart Stearns

Guests Present: Eric Beck, Bouchard Insurance
Doug Childers, Non-Profit Insurance Services
Christie Lewis

Staff Present: Pam Meunier
Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Elliott Metcalfe welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Update on Property Tax Reform Forum

Christie Lewis provided an update on the Property Tax Reform Forum which will be co-sponsored by the Community Alliance and the Non-Profit Resource Center. The forum will take place on October 30 from 8:30 to 10:30 at the USF Sudakoff Center. Representative Keith Fitzgerald and Senator Mike Bennett have been invited to attend and speak but have not yet confirmed. The purpose of the forum will be to educate the general public and the media on the impact on health and human services by property tax reform. Additional information will be sent to Community Alliance members as the agenda is finalized.

Group Insurance Opportunity for Nonprofit Agencies

Peter Howard introduced Eric Beck with Bouchard Insurance Company, Doug Childers and Doug Childers, Sr. with Non-Profit Insurance Services (NPIS), whom Peter has been meeting with to discuss the possibility of establishing an insurance pool for non-profits. In 2007, a bill was passed by the Florida Legislature which allows non-profits to establish the insurance pools. One requirement of the agencies to participate in the program is that at least 75% of their funding must come from federal, state or local government sources. The form 990 is used to establish the agency's eligibility. Brouchard Insurance Company and NPIS have been working with statewide organizations such as the Florida ARF and FADA to provide information about the insurance pools to local non-profits. Chip Taylor offered to pull together a list of non-profits from the Contracted Human Services grant information which meet the 75% requirement. Any non-profit organization, not just human service agencies, can participate. Of the 17,000 organizations which filed as a non-profit last year, 7,000 meet the 75% requirement.

The representatives from Brouchard Insurance Company and NPIS were invited to make a short presentation at the next Steering Committee meeting on October 15.

Committee and Work Group Updates

Planning and Outcomes Work Group

Karen Bagues reported that the POWG met last month to discuss changes to the existing outcome indicators and targets. The Gold Seal and School Readiness indicators will need to be readdressed due to changes to both programs. Kathleen Houseweart with Sarasota Memorial Hospital has joined the group and has brought information on possible outcomes for seniors. The group plans to provide an update to the existing list of outcomes and targets to HSAC and the BCC by January.

Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

Pauline Tracy reported that the COAD met on September 10. The September 7 Human Services HHS-Ops Disaster Exercise was discussed briefly. Each of the Strike Teams will conduct de-briefings over the next two weeks and report back at the October COAD meeting. Overall, the exercise went well and many valuable lessons were learned. Technical issues seemed to have been a major problem in the beginning, but once those were resolved the Strike Teams and the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) were able to address the different scenarios presented. A more detailed report will be provided at the October Executive Committee.

The second discussion item at the COAD meeting was the demonstrations that were conducted earlier that day by VisionLink and [CAN](#). As reported in earlier meetings, CAN has asked Sarasota to pilot a disaster case management and information sharing system which uses the "Tapestry" software platform and is managed by VisionLink. By participating in the CAN pilot and being a "Friend of CAN", we would receive technical assistance and discount pricing on the software system.

Although CAN is only activated after a disaster, the Tapestry platform could also be used to support programs such as HMIS, 2-1-1 and case management to name a few. Demonstrations were provided during the day on each of the systems. Although there are many questions to be answered about the Tapestry program, the participants all seemed interested enough to invite VisionLink back down for a two-day session on November 6 and 7 to determine community needs and next steps.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little referred everyone to the [SAMHSC and Acute Care System report](#) in their packets which provides an update on each of the Consortium's committees and work groups.

Strategic Planning Work Groups

Aging Services

Bob Carter distributed the draft summary of the [August 20 meeting](#) of the Aging Services Strategic Planning Work Group.

Children and Youth

Rose Chapman and PJ Brooks provided an update on the status of the Children and Youth Strategic Planning Work Group. Approximately 40 different individuals have participated in their meetings and a Zoomerang survey was conducted. One

difficulty the group has had is the broad age range of the domain which poses a wide range of issues. Karen Bogues presented the [Ready by 21 model](#) which develops strong indicators and the need for planning to avoid duplication of services.

The work group identified the following as their 3 most important unmet service needs:

1. Quality of childcare and safe and affordable housing (tied)
2. Substance abuse and mental health issues
3. Access to services and a continuum of care

The following were identified as the most underserved populations:

1. Teens
2. Low income families
3. The working poor

Developmental Disabilities

Peter Howard and Benny Weaver reported that the Developmental Disabilities Strategic Planning Work Group has met several times and joined with a group from the school system which was already working with USF on similar issues. The USF staff facilitated the last meeting. A Zoomerang survey was conducted and some of the themes that came out include:

- There is a need to tie systems and services closer together.
- Parents need easy access to information regarding available services.
- There are too many separate agencies providing services.
- More social marketing is needed to get rid of the stigma.

It became clear through the discussions at the meetings that the needs of children with developmental disabilities are very different than those of adults. There are 41,220 students enrolled in the Sarasota school system and 16% are classified as developmentally disabled.

The work group also identified difficulties for parents and consumers transitioning between age groups (0-3, 3-5, 3-18, and 18-25) where the funding and services change. The 18 to 22 age group is especially difficult, as there are very few post-high school services available.

At their next meeting, the group will review the results of the Zoomerang survey and the summary of the last meeting which was facilitated by USF to determine their top issues. They want to focus on where they can have the biggest impact while keeping the big picture in mind.

Economic Self Sufficiency Work Group

Richard Martin reported that the Work Group has heard from numerous speakers about the many different financial stability programs available such as:

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Consumer Credit Counseling
- Jewish Family and Children Services
- SunCoast Workforce Board
- Catholic Charities
- Salvation Army
- Goodwill Industries/Good Homes
- Sarasota Housing Authority
- Habitat for Humanity
- Sarasota County Office of Housing and Community Development
- Community Housing Trust

The work group has reviewed the following United Way's steps in the [Financial Stability Framework](#).

- Step 1 is to increase income through the EITC, credit repair/debt reduction, workforce development and accessing public and employer benefits.
- Step 2 is to build savings through savings campaigns and split tax refunds.
- Step 3 is to gain and sustain assets through Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) and asset protection tools.

This model could easily become an umbrella framework for all of the other work groups.

Health

Dr. Loring Wood and Kari Ellingstad reported that CHIP currently has a health scorecard with 32 indicators based on the following Institute of Health's definition of health: "Health is a state of well-being and the capability to function in the face of changing circumstances". Using this definition, CHIP looks at the following domains in order to have an overall picture of the community's health:

- Individual behavior
- Social environment
- Physical environment
- Prosperity and well being
- Physical health
- Mental health

There have been 2 iterations of the scorecard thus far with plans to provide annual updates in the future. Trends are reviewed and targets are set (currently targets are set for 2010). CHIP looks at person-oriented health initiatives vs. disease-oriented. Over 2,000 residents responded to the last CHIP survey. The most significant problems reported by the data are:

1. Chronic disease management.
2. Lack of access to healthcare.
3. Life style habits.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Carolyn Eagan reported that the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Strategic Planning Work Group met and identified gaps in the continuum of care through discussions at the meetings and through a Zoomerang survey. One issue which has been identified is the uninsured. The work group will meet again to finalize their list of priorities.

October 15 Steering Committee Agenda

- Presentation on Nonprofit Insurance Pool
- Presentation by the Economic Self Sufficiency Strategic Planning Work Group