

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

April 12, 2006

Members Present: Ken Alexander
 Bob Carter
 Bill Little
 Elliott Metcalfe
 Sherri Reynolds
 Stewart Stearns
 Jerry Thompson

Members Not Present: Kay Glasser
 Sarah Gorman
 Peter Howard
 Alex Young

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
 Kathleen Marie Hall

Strategic Planning Session Update

The Executive Committee discussed the Strategic Planning session and made a decision to hold the session in September. Some of the ideas that arose from the conversation were:

- Develop a presentation for the June meeting showing the successes of the Community Alliance and create a list of potential topics and issues on which the Alliance can take appropriate action
- Have sub-committees discuss and formalize topics and issues and bring them back to the table at a future meeting.
- Hold an “open” agenda at a regular meeting to plan the session or phase it out over a period of time by discussing two or three areas such as membership and bylaws and then goals and outcomes, etc.
- Address accomplishments by putting them in writing and then discuss in what direction the committee should go from there.
- Enlarge the group by having discussions on who is at the table; adding additional categories such as universities.
- Invite the Nominating and Membership Committee to attend an Executive Committee Meeting to make recommendations on the session.
- Hold a celebration luncheon prior to a meeting as a thank you to the members of the Community Alliance with a presentation on the accomplishments of the group along with an open conversation on what needs to change and how to make new connections.

Committee and Work Group Updates:

Community Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC)

The CDPC committee recently met at Twin Lakes Park with a very good attendance. The sub-committees are progressing in their various areas. Marion Sortore gave a presentation on the mission and purpose of Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster (VOAD). The CDPC has recommended to Sarasota County Emergency Services that it merge VOAD into the CDPC.

Planning and Outcomes Work Group (POWG)

The Planning and Outcomes Work Group completed the 2009 outcome targets with many having a 3-year rolling average. There appeared to be some inconsistencies with the data on some outcomes such as the abuse rates on seniors and children and domestic violence. Staff is reviewing the data for accuracy and will be reporting back to the POWG at their next meeting. Karen Bogues presented a youth model on outcome measures and the committee will be reviewing these to see if any could be added to the existing outcome measures.

An update was given on the "Communities That Care" survey results and the difficulty USF has had in developing the analysis process and entering the data. The results should be available by June.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC)

Pam Meunier has been selected as the new Mental Health and Substance Abuse Policy Coordinator and staff is in the process of coordinating the meeting schedules for the end of this month.

The Planning Committee will reconvene within the next 10 days and the goal is to complete the plan within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

The CIT completed their 5th class with low attendance and the committee has made a decision to make changes to the curriculum based on the results of the last class. The next two classes will be held in July and October. The total trained officers after the October class should be approximately 175.

The CART Initiative (Phase I) detox unit renovations at First Step are underway and are in the process of finalizing the contract for the operation of the project which will open on July 31. Two months prior to opening the facility they will hire and train staff and develop operating protocols.

The last VIP-ER's class attendance was much higher this time around. A \$2 million SAMHSA Grant application has been submitted by the partners to expand and strengthen the program over a 5-year period. The funding, if received, will be for additional doctors, medications, after-care workers, and to provide support services to the homeless population. The Health Department has become the 6th partner in this project and will provide \$35,000 in an in-kind contribution for primary care. The Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership has hired all staff except one and is targeting July 1 as the date they will begin providing direct services. The next step

is to create the Governance Committee, which will be a sub-committee of the Stakeholders' Consortium.

The Phase III transitional housing funding was awarded to Coastal Renaissance. The contract was set in two parts, both have been initiated and they are now in the process of looking at property. It was mentioned that there has been conversation on available funding through the County from the sale of the lots in North Port for affordable housing for special need groups.

New Business

The agenda for the April 17 Steering Committee Meeting will include two presentations:

- Pandemic Flu Presentation with two presenters providing an up-to-date awareness on the issue and to begin community conversations on how to prepare for this impact. The presentation should take approximately 20 minutes.
- CHIP Scorecard with a brief presentation on the health focused scorecard that CHIP has created as a powerful tool with good measures of key health indicators as well as targets. The presentation should take approximately 10 minutes.

It was decided that the two presentations should be first on the agenda.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on May 10 at 1:30 p.m., at the Community Foundation.