

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

March 15, 2006

Members Present: Ken Alexander
Kay Glasser
Sarah Gorman
Peter Howard
Elliott Metcalfe
Sherri Reynolds
Stewart Stearns

Members Not Present: Bob Carter
Bill Little
Jerry Thompson
Alex Young

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Strategic Planning Session Update

The Executive Committee discussed the idea of holding the Strategic Planning Session in April or May but decided that the group needed to ensure the session was well planned in order to make the best use of everyone's time. It was decided that a June session would be more appropriate and will allow time for the Executive Committee members to develop a list of strategic priorities to guide the discussion at the planning session. Steering Committee members will be asked to send their suggestions for topics for the strategic planning session to Pauline.

Committee and Work Group Updates:

Community Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC)

The CDPC is following the action plan format presented in last month's meeting and has established work groups on the following:

- Information Sharing
- Media and Public Relations
- Identifying Additional Partners/Vulnerable Populations including the developmentally disabled, the homeless, the non-English speaking, and the hearing/visually impaired.

These groups, as well as the Volunteer Task Force, the Elder Care Strike Team, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strike Team and Youth and Families Strike Team will continue to meet and work on their plan. A training session on Avian and Pandemic Flu was held for the Faith-Based community recently. The Pan Flu Work Group requested volunteers from the community to provide spiritual counseling in the case of an outbreak.

Planning and Outcomes Work Group

The Planning and Outcomes Work Group met and reviewed the health and positive youth development performance measures and targets. Many of the outcomes in the youth category are similar to those recommended by Sarasota County School Superintendent Gary Norris. The work group decided to delay decisions regarding those particular targets until after the referendum is held. Chip Taylor will arrange a meeting with Dr. Norris to discuss the performance measures and how we can work with the school system to affect the targets.

The group will meet again on April 7 to discuss the remaining measures and to explore additional positive youth outcomes that Karen Bogues recommended.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

A CIT class graduated March 10 and the next class will be scheduled sometime in May or June. Funding for the last class was worked out by the County so the Sheriff was able to send a number of officers at the last minute.

The VIP-ER program has graduated three classes with two currently in process. The project management team continues to meet weekly to work out issues. They have recently decided to apply for a SAMHSA grant which will provide additional treatment services. The grant is for \$2 million over a five year period.

New Business

The Pandemic Flu presentation was delayed from the March Steering Committee meeting until the April meeting due to a scheduling conflict for one of the presenters. Dr. Ann Kelley will make a presentation at the March meeting on the Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on April 12 at 1:30 p.m., at the Community Foundation.