

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
Planning and Outcomes Work Group

April 7, 2006 Meeting Summary

Present: Karen Bogues, Community Alliance
Janice Mee, Human Services Advisory Council
Ken Alexander, Human Services Advisory Council,
Community Alliance
Elmer Berkel, Human Services Advisory Council
Sarah Gorman, Healthy Start

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

FY 2009 Community Outcome Targets Status Report

The committee deferred review of the Positive Youth Development measures until after their meeting with the Superintendent. The committee also deferred review of the *“verified or some indicator maltreatment abuse, neglect or exploitation reports per 100,000”* due to the lack of data for 2005. The committee requested that staff write a letter to DCF asking why the data is unavailable, expressing the concern that, while the state may not be tracking this data, we are tracking it at the community level. It was also requested that we include a question on the 2003 data for abused children that is also unavailable. Sarah made the comment that the words “verified” and “some indicator” should be put in quotes to facilitate reading the document.

The committee pointed out that the data shown on page 30 for child abuse and on page 31 for domestic violence are inconsistent and need to be corrected. The committee asked that more than 3 years of past data added to the charts to better evaluate trends. Staff will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

The committee noted that the narrative on gold seal projects needs updating to reflect changes in the names of the Venice Foundation, Community Foundation and Early Learning Coalition. They also changed the outcome target to read; “At least 100 child care facilities have Gold Seal status” instead of “will achieve Gold Seal status.” The committee noted that this measure and the measure on school readiness may not be the most appropriate measures of early childhood development and asked that we invite Janet Kahn and Donna Kmetz to a future meeting to discuss different measures that would be more appropriate. As a result, the discussion on school readiness was deferred.

Establish Goals for Meeting with Superintendent

Chip is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the measures that the Community Alliance and the BCC could create for positive youth development that will enhance the goals the Superintendent has recently issued. Of particular interest to the committee and (included in the Superintendent's list) is the development of graduation rate and advanced placement targets by ethnicity, as well as cutting the number of habitual truants. In anticipation of that meeting, the POWG's discussion of the measures for positive youth development will be deferred.

Conceptual Model/Framework for Youth Outcomes

Karen Bogues made a presentation, provided handouts and led a discussion of potential measures for positive youth development. Her goal was to obtain the committee's input to identify the best possible measures of positive youth development that are able to be measured using readily available data.

Next Meeting

The next POWG meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2063 at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota.