

JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND OUTCOMES WORK GROUP AND THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 9, 2004

Members Present: Karen Bagues
Sandra Figueroa
Diana French
Sarah Gorman
Kay Glasser
Janice Mee

Staff Present: Nancy DeLoach
Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

Indicators of Risk and Protective Factors for High School Youth

Chip Taylor reviewed the white paper he prepared to share with the HSAC and to present to the Board of County Commissioners on January 25. The paper explains the risk and protective factors that are included in the Communities That Care (CTC) Survey. The recommendation is to use the risk and protective factors as benchmarks this year. Once additional data is collected after the second CTC survey is conducted, the group will review the data again to set targets.

Karen Bagues asked Chip to add clarification in the second paragraph of the document to indicate that the time period referred to regarding the review of existing outcomes for positive youth development was when the targets were originally developed.

The same survey was given to 6th and 8th grade students in December 2003. Once that data is received we will be able to analyze and compare the information with the 9th and 11th grade data.

Additional Outcome Indicators

Jake Thomas submitted the following indicators for the work group to consider adding to the Community Outcome Indicators:

- Adults with no health care coverage.
- Adults unable to get medical care in past 12 months.
- Adults that visited a dentist in past year.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the indicator, reflecting the adults with no health care coverage would be recommended to HSAC. Since the overwhelming majority of adults without coverage fell within the 18 to 44 year old and the 45 to 64 year old categories, it was agreed that separate targets would be set for each of these categories. The recommended 2007 target for the number of adults aged 18 to 44 without coverage would be 20%. The recommended 2007 target for adults aged 45 to 64 without coverage would be 15%.

Sarah Gorman recommended the following indicator from the CTC Survey Report be added:

- High school youth who report attacking someone with the intent to harm.

The work group agreed to propose to add this indicator to the list of community outcome indicators. The 2007 target was set at 10%. Discussion ensued as to which category this indicator would best fit. It was decided to rename the "Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation" category to "Abuse, Neglect and Violent Behavior" and include this new target.

Karen Bogues recommended the following indicators be added to the Positive Youth Development category:

- Youth who are registered to vote by age 20.
- High school students who are engaged in community service.
- Youth aged 16 to 19 in the labor force.

Karen used a rough estimate to calculate the percentage of students currently registered to vote to be 65%, (the Census data does not provide population data for the 17 to 20 year old category). The work group agreed to propose to add this one as a new indicator. The 2007 target was set at 90%. *(Due to the difficulty of determining the population data for this age group, the target was later set at a 40% increase from the 2003 number.)*

Discussion ensued regarding the second proposed indicator which counts the percentage of students who are registered with the Bright Futures and Teen Mobilization programs. Some concern was expressed that this indicator only counts a limited number of students; however, it was decided that at this time this is the only source of data available. Efforts will be made to develop a data collection system that would be more reflective of all the students who are involved in community service. The 2007 target was set at 50%.

It was decided to not include the third target above as the data was not readily available.

Sarah Gorman presented the following two indicators dealing with adult substance abuse:

- DUI arrests among the adult population.
- Annual alcohol sales per capita.

The group agreed to propose adding both of these targets providing the data is available. Sarah and Sandra Figueroa agreed to try and pull the information together before the HSAC meeting on February 11. Targets for these two indicators will need to be discussed by the full HSAC once the data is provided.

It was suggested that a request should be made of the School Board to add a question to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey regarding the number of organized activities a student participates in.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be scheduled after the HSAC presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on February 25.