

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”

Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.

MEETING SUMMARY

March 19, 2007

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Evelyn Barritt	CHIP
Dave Beesley	First Step of Sarasota
Karen Bogues	Community Youth Development
Rose Chapman	Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties
Ginny Donovan	Department of Juvenile Justice
Kay Glasser	Community Planning
Nancy Hanshaw	Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court
Janet Kahn	Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
Patrick Kilbane	Young Professionals Group (YPG)
Kim Kutch	Department of Children and Families – SunCoast Region
Curtis Lavarello	Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCOSA)
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health Department
Leslie Loveless	SunCoast Workforce Board (for Beverly Stockton)
Erin McLeod	Senior Friendship Centers (for Bob Carter)
Janice Mee	SCOPE
Elliott Metcalfe	Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Capt. Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office
Tom Pfaff	Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE)
Steve Queior	Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
Sherri Reynolds	Juvenile Justice Council
Nancy Shoemaker	Diocese of Venice
Stewart Stearns	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Dennis Stover	Friendship Volunteer Center
Alberto Suarez	Manasota 2-1-1
Lt. Paul Sutton	City of Sarasota
Jerry Thompson	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Joe Barbetta	Sarasota Board of County Commissioners
Samantha Berkey	STAR
Steve Brett	United Way of South Sarasota County
P.J. Brooks	Manasota Safe Children Coalition Advisory Council
Vanessa Carusone	City of North Port
Cathy Duquette	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Carolyn Eagen	Mental Health Community Centers
Kirstin Fulkerson	Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice

Stanley Godleski
Jennifer Highland
Peter Howard
Adrienne P. Lazeroff
Renee McQueen
Scott Moore
Elsie Morales
Vicki Taylor
Alex Young
Caroline Zucker

Seniors Advisory Council
Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County
Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Vocational Interagency Council
Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
Hispanic Latino Coalition
City of Venice
United Way of Sarasota County
School Board of Sarasota County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leslie Clark
Kate Irwin
Sheryl Schrepf

CHIP
SCOPE
Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health

STAFF PRESENT:

Kathleen Marie Hall
Pam Meunier
James Schulz
Chip Taylor
Pauline Tracy

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Welcome and Introductions

The Community Alliance of Sarasota County met on March 19, 2007 at the Sarasota School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd. at 1:30 p.m.

Stewart Stearns welcomed the members of the Steering Committee and guests to the meeting.

Action Items

Stewart Stearns announced that there were several action items to consider for approval by the members of the Steering Committee.

Approval of Amendments to the Bylaws

Stewart reviewed the amendments to the [Bylaws](#) in the members' packet.

Sherri Reynolds moved, Evelyn Barritt seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

Reappointment of Steering Committee Members

Stewart reviewed the ["Red and Black" listing](#) of Steering Committee members in the members' packets and the recommendation from the Nominating and Membership Committee to add the School Health Advisory Council seat to the Education category.

Dennis Stover moved, Steve Queior seconded the motion to reappoint the current Steering Committee members to a two-year terms and to add a School Health Advisory Council seat to the Education Category. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members

Stewart noted that the members' packets contained the [Nominating and Membership Committee's](#) recommended slate of officers and Executive Committee members for 2007-2008 for review and approval. The slate of Officers includes:

- Chair – Elliott Metcalfe
- Vice Chairs – Steve Queior and Bill Little
- Immediate Past Chair – Stewart Stearns

The slate of Executive Committee members include:

- Ken Alexander
- Bob Carter
- Dr. Kay Glasser
- Peter Howard
- Tom Pfaff
- Beverly Stockton
- Dr. Jerry Thompson

Sherri Reynolds moved, Alberto Suarez seconded the motion to approve the 2007-2008 slate of Officers and Executive Committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

The members thanked Stewart Stearns for his leadership with the Community Alliance for the past 6 years.

Revision of Mission Statement

Stewart stated that as a follow-up to the Strategic Planning Retreat, Janice Mee has proposed a revision to the Community Alliance [Mission Statement](#) and a copy was in the members' packet for review.

Kay Glasser moved, Nancy Shoemaker seconded the motion to revise the Mission Statement to read: The mission of the Community Alliance is to advance communication, collaboration and advocacy of the health and human service needs of all citizens in Sarasota County through more integrated, effective and efficient delivery systems. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Issues

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act

Chip Taylor presented Florida Senate Bill 2272, House Bill 1239, [Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act](#) (FASP) that will strengthen the emphasis on this issue within the state. Chip stated that the Community Alliance has been asked to support this bill as one of its 2007 priority legislative issues through a letter of support.

Karen Bagues moved, Phil Sutton seconded the motion to endorse Florida Senate Bill 2272, House Bill 1239: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act as one of the Community Alliance's 2007 priority legislative issues through a letter of support. The motion passed unanimously.

Provision of Direct Services by Local Workforce Boards

Leslie Loveless presented Florida Senate Bill 0382, House Bill 0675 [Provision of Direct Services by Local Workforce Boards](#) that would allow local workforce boards to directly provide their own core one-stop services in a pilot program for 2 years. Currently, these services are contracted out. Leslie asked the Community Alliance to support this bill as one of its 2007 priority legislative issues through a letter of support.

Leslie Loveless moved, Bill Little seconded the motion to endorse Florida Senate Bill 0382, House Bill 0675: Provision of Direct Services by Local Workforce Boards as one of the Community Alliance's 2007 priority legislative issues through a letter of support. The motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer Center Statewide Initiative - Community Budget Issue Request:

Dennis Stover presented Florida Senate Bill 4326, House Bill 4295: [Volunteer Center Statewide Initiative](#), submitted by the Florida Association of Volunteer Centers for a community budget issue request in the amount of \$1.8 million with matching resources in the amount of \$1.45 million. Dennis explained that this funding will increase the capacity of volunteer centers around the state to engage citizens in addressing critical community needs, train and certify volunteer managers, and prepare for and respond during disasters.

Dennis Stover moved, Tom Pfaff seconded the motion to endorse Florida Senate Bill 4326, House Bill 4295: Florida Association of Volunteer Centers' Community Budget Issue Request as one of the Community Alliance's 2007 priority legislative issues through a letter of support. The motion passed unanimously.

Steering Committee Meeting Location

Pauline Tracy reported that the Nominating and Membership Committee discussed changing the current meeting location to a more centralized one, such as Twin Lakes Park, which is available the third Monday of the month. Pauline mentioned that another option would be to have a video-conference meeting between a north and south county location, such as the Health Department sites.

A discussion ensued on the meeting location. Members felt that Twin Lakes Park was equally inaccessible to both north and south county members, the meeting time could be changed to the beginning or end of the day rather than the middle of the day, and south county members should be included in the conversation. It was decided to conduct a survey to ask the members their opinions on preference of location and time, whether to rotate the meeting location between north and south county, and to explore the idea of a video-conferencing between north and south county.

Committee and Work Group Updates

Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters (Sarasota COAD)

Chip Taylor reported that the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster (Sarasota COAD) met on February 12 and discussed the revisions to the 2007 Action Plan. Chip mentioned that no further update was reported on the designation of national COAD status for the Sarasota COAD.

Chip stated that member attendance was also discussed at the meeting. Staff was asked to review the attendance over the past four months and identify organizations that are not at the table and report back to the committee at the next meeting. Erin McCloud pointed out that their strike team is in the process of contacting various organizations in the community that are not currently associated with COAD in order to build upon the membership of the teams to be inclusive of all appropriate organizations.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium

Pam Meunier reported on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium. (See [handout](#).)

Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership:

Sheryl Schrepf reported on the Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership. (See [handout](#).) Sheryl stated that the Partnership presently has seven Wraparound Coordinators who are working with the families to set goals and five Family Advocates who are working with the families around empowerment issues.

Strategic Planning Work Groups

Stewart Stearns reported that the Executive Committee discussed the *ad-hoc* work group concept and concluded that forming the work groups was the next step in identifying the future priorities for the Community Alliance in a proactive manner. Chip Taylor proposed six [ad-hoc work groups](#) to the members for review and noted that the Executive Committee used the categories found in the ["Red and Black" listing](#) to form the groups that shared the same service area. Over the next three or four months, each group would meet and identify the top priorities to bring back to the Community Alliance. In order to make it more convenient for all groups, it was suggested that one of the upcoming regular Steering Committee meeting dates (either in May or June) be set aside to hold the initial work group meetings, concurrently in various locations. Chip pointed out that members have been tentatively assigned to a work group, but if a member would like to work on another particular work group, they were welcome to "change seats."

A discussion ensued on the ad-hoc work groups. Members felt that this concept was a good tool for cross communication and were in agreement to have the work groups meet concurrently on one of the regular Steering Committee meeting dates. It was also mentioned that there may be a need to form another work group for "adult economic issues" and to take a broader look at Developmental Disabilities.

New Business

Sheryl Schrepf announced that on Tuesday, April 10, the Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership will be holding an "Introduction to the Wraparound Process" which will be open to the community. Please see the [Wraparound flyer](#) for further information.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting: April 16, 1:30 p.m., at the Sarasota County School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.