

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
Planning and Outcomes Work Group

October 6, 2006 Meeting Summary

Present: Ken Alexander, Bayside/SMH
Elmer Berkel, Human Services Advisory Council
Karen Bogues, Human Services Advisory Council
Catherine Clouse, SCOPE
Dr. Kay Glasser, Human Services Advisory Council
Janet Kahn, Early Learning Coalition
Sherri Reynolds, Sarasota County School Board

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

CTC 2005 Middle School Survey

Chip reviewed the status of the 2005 Middle School Survey Report that is currently in draft form. Bert Rothenbach, a private consultant - previously a Channing-Bete employee, has updated both the 2003 and 2005 data based on new national norm data that is now available by grade level. Previously the norm used included all age groups. This gives us the ability to evaluate the data for both years with confidence that the norm being used is comparable. Also, Sherri notified Chip previous to the meeting that the narrative in the document needs significant editing since the individual who prepared the report is unfamiliar with Sarasota County schools.

Chip noted that due to the new norm methodology comparing 6th graders with 6th graders and 8th graders to 8th graders, the 6th grade data has moved significantly toward the norm as compared with the original report. Sherri advised the group that the norm data we are currently using is good for 3 to 5 years. The last norm was developed in 2004. This means we won't have to calculate a new norm for another 3 to 4 years.

Chip has also asked that Bert recalculate the high school data for 2002 and 2004 based on the new norm. He will be able to have the data recalculated in a week. This way, when the third high school survey is completed in December 2006, we will have a comparable norm for all three points in time.

Chip advised the group that SAMHSA has purchased the entire CTC Survey system. Now it is in the public domain and can be used at will by all. However, SAMHSA does not have the ability to evaluate the data. This is where our contact with Bert will be to our advantage.

The group spent a significant amount of time reviewing the middle school data. No changes were made to the risk or protective factor measures.

The committee reviewed the updated select outcome measures resulting from the CTC survey. The following highlights their discussion:

Alcohol Use (in the past 30 days): No change in the target.

Binge Drinking: Since the percentage of middle school youth not engaged in binge drinking is approaching the target, it was raised from 95% to 96%.

Not Being Drunk or High at School: No change in the target.

Marijuana Use (in the past 30 days): Since the percentage of middle school youth not using marijuana in the past 30 days is approaching the target, it was raised from 97% to 98%.

Attacking with Intent to Harm: No change in the target.

Updated Community Outcome Measures for 2009

The committee reviewed the updated outcome measures that have met/exceeded their established target. The following highlights their discussion:

Infant Deaths: Since this measure has exceeded the target, it was reduced from 4.8 per 1,000 to 4.2 per 1,000.

Teen Birth Rate: The births to teen mothers aged 10 to 14 per 1,000 female residents expressed as a three-year rolling average has decreased each year for the last 3 years. The committee did not feel that it would be productive to reduce the target below 1.0 per 1,000. This target will be maintained.

New AIDS Cases: Since this measure has exceeded the target, it was reduced from 16 per 100,000 to 14 per 100,000.

New HIV Cases: Since this measure has significantly exceeded the target, it was reduced from 13.6 per 100,000 to 10 per 100,000. While the 2005 rate (8.6 per 100,000) is still below the new outcome target, the committee was not comfortable reducing the target below 10. If the target remains under 10 for the next year, the committee will consider reducing the target.

The committee reviewed the updated outcome measures that did not met/exceeded their established target. The following highlights their discussion:

Low Birth Weight: No change in the target.

Early Entry Into Prenatal Care: No change in the target.

Repeat Teen Births: No change in the target.

DUI Arrest Rate: To make the target more easily understood, the ratio was changed from “per 100,000” to “per 1,000.” The outcome target itself was not changed.

Minority High School Graduation: To make the target more easily understood, it was changed from “25% more black/Hispanic students will graduate from high school” to “82% of black students and 84% of Hispanic students will graduate from high school.”

Absenteeism Rate: No change in the target.

In-School and Out-of-School Suspensions: The committee felt this target did not accurately measure suspension since the implementation of the programs is dependent on the decision of each individual school principal. Overall, the committee felt this measure to be meaningless when comparing it to the entire population. These measures have been deleted from the list.

Domestic Violence: To make the target more easily understood, the ratio was changed from “per 100,000” to “per 1,000.” The outcome target itself was not changed.

Discussion ensued regarding the development of a target measuring the percentage of minority students in honors and advanced placement classes. With the resignation of the School Superintendent, the committee felt this measure was premature. They will reconsider such a measure next year when the new Superintendent is hired.

Next Meeting

The next POWG meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2063 at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota.