

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY AND  
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING  
Planning and Outcomes Work Group**

**July 13, 2007 Meeting Summary**

**Present:** Ken Alexander, Bayside/SMH  
Elmer Berkel, HSAC  
Karen Bogues, CYD  
Van Deist, Seniors Advisory Council  
Janet Kahn, Early Learning Coalition  
Janice Mee, Human Services Advisory Council

**Staff:** Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Human Services  
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County Human Services

**Communities That Care Data Validity**

Karen referred the group to the handout providing the data validity of the CTC Survey. As of the 2006-07 survey on high school students, the consultant reports, based on the sample size [821 out of 4,000 for 9<sup>th</sup>, and 553 out of 2,700 for 11<sup>th</sup>], our confidence intervals fall in the 3.0 to 4.0 percent range. He characterizes this sample quality as good, but not great. To get a more precise result, grade-level sample sizes should be in the range of 1,500 students. The CTC survey came no where near that sample size.

The committee questioned what characteristics invalidate a survey response [102 student surveys were invalidated]. Staff will come back to the committee with the reasons why the surveys were invalidated. Discussion ensued regarding whether the committee can trust the validity of the CTC survey instrument since it is being used to support a great number of the Community Alliance's outcome measures.

**Cost to Analyze the Communities That Care Data by School**

Karen noted that it would cost \$500 per school for each report. With 6 schools participating in the survey, the total cost would be \$3,000 to receive the CTC reports from the consultant. The consensus of the committee was, based on the sample size validity issue and the status of the County budget, they would not consider recommending at this time that this be pursued for high school students. There was extensive discussion that the issue of invalidated surveys may not be so pervasive with middle school students. They felt that, when that report is issued next year, the County could order it by school instead. The committee requested that staff report back on the validity of the last middle school report at the next meeting. They also requested that staff ask County IT to run the data by school including data on sample size and the number of surveys per school that were invalidated.

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The committee discussed the Search Institute's Developmental Assets Survey as an alternative assessment tool to the CTC Survey. It is much easier for the layman to understand. The consensus was that this idea be considered as a possibility to replace CTC. The question becomes, will this survey instrument have any better data validity with high school students than the CTC? There was a question on the validity of the YRBS. Staff will gather the information and report back to the committee at their next meeting.

**Updated CTC Data Sheets**

Due to questions of validity, the committee will review the handout and discuss this item at the next meeting.

**New Outcome Measures**

Jamie distributed a handout received from Senior Friendship Centers that day. It included a great deal of data on seniors. She asked the committee to review the data. Members can discuss the contents of the handout at the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding elder outcomes and possible sources of data.

**Next Steps**

- Report on how the School Board uses the CTC survey
- Report on the validity of the last middle school survey and that of the YRBS – Try to get Chip and Sherri at the next meeting for this discussion and to discuss alternatives
- Discuss new outcome measures using the data from Senior Friendship Centers and research from other communities that have tax for children Hillsborough, Pinellas, etc.
- Discuss alternatives to the CTC survey
- Discuss updated CTC data sheets
- Finalize future meeting dates/times

**Next Meeting**

**NOTE:**

**The next Planning and Outcomes Work Group meeting has been rescheduled for August 10, 10:00 a.m., in the A/B Conference Room at the County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, in order to accommodate the HSAC meeting scheduled for that afternoon.**