

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

May 10, 2006

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

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

Staff Present: Kathleen Marie Hall
Pam Meunier
Chip Taylor

Committee and Work Group Updates

Planning and Outcomes Work Group (POWG)

The Planning and Outcomes Work Group met at the school board chambers with Mike McHugh, Director of Pupil Support Services/Charter Schools, and it was agreed that the Superintendent's proposed outcomes would be appropriate for inclusion in the County's human services policy framework. An email was sent to Secretary Lucy Hadi at DCF regarding the unavailability of data for adult and child abuse rates. There was a discussion on the current and future school readiness measure and on a proposed additional measure to supplement the existing measure for Gold Seal status. The POWG's recommendations will be finalized in June and in July the work group will go before the Community Alliance and the Board of County Commissioners for approval of the new community outcome targets for 2009.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC)

The SAMHSC discussed the train-the-trainer/Baker Act training that will be coordinated with DCF. Katrina Rae of DCF is checking on the status of the DCF Plan. The next meeting will be on June 23 with a discussion on initiating a Legislative Issues sub-committee.

The Community Alternative Residential Treatment CART Initiative:

- Phase 1 - The Addictions Receiving Facility (ARF) is scheduled to open on July 31. The Board of County Commissioners approved the ARF operations

contract (including start-up costs for hiring staff, providing training and developing protocols).

- Phase 2 – The VIP-ER program has graduated 6 classes with a 75% successful completion rate. The Project Management Team (PMT) has been meeting weekly and has applied for a SAMHSA/Treatment for Homeless grant (\$400,000 a year for up to 5 years) to enhance the VIP-ER program. PMT is also in the process of applying (through Sarasota County) for a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant through the Justice and Mental Health Collaborative Program (\$200,000 over 24 months) to enhance and strengthen VIP-ER’s mental health services. The Florida Mental Health Institute’s (FMHI) interim evaluation report has been released and was very positive.
- Phase 3 - Coastal Renaissance, Inc. (CRI) was awarded \$750,000 to develop transitional housing. Scott Eller met with the PMT to discuss the details of the project and how to decide whether to renovate or purchase property. He was asked to submit a proposal and budget for SIO consideration.

Acute Care System Task Force (ACSTF) reviewed and updated their action plan, discussed the Baker/Marchman Act transportation issues and scheduled a meeting for May 24 at the Health Department to come to an agreement/understanding of the Transportation “Decision Tree.” There will be a local Baker Act training on May 31 at the Cay Club for private therapists, LMHC’s, etc. The next ACSTF meeting will be on May 30, 9:00 a.m. at the Health Department.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Curriculum Committee met and discussed the upcoming class for July 17 through 21, refined the training schedule, and discussed logistical issues. A CIT brochure is being designed for marketing, advertising, and education. The next meeting of the committee will be on June 1 at 1:00 p.m.

The Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership (ECMHP) is developing a broad-based governance structure, with the initial meeting set for May 19. The partnership is in the process of developing various plans, services, identifying resources and structures for developing a family driven system of care and preparing for the implementation of the national evaluation. On May 8, ECMHP participated in the National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day campaign by hosting an open house. Staff will be attending the Fun Fair in Venice on May 13.

Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey was discussed regarding how to capture sentiments or leading questions to implement into the strategic planning retreat in the fall. It was mentioned that this survey should be updated within the next month.

Some of the comments/questions:

- Dedicate 10 minutes of the next few meetings to fill out the survey.
- Include a strategic planning activity section with a wish list.

- Include a self-assessment and satisfaction section on how satisfied each member is with their role or contribution on the Community Alliance.
- Include questions such as:
 - What initiatives has the Community Alliance accomplished in the last year?
 - Are the existing projects being followed through before jumping into other projects?
 - Do members feel that their talents have been utilized within the group?
 - Are all members continually engaged in the current and future projects?
 - What areas should the Community Alliance get involved with and are the members prepared personally to contribute to these efforts?"

Strategic Planning Update

The Executive Committee discussed the Strategic Planning session now scheduled for the fall. There was mention of having a PowerPoint presentation at the retreat rather than having the members read the information in advance. Stewart Stearns volunteered to create this presentation for the retreat.

Some of the ideas that were brought forth:

- Include in the members' packet a copy of the mission statement to begin the conversation on what the Community Alliance has accomplished, how it relates to the mission statement, and if there is unfinished business that needs to be addressed.
- Discuss how to improve the human services delivery system in Sarasota County.
- Initiate conversations on best practices/models from other states, such as Minnesota, New York and Massachusetts, which have one central agency per county with all the necessary resources.
- Discuss how to expand collaboration to organizations in order to maximize programs and extend precious dollars and services.
- Create a wish list and address the list by asking who would initiate and follow through with each issue.
- Compile the Community Alliance's strengths and weaknesses from the survey information and present it at the session.
- Discuss the CART Initiative model and what the driving power was to form the collaboration and then extend this model to other projects in the future.
- Discuss South County's growth and the need for an infrastructure model in this area.

Legislative Update

The Executive Committee discussed legislative updates and decided that the various agencies at the Steering Committee table would be able to give a report on their legislative update.

New Business

The agenda for the May 15 Steering Committee meeting was established.

Next Meeting

The Executive Committee discussed and decided to cancel the June Steering Committee meeting due to the anticipated absences of Stewart Stearns and Elliott Metcalfe at this meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on June 14, at 1:30 p.m., at the Community Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.