

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

January 21, 2004

Members Present: Bob Carter
Christine Cauffield
Kay Glasser
Peter Howard
Bill Little

Members Absent: Lee Johnson
Frank Kovach
Elliott Metcalfe
Brett Rees
Stewart Stearns

Others Present: Socrates Birsky
Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Bill Little chaired the Executive Committee in the absence of Stewart Stearns and Elliott Metcalfe.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the meeting of the Consortium on January 20. There seemed to be a lack of clarity of the purpose of the meeting and the need for a process for the group to come together with a single vision. Christine Cauffield stated she received several phone calls from people who attended the Consortium meeting questioning the difference between the Alliance and the Consortium and whether this was duplicating existing groups.

Bill explained the role of the Consortium is to provide a community forum for everyone to come together to prioritize and address substance abuse and mental health issues. There are other forums on a regional and statewide level but not on a community level.

Kay Glasser suggested that perhaps an outside facilitator should be brought in to work with the group to bring them together.

Some agency representatives at the Consortium meeting felt that the focus was on the deficiencies of the system. It was agreed that more positive messages need to be shared about the good work provider agencies do in delivering services with the amount of funding they receive.

Planning and Outcomes Work Group

The work group met two weeks ago and has another meeting scheduled for Friday, January 23. Four new outcome indicators in the substance abuse category were developed and the group will recommend proposed targets for FY 2007 at their next meeting. In addition, work group members were asked to bring additional indicators they would like to discuss to the meeting.

Health Care for Uninsured Children Subcommittee

The subcommittee is gathering data regarding losses to the school system, medical providers and employers due to the lack of health coverage for children. The group is also researching some model projects in Ocala, Jacksonville, Orlando and Santa Clara, California. Sarah Gorman will provide a report to the Planning and Outcomes Work Group on Friday.

Nominating and Membership Committee

The committee will meet on Friday, January 23 to discuss several vacancies and to propose nominations for the at-large seats on the Executive Committee. Brett Rees will make a report to the Steering Committee on Monday.

Education and Advocacy Work Group

The Education and Advocacy Work Group will be updating the Alliance's website to make it more user friendly. The group does still not feel that it has a clear and specific mission or vision.

Discussion ensued around conducting a survey of Alliance members who are present at the next Steering Committee meeting to determine what they see as the key issues for the community. They will be asked to list two key issues within their sector and one outside of their sector. The Planning and Outcomes Work Group will discuss the survey at their meeting on Monday. Staff will prepare the survey forms to be distributed and completed during the Steering Committee meeting.

Staff will compile the results for the work group to discuss at their February meeting. From this list of key issues, it is anticipated the Alliance will be able to determine if there are issues that they have the ability to impact.

Funding Catalyst Work Group

Peter Howard reported that he has invited Mick McHugh with the Sarasota County School Board to attend the next work group meeting to discuss what the school system is doing to maximize Medicaid dollars. Peter and Lee Johnson will also be addressing Title IV-e funding.

CIT Training

The CIT training is still scheduled as planned, however the group is still \$1,500 short to cover the costs. Coastal Behavioral HealthCare has volunteered to provide breakfast to the participants. The issue will be discussed on Monday at the Steering Committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Wednesday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m, at the Senior Friendship Center's Center for Healthy Aging.