

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Planning and Outcomes Work Group

August 5, 2005 Meeting Summary

Present: Karen Bagues, Community Alliance
Elmer Berkel, Human Services Advisory Council
Dr. Kay Glasser, Human Services Advisory Council,
Community Alliance
Curt Lavarello, Community Alliance
Ken Alexander, Human Services Advisory Council,
Community Alliance
Drew Clayton, Human Services Advisory Council
Sarah Gorman, Human Services Advisory Council,
Community Alliance

Staff Present: Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Human Services
Chip Taylor, Sarasota County Human Services
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County Human Services

2004 Communities That Care (CTC) High School Survey

Chip Taylor presented the group with the existing set of outcome targets that have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the Community Alliance. He also shared the results of the 2004 CTC High School survey separated by grade (6th, 8th, 9th and 11th) based on the new norm. Those items that were above (for risk factors) and below (for protective factors) one standard deviation from the mean were noted in red. Chip explained that the old norm was based on the national average from data gathered from 1996 to 2000. The new norm was based on the national average from data gathered from 2000 to 2002. Extended discussion ensued regarding the validity of the numbers.

The committee expressed concern that some numbers had changed significantly from one year to the next. However, these had not been highlighted in red because they did not meet the one standard deviation measure. Chip advised the group that he would revise the spreadsheet to highlight in yellow or orange any number that changed by one standard deviation in the wrong direction, regardless of whether or not it was within one standard deviation from the national norm. Also, the measures that have moved in the right direction by at least one standard deviation would be highlighted in green. Another spreadsheet

will be developed to show how the different cohorts have improved, or not, by one standard deviation.

Chip asked the committee to review the High School Survey Report and the established Community Outcome Targets to determine which established targets needed to be modified and if there are new targets that should be added. These will be discussed at the next meeting. Sherri Reynolds arrived after the above discussion and announced that Channing Bete will no longer be conducting the CTC survey. The group decided to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next POWG meeting is scheduled for September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the A/B Conference Room, 2nd Floor, at the County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Boulevard.