

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
STAKEHOLDERS' CONSORTIUM**

PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 29, 2005

Members Present:

Ann Voorhees
Catherine Clouse
Phil Gorelick
Ken Alexander
Pauline MacDonald
Bob Piper

Kelly Lewin
Shelia Zelonis
Don Ottinger
Phyllis Cobb
Dee Bohan
Deborah Dunn

Staff Present:

Chip Taylor
Michael Theall

James Schulz
Pauline Tracy

Michael Theall distributed copies of the minutes of the last meeting noting some corrections. The committee approved the minutes as corrected.

Hillsborough County Children's Committee Gap Analysis

Copies of the Hillsborough County documents were distributed. Michael noted several similarities between theirs and Sarasota County's analysis. They started their process last March and April while developing their universal access initiative. Their committee meets monthly.

Community Forums

It is our goal to have community forums established between now and the end of January. This is a huge task to be accomplished in that timeframe. It will enable us to provide input to the DCF business plan in a timely manner. The Stakeholders' Consortium should have a copy of the plan to review around the first part of March.

Catherine Clouse briefed the committee on the forum agendas. A contact person in each group will be identified to coordinate the agenda for each meeting. The type of audience in attendance will drive the content of the meeting. The goal of the forums is to get input from individuals who use the system versus the opinions of the service providers.

In general, the agenda will consist of:

Introduction
Set a context (10 – 15 minutes)
Discussion questions
Survey (last 10 – 15 minutes)

Discussion questions were reviewed and the following inclusions were suggested:

- Location of services provided
- Who in the family is involved
- How did they find out about services
- Separate the discussion of substance abuse and mental health
- Co-occurring
- Location of information gathered (location of meeting)

Bob Piper suggested that a panel of major providers in the public funded system be available at the forums to answer questions. Chip Taylor suggested that key needs be identified (like acute care, infant mental health services, etc). Then, a forum could then be designed to ask the right questions of the right people with the appropriate service providers in attendance.

Phyllis Cobb suggested that, at the end of the forum, a follow up meeting be announced to allow the service providers to showcase available services and discuss access.

Chip advised the group that the side-by-side list will be sent out immediately. He asked everyone to list the top 6 to 10 topics that they feel need to be addressed in upcoming meetings and bring it to the next meeting at 9:00 a.m. on December 13 in Room 2063 at the Health Department.