

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Community Foundation of Sarasota, 2635 Fruitville Road

February 14, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Stewart Stearns, Chair
Ken Alexander
Bob Carter
Kay Glasser
Peter Howard
Bill Little
Elliott Metcalfe
Sherry Reynolds
Jerry Thompson

Members Absent: Alex Young

Staff Present: Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Strategic Planning Retreat

Members discussed the January 22 Strategic Planning Retreat. Linkages with other organizations such as the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) and SCOPE need to be strengthened and clarified. At the retreat, the message was clear that the Steering Committee was ready to bring the human services community together and take a stand as to what human services issues are important. It was agreed that the Alliance needs to take a systems approach and not just look at a single issue and to clearly understand and develop linkages before deciding what is most important to the community. We need to develop a "roadmap" which outlines the challenges and where we go next.

After reviewing the composition of the Steering Committee, the recommendation was made that the Community Alliance set up task forces around human service issues that naturally align such as aging, children, criminal justice and the court system, and housing and homelessness. These task forces can use the next 4 to 6 months to pull together community groups, the general public and other interested parties to determine what the top 4 to 5 issues are in that particular area. These task forces can report back to the Executive Committee and the

Steering Committee on the results. It is expected that there will be some issues that will cross over groups. The Community Alliance can then review all of the issues and determine the top human service priorities across all areas.

This list of human service priorities will create a strong community voice which will allow funders such as the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners, the Human Services Advisory Council, the foundations, and the United Way to make their funding decisions based on the identified priority areas. Funders will be able to focus their dollars on what will make the biggest difference in the community. Once compiled, this information will need to be publicized to the general public with the hopes of raising private funds for human services.

The Board of County Commissioners and the Human Services Advisory Council have a workshop scheduled on February 26 to discuss outcome and issue focused funding vs. funding agencies.

The suggestion was made to use the standing meeting time of the Steering Committee to allow the task forces to meet every other month until the work is done. The Steering Committee would also meet every other month as well.

Committee and Work Group Updates

Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters (Sarasota COAD)

Chip Taylor provided the update. The Sarasota COAD met and charged each of its strike teams and task forces to update their 2007 Work Plan. Their updated plans will be discussed at the March COAD meeting.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

A full report on the Consortium and each of its subcommittees was provided in the member's packets.

Sherri Reynolds asked if James Schulz could provide an update on the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) to the Consortium at their next meeting. A solution needs to be reached regarding where to locate the JAC.

Set Agenda for February 19 Steering Committee Meeting

It was decided that the majority of the February 19 Steering Committee meeting will be dedicated to a follow up discussion on the Strategic Planning Retreat. The following items will be briefly discussed:

- Disaster Preparedness--Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for Health and Human Services Business Center
- Committee and Work Group Updates