

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

October 10, 2007

### MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Ken Alexander  
Kay Glasser  
Peter Howard  
Bill Little  
Tom Pfaff  
Steve Queior  
Sherri Reynolds  
Stewart Stearns  
Beverly Stockton

Guests Present: Rose Chapman  
Carolyn Eagen  
Kari Ellingstad

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

Steve Queior welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

#### **Property Tax Reform Forum**

With the Special Session on Property Tax Reform scheduled in just a few days, it was decided to change the date from October 30 to sometime in early December. The group will wait until after the session to determine how to structure the forum. The Board of County Commissioners have been very supportive of the forum in order to help educate the public about how additional property tax reductions will affect service delivery. Stewart will keep the Alliance updated on the forum.

#### **VisionLink Meeting (November 6 & 7)**

VisionLink staff will be in Sarasota on November 6 & 7 to begin working with agencies in order to get to the next level of discussion about how Tapestry can be used for 2-1-1, HMIS, client information sharing and disaster recovery. There will

be a session early on November 6 geared toward Executive Directors and Board members followed by the “nuts and bolts” discussion with staff who work with their current system.

Chip Taylor stated he attended a presentation last week by John Petrilla, FMHI, on understanding exactly what can and cannot be shared under HIPAA. John believes that agencies have been far too restrictive in their interpretation of HIPAA. Chip will contact John to see if he can give the same presentation to the November 6 group. It was suggested that agency attorneys and risk managers should also be invited to attend.

## **Strategic Planning Work Group Updates**

### Aging Services

Rose Chapman reported that the work group had not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

### Children and Youth

Rose reported that this work group has also not met since the last Executive Committee meeting but at their last discussion, there was an interest in pursuing an initiative such as *Ready by 21* as a long term strategic planning tool.

### Developmental Disabilities

Peter Howard reported that the Developmental Disabilities Work Group met again and agreed on five top issues plus one recommendation. They will meet again on October 29 to finalize their list and should then be ready to make a presentation to the Community Alliance. This group has really come together to address the issues before them and will more than likely continue to meet.

### Economic Self Sufficiency Work Group

The Economic Self Sufficiency Work Group will present to the Community Alliance on October 15. Their issues are based on the *Financial Stability Partnership* model of the United Way. It is hoped that other work groups and existing initiatives can all find a way to relate to this model.

### Health

Kari Ellingstad reported that the Health Work Group has identified three priorities and should be ready to present to the Community Alliance in November. The group is planning a health forum in the Spring of 2008 and will continue to meet.

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Carolyn Eagan reported that the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Work Group had concerns about the uninsured population not having access to services and therefore not getting into the system. The work group has identified two issues:

- Developing community access portals and a delivery system model
- Utilizing an information data sharing system

This group will also be ready to report to the Community Alliance in November.

## **Committee and Work Group Updates**

### Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

Stewart Stearns reported that the September 7 exercise went very well and provided valuable training for staff. A number of issues were identified which need to be addressed. One issue is to plan an exercise in the southern part of the County. The COAD decided to add all of the issues to their existing action plan and track the progress over the next few months.

There will be a celebration of the COAD in December at Senior Friendship Centers. This will be used as an opportunity to publicize what the COAD is and the structure we have in place.

Sarasota County Emergency Management staff has asked the COAD to become the Citizens Corps. This will not only allow the COAD the opportunity to apply for additional federal funding but it will also bring in the Volunteers in Policing group and the CERT teams. The Medical Reserve Corps is already part of the COAD.

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Bill Little asked everyone to read the monthly report in their packets but highlighted several items. Both the Consortium and the Criminal Justice Council have endorsed the County's proposal to apply for a planning grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Criminal Justice, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Reinvestment Grant. A grant writer is working with staff to complete the application before the November 1 deadline.

## **New Business**

The November Steering Committee meeting falls during Thanksgiving week. The Steering Committee members will be polled on Monday to determine how many will be able to attend the November meeting.

It is time to begin developing the Alliance's 2008 Legislative Priorities. Staff will ask Elliott Metcalfe if he is willing to continue to chair the Legislative Committee. Input from members on the priorities will be solicited on Monday.

Richard Martin recently made several suggestions for new members to the Steering Committee. It was decided that the Nominations and Membership Committee will reconvene to determine if the seats on the current membership roster should be changed.

***Next Meeting: November 14, 1:30 p.m., at the Community Foundation, 2635 Fruitville Road.***

#### **October 15 Steering Committee Agenda**

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