

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

July 11, 2007

### MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Elliott Metcalfe, Chair  
Ken Alexander  
Bob Carter  
Peter Howard  
Tom Pfaff  
Steve Queior  
Stewart Stearns

Members Absent: Kay Glasser  
Bill Little  
Sherry Reynolds  
Beverly Stockton  
Jerry Thompson  
Alex Young

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

### Committee and Work Group Updates

#### Planning and Outcomes Work Group

Ken Alexander reported that the Planning and Outcomes Work Group met on June 8. Rik Jimison made a presentation on the Senior Advisory Council's quest to identify available data and develop outcome measures for seniors. SCOPE has also searched for data without a lot of success. The work group asked Rik to invite members of the Seniors Advisory Council to become part of the POWG to ensure the seniors are represented. (Since that request was made, Van Diest and Kathleen Houseweart have agreed to serve on the work group.)

Karen Bogues distributed information on 'Success by Age 21' which can be used to identify the protective factors each age groups needs to thrive.

The committee discussed how to create a more streamlined data collection and reporting mechanism. It was agreed that the work group should meet with CHIP, SCOPE and others to see if they also have an interest in this type of system. Karen Bogues will contact the various groups to set up a meeting.

The POWG discussed the CTC and the YRBS surveys. Karen identified several discrepancies in the reported data from both. Sherri Reynolds was e-mailed to see if she can explain the discrepancies and to find out how the School Board uses the data from both surveys.

### Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters (SCOAD)

Chip Taylor reported that the COAD met on July 9 and agreed to hold an exercise in late August which will activate the entire HHS-Ops including the Volunteer Reception Centers (VRCs). Another training/exercise on the long term recovery process was discussed and is tentatively planned for the fall.

Elliott Metcalfe reported that Alex Young has asked to step down as chair of the COAD as he has served in that position for several years.

Discussion ensued regarding funding of the disaster volunteer coordinator position currently held by Marion Sortore and funded by Sarasota County Emergency Management through September 30, 2007. The County will not be able to continue funding this position. Marion has done an excellent job conducting training and outreach to all volunteers, but in particular to the faith-based organizations. Loss of her position would weaken the disaster volunteer system which Friendship Volunteer Center has developed in partnership with the County over the past few years. Options to fund the position were discussed.

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Chip Taylor reported that FMHI has completed an interim report on the CART initiative that looks positive. There are some additional data elements he would like to have added to the report.

A summary outlining the activities of the Consortium and all of its committees was distributed.

### **Strategic Planning Work Groups**

Each of the Strategic Planning Work Groups provided a status report on their group. They are all moving along well, however, not all of the groups will be ready to report on their top issues by September. This will be discussed further at the Steering Committee meeting but the consensus was that in order to produce information that will be useful, a couple of additional months to adequately review the data and report back to the Steering Committee would be well worth the delay.

## **New Business**

Stewart Stearns asked if there was interest from the Community Alliance to co-sponsor a public forum with the Non-Profit Resource Center in the next few months to publicize the effect additional property tax reform would have on health and human services. The word needs to get out to the media and community leaders. The entire Committee agreed that this would be an appropriate role for the Community Alliance.

## **July 16 Steering Committee Agenda**

The July 16 Steering Committee Meeting agenda will include:

- Committee and Work Group Reports
- Human Services Budget Reductions
- Strategic Planning Work Group Reports