

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 14, 2006

Members Present:

Ken Alexander	Bayside of SMH
Dennis Berry	Central Florida Behavioral Health
Dee Bohan	Englewood Mental Health Center
Kevin Chinault	Mental Health Community Centers
Catherine Clouse	SCOPE
Maria Garcia-Casellas	Hispanic/Latino Coalition
Phil Gorelick	Jewish Family and Children's Service
Kathleen Houseweart	SCOSA
Curt Lavarello	SCOSA
Kenneth Nutter	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Don Ottinger	SCOPE
Mary Parrett	SCOSA
Bob Piper	First Step
Bryan Pope	Salvation Army
Jacqueline Roller	Psychologist
Ann Voorhees	DCF-SunCoast Region
Shelia Zelonis	SEDNET

Staff Present:

Ann Kelley	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Kelly Lewin	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
James Schulz	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Michael Theall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

Matrix

Michael advised that all but one agency has sent in their changes to the matrix. There is still some work to be done. A faith-based program services section has been added to include that sector in the matrix. Under "waiting list", he asked that one of three statements be used: (1) there is no waiting list – include length of time from phone call to first appointment, (2) a waiting list is used sporadically, or (3) a waiting list is not utilized – explain why. He asked that everyone's update be completed and submitted

by next Friday. He will send out the most current matrix to everyone by e-mail after this meeting.

Review of Community Forums

Catherine Clouse went over the results of the community forum surveys with the group. Copies of the document were distributed. Some groups have not been scheduled yet like probation officers, law enforcement, attorneys, and the NAACP. There were 20 groups that were targeted and approximately 15 have been completed. If the committee wants to complete the last 5 meetings, Michael asked that other members of the committee help in presenting a forum. At this point, there is time to gather more information.

DCF Regional Business Plan Discussion

The DCF plan is still being revised. The group discussed the need to develop their plan in concert with the DCF plan to ensure maximum opportunity for input in the state plan and alignment between the state and local plans. Once DCF has completed their plan, it will go to Tallahassee for the dollars to be allocated. Discussion ensued that the local plan should parallel the state plan but retain the local concerns whether or not the state takes on those same priorities.

Discussion of the 4 A's

The 4 A's are accessibility, affordability, availability and awareness. Michael discussed with the group the need to prioritize the issues in order to accomplish the goals of the committee. The list of issues comes from the DCF business plan and the SCOPE Mental Health report. Michael asked that one person volunteer to take the responsibility for gathering information on each issue. As a result of this effort, action plans can be developed.

The following people volunteered to lead/participate in a work group on this topic:

Availability – Phil Gorelick, Bob Piper, Ken Nutter, Bryan Pope

Awareness – Catherine Clouse, Ann Kelley

Affordability – Kelly Lewin, Ken Alexander

Accessibility – Michael Theall, Dee Bohan, Mary Parrett

Each work group needs to develop strategic priorities and list as many ideas as possible to implement them. The chair of each work group needs to recruit additional people from the committee to brainstorm the issues. It was noted that some issues have components that impact more than one "A."

The committee agreed to meet each week for four weeks to address one topic per meeting. By the Friday before that meeting, the chair for that focus area work group will receive e-mails from anyone on the larger committee who wants to provide input on that

topic. The work group will take this information; distill it into a list and present that list to the larger committee. Once committee input has been received, the work group will summarize for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

It was decided that the topic of availability would be discussed at the February 21 meeting; affordability on February 28; accessibility on March 7; and awareness on March 14.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Health Department, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, in the 2nd Floor Auditorium.