

# **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

**September 16, 2009**

Members Present: Ken Alexander  
Karen Bogues  
Janet Kahn  
Steve Queior  
Stewart Stearns  
Jerry Thompson

Members Absent: Bill Little  
Bob Carter  
Tom Pfaff  
Kay Glasser  
Janice Mee  
Sherri Reynolds

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

Steve Queior welcomed everyone.

#### **Legislative Proposals**

Caroline Zucker and Janice Mee will co-chair the Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC). Pauline Tracy will schedule a meeting of the LAC to review the legislative proposals submitted by Community Alliance members. So far, staff have only received 4 proposals. It was decided that members would be reminded to send in their proposals at the Steering Committee meeting on Monday. All members of the Steering Committee will be invited to attend the next LAC meeting. Caroline and Janice will present the recommendations for the 2010 legislative priorities at the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### **Board of County Commissioners Workshop**

The Community Alliance's workshop with the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for October 14. The item is the second on the agenda which begins at

9:00 a.m. at the Board Chambers located at 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Ideas regarding the presentation included:

- a history of the Community Alliance;
- composition of the Steering Committee;
- the mission and purpose of the Alliance;
- Budget Impact Survey results and updates;
- strategies for moving forward;
- accomplishments of the Alliance;
- funders' willingness to change their grant requirements to respond to the changing economy;
- the current state of human services in Sarasota County;
- HSAC discussion regarding ASOs;
- waiting lists at provider agencies;
- reduction in local, state and federal funding; and
- the increase in demand for services.

Discussion ensued around the current County millage which funds the Contracted Human Services budget. Although the millage started at .27 in 2004 it is .1661 for 2010. Staff were asked to research and bring information to the Steering Committee meeting that indicates the millage rates and total funding each year since 2004.

The message to the BOCC is not just about needing more funding, but that there needs to be a discussion about how to address the human service issue on a long-term basis. This will hopefully be the first of several conversations with the BOCC this year.

There is not a lot of time to prepare a presentation for the October workshop, so the Steering Committee members will be asked at the meeting on Monday for their input. Those who want to help prepare the presentation will need to dedicate time to the project over the next couple of weeks.

### **Planning and Outcomes Committee**

Karen Bagues asked members to review the revised Planning and Outcomes Committee document in their packets. Changes to the document were made and discussed at the May Steering Committee meeting. Some members were not comfortable with some of the wording, so Karen has worked with Janet Kahn and Ken Alexander to revise the document again. The Executive Committee approved the changes to the document.

### **September 21 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda**

An update on H1N1 will be added to the September 21 Steering Committee agenda. Stewart stated he has seen some information from the Health

Department about how businesses should prepare and respond to the H1N1 virus. Pauline will retrieve that information from Diane Remseyer and forward it electronically to the Steering Committee.

***Next Meeting: The next Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Foundation of Sarasota.***