

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**  
**NOMINATING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**April 7, 2010**

Members Present: Janet Kahn, Chair  
Rose Chapman  
Benny Weaver  
Kelly Morrell (via telephone)

Staff Present: Pauline Tracy

**Vacant Steering Committee Seats**

The following vacant seats were discussed:

- City of North Port (*Janet Kahn offered to contact Monica Becket from North Port to determine her interest in serving on the committee. If she is not interested, she may have recommendations for others who would be interested in representing the City of North Port.*)
- City of Sarasota (*Rose Chapman agreed to contact someone with the City of Sarasota regarding filling their vacant seat.*)
- City of Venice—Criminal Justice (*Kelly Morrell will contact a representative from the City of Venice Police Department to appoint someone to their seat.*)
- Healthy Start Coalition (*Pauline Tracy will contact Jennifer Highland with Healthy Start to ask if she was comfortable with someone from the Healthy Start office at the Health Department filling their seat.*)
- Housing (*Kelly Morrell will contact Judy Wilcox with Habitat South to determine her interest in serving on the Steering Committee.*)
- NAACP (*The NAACP has been contacted a number of times since the inception of the Alliance regarding their interest in keeping a seat on the Community Alliance, however, they have not been able to send a representative to a meeting since March 2008.*)

**Membership Attendance**

Pauline has communicated with most of the following members who have missed more than 3 consecutive meetings regarding their continued interest in remaining on the Steering Committee:

- Nonprofit Resource Center—Judi Bell states that she would like to remain on the Steering Committee and become more involved.
- Public Defender—Larry Eger did not realize he had missed more than three consecutive meetings but wanted to remain on the Committee.
- Department of Juvenile Justice—Ginny Donovan stated that her travel is restricted to only mission-critical meetings and she is unable to attend the Steering Committee meetings at this time. The Committee decided to keep Ginny on the member listing in anticipation of her travel restrictions changing at some point. Rose asked if Ginny could send a report occasionally just to keep the Alliance up to date on what is happening with DJJ. Pauline will contact Ginny about sending a report.
- NAMI—Dale Lux has had serious health problems which have prevented him from attending the meetings. He asked other members of NAMI to step up and replace him on the Alliance but no one came forward. Dale stated he plans to begin attending the meetings again soon.
- Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness—an email was sent to Richard Martin to determine his interest in remaining on the Steering Committee. He was out of the office and due to return April 7 so no response was received prior to the Nominating and Membership Committee meeting. Pauline will follow up with Richard.
- Sarasota Housing Authority—An email was sent to Bill Russell but as of the time of the meeting no response had been received. Pauline will follow up with Bill.
- Catholic Charities—Dr. Tam Sicard stated that she has had to travel out of town quite a bit and has been unable to attend. She will find someone else to represent the Diocese of Venice.

### **Vacant Executive Committee Seat**

There is one vacancy on the Executive Committee due to Bob Carter's resignation from the Community Alliance Executive and Steering Committees.

After discussion, ***Kelly Morrell made a motion to nominate Benny Weaver for the vacant seat on the Executive Committee; Rose Chapman seconded; motion passed unanimously.*** Benny's nomination will be presented to the Executive Committee and then voted on at the April 19 Steering Committee meeting.

### **Discussion of Additional Seats**

Pauline had a discussion with Ken Modzelewski with the South County Family YMCA regarding his interest in serving on the Community Alliance Steering Committee. He felt that his perspective would be different than the two current "Children and Youth Serving Organizations" in that he is the largest after school and day care provider in the southern part of the county. After much discussion,

the Committee agreed that other agencies on the Steering Committee also represent the same populations (Early Learning Coalition for example) but that it would be helpful to have more representation from the southern part of Sarasota County. The suggestion was made to change the seat currently held by the NAACP under "Community Representatives" to a South Sarasota County seat. This recommendation will be made to the Executive Committee.