

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”

Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.

October 19, 2009

Meeting Summary

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Ken Alexander | Sarasota Memorial Hospital |
| Humberto Alvia | St. Jude’s Hispanic Center |
| Dave Beesley | First Step of Sarasota |
| Karen Bogues | Community Youth Development |
| Rose Chapman | Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties |
| Kevin Chinault | Mental Health Community Centers (for Carolyn Eagen) |
| Amy Farrington | Young Professionals Group |
| Janet Kahn | Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County |
| Chief Terry Lewis | City of North Port |
| Laura McIntyre | Family Safety Alliance |
| Erin McLeod | Senior Friendship Centers (for Bob Carter) |
| Janice Mee | SCOPE |
| Sarah Pappas | Selby Foundation |
| Tom Pfaff | Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE) |
| Sherri Reynolds | School Health Advisory Council |
| Kathryn Shea | Florida Center for Child and Family Development |
| Dennis Stover | Friendship Volunteer Center |
| Ryan Stoyles | Community Haven |
| Capt. Paul Sutton | City of Sarasota |
| Chip Taylor | Sarasota County Health Department (for Bill Little) |
| Jessica Ventimiglia | Manasota 2-1-1 |
| Karen Wilkinson | CHIP |
| Alex Young | United Way of Sarasota County |
| Caroline Zucker | School Board of Sarasota County |

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

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| Judi Bell | Nonprofit Resource Center |
| P. J. Brooks | Juvenile Justice Council |
| Ginny Donovan | Department of Juvenile Justice |
| Larry Eger | Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit |
| Keliy Fordham | STAR Representative |
| Kirstin Fulkerson | Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice |
| Kay Glasser | Community Planning |
| Stanley Godleski | Seniors Advisory Council |
| Sarah Hickey | Vocational Interagency Council |
| Jennifer Highland | Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County |
| Curtis Lavarello | Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCOSA) |
| Leslie Loveless | SunCoast Workforce Board |

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| Dale Lux | National Alliance for the Mentally Ill |
| Richard Martin | Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness |
| Alana Monge | Twelfth Judicial Circuit |
| Capt. Richard Montemagno | Sarasota County Sheriff's Office |
| Bryan Pope | The Salvation Army |
| Steve Queior | Sarasota Chamber of Commerce |
| John Reed | City of Venice |
| Bill Russell | Sarasota Housing Authority |
| Dr. Tam Sicard | Catholic Charities |
| Brena Slater | Department of Children and Families – SunCoast Region |
| Stewart Stearns | Community Foundation of Sarasota County |
| Jerry Thompson | Coastal Behavioral Healthcare |
| Benny Weaver | Loveland Center |

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Ed McBride | Safe Children Coalition |
| Sarah Cloud | Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health |
| Ryan James | RBL Bank |
| Andrea Kenzig | Sarasota County Library System |
| Kevin McKenney | Safe Children Coalition |
| Susan Scott | Sarasota County Government |

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Nancy DeLoach | Sarasota County Health and Human Services |
| Kathleen Marie Hall | Sarasota County Health and Human Services |
| Pam Meunier | Sarasota County Health and Human Services |

Welcome and Introductions

The Community Alliance of Sarasota County met on October 19, 2009 at the Sarasota County School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd., at 1:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Master Plan

Grace Carlson gave a PowerPoint [presentation](#) on the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) Master Plan. Grace explained that TBARTA was created by the Florida State Legislature in 2007 to develop and implement a regional transportation master plan for the seven-county West Central Florida region (Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties). TBARTA has a Governing Board, a Citizens Advisory Committee, a Transit Management Committee, and a Land Use Working Group. The master plan was adopted on May 22, 2009 and includes a framework for a seamless, linked transportation network for future implementation including short-distance rail (light rail), long distance rail (commuter rail), bus-rapid transit (BRT) in exclusive lanes, bus-rapid transit in managed lanes, bus-rapid transit in mixed traffic, and express bus service. The overall regional system will consist of a mid- and long-term regional network along with a mid- and long-term supporting network that will be coordinated with the Florida Department of Transportation.

The funding for the regional system will be leveraged through local contributions and opportunities through federal, state, and private dollars. Each community within the TBARTA region will set their priorities and determine the affordability for their community. Grace stated that the system is

an investment to improve the infrastructure and economy along with huge environmental benefits for the future. For further information, go to <http://www.tbarta.com/>.

A discussion ensued on TBARTA including one-penny sales tax referendums, living in a low-income community vs. a high-cost-of-living area, barriers with transportation costs, and public advocacy for transportation.

Legislative Proposals

Janice Mee and Caroline Zucker presented the [2010 Legislative Proposals](#) to the Community Alliance Steering Committee. Caroline stated that the Legislative Committee received eight proposals. The Executive Committee is recommending adoption of six priorities including, "Carry Forward" by the Sarasota Family YMCA/Safe Children Coalition, "Continued funding of the Family Emergency Treatment Center and Compass Center" by Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., "Mothers and Infants Program" by First Step of Sarasota, Inc., "Prevention and Diversionary Programs for Delinquent Youths" by the Juvenile Justice Council, "Refund Anticipation Loans" by the United Way of Sarasota County and "Title IV-E Waiver" by the Sarasota Family YMCA/Safe Children Coalition.

The Florida Local Public Employee Charitable Campaign and the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) proposals were denied. The Legislative Committee reported that the FASD was denied because the Legislature has indicated it will not accept any Community Budget Information Requests (CBIR) for the next legislative session. Kathryn Shea explained that two proposals were placed in one document, one of which was a CBIR, while the other simply supported the passage of a "Point-of-Purchase Messaging About Alcohol and Pregnancy Act" and did not have a fiscal note. Kathryn distributed the revised proposal.

Sarah Pappas moved, Karen Bogues seconded to approve the Point-of-Purchase Messaging About Alcohol and Pregnancy Act as a Community Alliance proposal. The motion passed unanimously (Kathryn Shea abstained).

A discussion ensued on the seven proposals including the difference between the appropriation issues, nonrecurring issues vs. CBIR issues, local prevention funding, focusing on the best number of proposals to submit, prioritizing the proposals, and the action for the approved proposals. It was noted that a cover page will be created with a brief description of each proposal for submission to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation at its December 3 public hearing. Janice Mee suggested inviting the delegation to a future meeting.

Alex Young moved, Sarah Pappas seconded to approve the seven proposals submitted by the Legislative Committee for 2010. The motion passed unanimously (Ryan Stoyles abstained).

Board of County Commissioners Workshop

Sherri Reynolds reported that the October 14 Board of County Commissioners workshop was a success and commended the planning committee and staff for their work on the report. Susan Scott stated that the workshop was valuable to the Board and has requested future reports from the Community Alliance on a regular basis. The Board has also asked County Administrator Jim Ley to propose the next steps. The Community Alliance staff will set the date for the next dialogue with the Commission. It was suggested that efforts should be coordinated with the Planning and Outcomes Committee for the next workshop.

Committee Updates

Developmental Disabilities Committee

Ryan Stoyles reported that the Developmental Disabilities Committee is in the process of sending an email to the Board of County Commissioners lamenting the fact that Sarasota County is not continuing funding of respite services for the developmentally disabled population. The committee has agreed to add Respite Care as an additional 2010 priority in order to educate the community on the critical need for this service.

Planning and Outcomes Committee

Karen Bogues reported that the Planning and Outcomes Committee (POC) is reviewing additional information on inclusion to update their community outcome targets. Members suggested that Karen share the POC's outcomes with Mary Sassi Furtado, Sarasota County's Executive Director of Strategic Planning, to coordinate efforts and avoid duplication. The committee's next meeting will be on November 20 at the Health and Human Services Building in Room 226.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Chip Taylor reported that there was a [summary](#) in the members' packets for review.

New Business

It was noted that the Community Alliance meetings should begin on time, as many members have other meetings to attend immediately after the Alliance meeting.

Karen Wilkinson announced that CHIP was in the process of updating the Sarasota County "Scorecard" and in creating a third health survey. If anyone would like to assist in the process, contact Kari Ellingstad at www.chip4health.org.

Dennis Stover announced that the *Entertainment Industry Foundation* has kicked off their "I Participate" campaign to encourage volunteerism. Television programming has been set aside to spotlight service through scripted programming, segments, and PSAs with inspirational messages and storylines about volunteerism. In addition, the Friendship Volunteer Center will host the local "Make a Difference Day" on October 24. For further information, members can log on to <http://friendshipvolunteer.com/index.html>.

Public Comment

None

The next Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 16 at 1:30 pm, Sarasota County Health and Human Services building, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226. [Please note change in location for this meeting!]