

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Planning and Outcomes Work Group

June 3, 2005 Meeting Summary

Present: Elmer Berkel, Human Services Advisory Council Member
Jamie Mahadeo, Health and Human Services Business Center
Chip Taylor, Health and Human Services Business Center
Pauline Tracy, Health and Human Services Business Center
Nancy DeLoach, Health and Human Services Business Center

2004 High School Survey

Chip Taylor presented the results of the high school survey in detail. Handouts were provided. Discussion ensued highlighting the following items:

On Table 3:

- In 2002, 41% of kids in the 9th grade reporting using alcohol in the last 30 days. In 2004, the number dropped slightly to 39%. For 11th graders, there is a corresponding drop from 53.3% to 51.9%. The outcome target for this measure is that “60% of high school youth will report not using alcohol in the last 30 days.” Based on this new data, it is not recommended that the outcome target be changed.
- Binge drinking for 9th graders dropped substantially from 24.1% to 19.6%. For 11th graders there was a similar drop from 31.1% to 27.4%. The outcome target for high school students is “85% of high school youth will report not engaging in binge drinking within the past two weeks.” We have made progress here, but have not reached the adopted outcome target.
- Marijuana use dropped from 17.5% to 14.3% in 9th graders and from 23.1% to 17.9% for 11th graders. The outcome target is “90% of high school youth will report not using marijuana within the past 30 days.” The 2004 data shows an improvement here as well but we have not reached the target.
- Smokeless Tobacco use went up for 11th graders from 6.2% to 8%. There was no outcome target set for this measure. The committee may want to consider establishing a target here.

- Cocaine usage also increased from 1.8% to 3.4% in 11th graders. There was also no outcome target set for this measure. The committee may want to consider establishing a target here.

On Table 4:

- The only outcome target established by the committee was “attacking someone with intent to harm.” There was a decrease for 9th graders from 18.1% to 14.3% and for 11th graders from 14.2% to 8.9%. The target was established that “no more than 10% of high school youth will report attacking someone with the intent to harm them within the past 12 months.” The average has dropped to about 12% which shows we have made progress in that area.

There is an issue with the risk and protective factors. Based on the tables provided, the data appears to be calculated improperly. Staff will work with Channing Bete to work out the correct figures.

The next POWG meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 201 at the 2200 Ringling Health and Human Services building. Staff will have the report corrected by Channing Bete and will bring it to the next meeting.