

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY

**February 15, 2006**

Members Present: Ken Alexander  
Bob Carter  
Kay Glasser  
Peter Howard  
Bill Little  
Sherri Reynolds  
Stewart Stearns  
Jerry Thompson

Members Not Present: Sarah Gorman  
Elliott Metcalfe  
Alex Young

Staff Present: Chip Taylor  
Pauline Tracy

#### **Committee and Work Group Updates:**

##### Nominating and Membership Committee

Sherri Reynolds reported that the Nominating and Membership Committee met and discussed a number of issues.

##### *Vacancies*

- City of Longboat Key—seat will remain vacant
- City of Sarasota—Kay Glasser offered to speak to City Manager Mike McNees to encourage the City to appoint someone.
- Housing—Dr. Pappas, Chair of the Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County, has been contacted to fill this seat.
- Business—Steve Queior made a presentation to the Young Professionals Group (YPG) to fill the business seat. Pauline has since received notification that Patrick Kilbane from the YPG would like to be considered for the vacancy.
- NAACP—Pauline has contacted the local NAACP office and is waiting to hear back from them.

- STAR—Samantha Berkey has replaced Eva Goodwin as the STAR representative.

The Committee is recommending that the business seat be assigned to the YPG so that they can appoint someone from their membership.

#### *Additional Seats*

The Nominating and Membership Committee recommended two seats be added to the Steering Committee:

- CHIP (Community Health Improvement Partnership) under the Health category
- Friendship Volunteer Center under the Community Planning category

The committee recommended that the “Community Planning” category be changed to “Community Planning and Resources” category. Since this will require a change to the bylaws, notification will be given at the February 20 Steering Committee meeting.

The committee asked staff to develop a matrix that will show the diversity of the Steering Committee and identify gaps in the group’s composition based on factors such as age, race, geographic location, etc. Kirsten Fulkerson sent Pauline a questionnaire and matrix that can be used to obtain the information from committee members.

#### *Strategic Planning Session*

The committee recommended a strategic planning retreat be held for the entire Steering Committee. Debra Jacobs facilitated the last retreat over three years ago. Committee members felt it was time to have another session. The Executive Committee will recommend that a strategic planning session be held on the regularly scheduled date of the April Steering Committee, beginning at noon. It was suggested that Tim Dutton be asked to facilitate the session.

The Executive Committee asked staff to provide them with a copy of the attendance log.

#### Health Coverage for Uninsured Children (HCUC) Subcommittee

The Health Coverage for Uninsured Children Subcommittee met and recommended that their group be disbanded, as three new groups have been established as a result of the community health forum held in January. Former HCUC members will participate in one of these three groups. The Executive Committee concurred with the recommendation.

### Community Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC)

The CDPC met and agreed upon an action plan for the coming year. Work groups were formed and were assigned tasks to complete. Each work group will provide an update at the next CDPC meeting on March 13.

There will be a presentation made to the faith-based community on February 23 on Pandemic Flu. The Pan Flu Work Group asked the Volunteer Task Force to assist them in identifying volunteers from the faith-based community who can provide spiritual counseling during a disaster.

Bill Little provided a brief update on Pandemic Flu and how it could potentially impact the community's infrastructure and distribution systems. The Executive Committee agreed that the Steering Committee would benefit from a presentation on the subject at their March 20 meeting.

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

The group discussed the recent Homeless Panel Discussion held at New College and agreed that the issue should be discussed further at the Steering Committee meeting. Panel members will be asked to attend and share their perspectives. The possibility of showing the Jamie Poe film at a Steering Committee meeting was discussed. Stewart Stearns offered to show the film at the Community Foundation for those who are interested.

Bill Little reported that the Planning Committee has continued to meet and hopes to have the community substance abuse and mental health plan completed by the end of March.

The Acute Care Task Force continues to work on developing materials for training law enforcement officers on the Baker and Marchman Acts. Decision trees are being developed that will give officers information as to the best way to handle these people and contact information to make the process more efficient.

The CIT training is on target for March 6-10 at Keiser College. At present, all participants have agreed to be involved and the class will offer 40 hours of hands-on training for law enforcement officers on the best way to intervene with situations where mental illness or substance abuse is present. The focus of this year's classes will be to have greater participation from the local police departments. Up to this point the Sheriff's Office has had the majority of the officers trained, but this year the goal will be to try to get 45 local officers from the municipalities trained.

Construction at First Step to convert their detox facility into a secure Adult Addictions Receiving Facility will begin in March. The construction will take place

in 3 phases so that the facility can remain operational during the construction period.

The VIP-ER program is progressing well. The program is up and running and every class has been full at the start. It is currently graduating 90% of participants, well above the national average for substance abuse treatment.

Ann Kelley has been hired as the project director for the Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership. Ann is currently filling the other positions which will complete the Administrative Unit.

### **New Business**

Bill Little raised the issue of Florida seeking federal waivers to create a Senior Care Program. This is the initial part of the State's Medicaid managed care plan but there is some concern that many community-based non-profits will be excluded from participating. The Executive Committee agreed that we need to look into this issue more and ask for briefings. This is something the Community Alliance needs to watch. Bob Carter will be asked to present this issue at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Chip Taylor announced that Dr. Kay Glasser is being nominated by the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners for the Purpose Prize, a national initiative to inspire and encourage Americans to use their experience for the greater good as they reach the cusp of what once was called "retirement."

Sherri Reynolds reminded everyone of the Shining Stars Scholarship and Awards Banquet to be held February 28<sup>th</sup> by SCOSA.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on March 15, at 1:30 p.m., at the Community Foundation.