

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

November 2, 2007 Meeting Summary

Present: Elmer Berkel, HSAC
Karen Bogues, Community Alliance
Janice Mee, HSAC

Staff: Jamie Mahadeo, Sarasota County Human Services

Karen welcomed the members. Minutes of the September 14 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Jamie distributed information to the committee on the "Alliance for Excellent Education, Understanding High School Graduation Rates in Florida;" and, a newspaper article entitled "Study Shows High School Dropout Rates." Discussion ensued regarding graduation rates and how they are portrayed in the media.

Status of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report

The discussion of the YRBS was delayed one month pending receipt of the document from the School Board. The committee members expressed their support for developing outcome measures using YRBS data.

Update on Measures for Seniors

Monica Strunk, Senior Friendship Centers, is bringing together a group of elder services providers to talk about potential measures that can be recommended for adoption. She will report on this at the POWG's December 7 meeting.

Update on the Projected Impact of Property Tax Reform

The members that attended this POWG meeting heard Chip's presentation on Property Tax Reform at the last HSAC meeting. An additional presentation was not necessary.

Promotion of/Audience for POWG Outcome Measures/Targets

Discussion ensued regarding how the committee can make the outcome measures/targets more applicable to what is happening in the community. They want to enhance the usage of these outcomes by the Human Services Advisory Council and any other agencies that would find them useful.

At the present time, the primary audience for these measures other than the Board of County Commissioners, the Community Alliance and HSAC who

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approve them are the nonprofit agencies applying for funding under Contracted Human Services.

The consensus of the members in attendance was that the measures need to be made more comprehensive to assist the agencies in more effectively tying in their services to community needs. There was a question as to how the HSAC was using outcome measures. The committee noted that it would be helpful for Nancy DeLoach to attend POWG meetings representing the CHS perspective.

The committee requested that Chip, Pauline and Nancy come to the next meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the meaningful usage of this data versus how much it costs to develop and collect it. Is this a wise usage of our funds considering the current tax issues and potential budget cuts in January?

They requested that staff contact the School Board to determine the status of the Superintendent's Goals established in 2006.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning and Outcomes Work Group will be held on December 7 at 2:00 at the Health Department, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Room 2063.