

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

*“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”*

*Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Suite 226*

**April 20, 2009**

## **Meeting Summary**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Humberto Alvia	St. Jude’s Hispanic Center
Judi Bell	Community Foundation of Sarasota County (for Stewart Stearns)
Dave Beesley	First Step of Sarasota
Karen Bogues	Community Youth Development
Rose Chapman	Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties
Larry Eger	Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Kay Glasser	Community Planning
Stanley Godleski	Seniors Advisory Council
Jennifer Highland	Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County
Janet Kahn	Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health Department
Leslie Loveless	SunCoast Workforce Board
Erin McLeod	Senior Friendship Centers (for Bob Carter)
Laura McIntyre	Family Safety Alliance
Mark Porter	Sarasota Family YMCA
Steve Queior	Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
Chief John Reed	City of Venice
Sherri Reynolds	School Health Advisory Council
Brena Slater	Department of Children and Families – SunCoast Region
Dennis Stover	Friendship Volunteer Center
Capt. Paul Sutton	City of Sarasota
Jerry Thompson	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Diane Andrews	Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
Steve Brett	United Way of South Sarasota County
Dorothy Carlin	Young Professionals Group
Ginny Donovan	Department of Juvenile Justice
Carolyn Eagen	Mental Health Community Centers
Kirstin Fulkerson	Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Sandy Gallagher	Catholic Charities
Sarah Hickey	Vocational Interagency Council
Ben Kunkel	Manasota 2-1-1
Curtis Lavarello	Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCOSA)
Chief Terry Lewis	City of North Port
Dale Lux	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Susan Magers	Parent Liaison
Richard Martin	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Alana Monge	Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Janice Mee	SCOPE
Capt. Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Sarah Pappas	Selby Foundation
Tom Pfaff	Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE)
Bryan Pope	The Salvation Army
Kathryn Shea	Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center
Karen Wilkinson	CHIP
Alex Young	United Way of Sarasota County
Caroline Zucker	School Board of Sarasota County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lorrane Ausley	Whole Child Project
Zack Anderson	<i>Sarasota Herald-Tribune</i>
Pat Johnson	Whole Child Project
Edwina Jones	Community Haven
Ed McBride	Safe Children Coalition
Kevin McKenney	Safe Children Coalition
Kim Ross	Whole Child Project
Ryan Stoyles	Community Haven

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Wayne Applebee	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Nancy DeLoach	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pam Meunier	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

**Welcome and Introductions**

The Community Alliance of Sarasota County met on April 20, 2009 at the Sarasota Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Suite 226 at 1:30 p.m.

**Whole Child Presentation**

Loranne Ausley, Senior Advisor for the Lawton Chiles Foundation gave a presentation on the *Whole Child Project*. Loranne explained that she currently serves as the Chair of Leon County's *Whole Child Project* pilot program. The community-based holistic approach is in place for three counties: Leon, Martin, and Manatee Counties. The program creatively uses technology to connect families to services and to empower the families to locate information on their own. A statewide [website](#) assists counties in understanding how to become a "whole child" community.

A discussion ensued on the project's data system, how the technology can be utilized to begin building statewide indicators, breaking down the barriers, pooling resources, the funding sources through the stimulus funding, Manatee County's program, the "Worst to First" advocacy initiative, and the idea of connecting the Tapestry initiative into the project. Loranne mentioned that it is important to combine forces to collectively build strength in linking systems to serve the

community and to have open communication. Janet Kahn stated that the Early Learning Coalition is currently mapping child care centers and tracking vacancies. Bill Little stated that the next steps may be to discuss the available connections. It was noted that Volusia County may become a whole child community. It was noted that a [summary](#) describing Sarasota County's history with the Whole Child Project was in the members' packets for review.

### **Budget Impact Survey Results and Next Steps**

Sherri Reynolds reported that there were several versions of the survey results in the members' packets for review: by [agency](#) and by [question](#). Steve Queior noted that the survey results were discussed at the April 15 Community Alliance Executive Committee meeting where it was concluded that the next steps should include innovations and efficiencies that are taking place, advocating for the services, and supporting more of the efficiencies and best practices. It was mentioned that there is a need to inform the public through a compelling human interest story on the collaborative best practices amongst the agencies and organizations working together to share resources to maximize results. There may be a need to request professional assistance in putting this story together. Pauline Tracy pointed out that Judi Bell from the Nonprofit Resource Center has volunteer consultants who could assist the Community Alliance in this initiative.

A discussion ensued on the idea of utilizing the services of the Nonprofit Resource Center. Nancy DeLoach noted that the Human Service Advisory Council has been working with Judi Bell on a separate matter to collaboratively look at "Administrative Support Organizations" (ASO) for the County funded Sarasota County agencies. Judi mentioned that there are many economic impact surveys circulating in the community. Other discussions were on the pattern of reductions over a long period of time, the misconception of the public on nonprofit agencies, agency reporting requirements, cost savings at the Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center, input from the smaller or mid-size agencies, reprioritizing the needs, the Community Alliance taking on an advocacy role, packaging the results, and who will be responsible. It was also mentioned that from the long-term perspective this would give the Community Alliance leverage to present the data results to the legislatures in the near future.

Judi Bell stated that she would be willing to synthesize the information, identify the indicators, and complete an executive summary. It was suggested to combine this survey with the ASO survey results to identify the correct themes for the next step. Bill Little suggested that once the document is complete, the Community Alliance could use this information to present to the legislative delegation at their September or October Community Alliance meeting. Judi suggested holding this event at the Community Foundation.

### **Legislative Issues**

Erin McLeod mentioned that Bob Carter was attending the Legislative session on behalf of the Florida Council on Aging. It was noted that the last day of the session would be on Friday, May 8.

### **Committee and Work Group Updates**

#### **Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)**

Pauline Tracy reported that a presentation was given by Patti Reynolds and Davis Tornabene from Sarasota Memorial Hospital on the available community resources during a health disaster. The presentation will be placed on the Sarasota COAD website shortly. Other topics were on

the formation of the Developmental Disabilities Strike Team and a disaster and volunteer training session at the Senior Friendship Centers for the faith-based and neighborhood association community.

### **Planning and Outcomes Committee**

Karen Bogues reported that the [Sarasota County FY 2012 Community Outcome Targets](#) were in the members' packet for review. Karen explained that the information presented is only the outcome targets that have been revised. The full version will be posted to the Community Alliance website shortly.

***Steve Queior moved, Stanley Godleski seconded to adopt the Sarasota County FY 2012 Community Outcome Targets as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.***

### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium**

Bill Little reported that there was a [summary report](#) in the member's packets for review. The full report is posted on the Community Alliance website.

Jerry Thompson reported that Manatee Glens' Short-term Residential Treatment (SRT) program will be closing on June 30, 2009. Several discussions have taken place with stakeholders to decide where the unused funding will be utilized for SRT. The consensus was for Sarasota County to use its share to purchase SRT beds from *Mental Health Care* in Tampa, hire an SRT specialist position, and purchase client incidentals such as: housing, food, and their basic essentials. Sarasota County's SRT collaborative model is different than the Manatee County model. It was noted that there will be a comparison between the two models at the end of the year.

Wayne Applebee referred members to the [handout](#) in the members' packets that gave an update on the criminal justice system stimulus funding that touches on mental health and substance abuse. Wayne explained that \$314,806 will come directly from the Department of Justice to Sarasota County's Criminal Justice system. The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) has recommended that these funds be used for a Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit within the Sheriff's office. Other funding will be coming through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the amount of \$1.1 million. The other recommendations that are not on the above handout are as follows:

- Domestic Violence Coordinator
- Family Reunification Program for inmates in the county jail
- Felony probationer's mental health evaluation
- Counseling for teens and their families within Delinquency Court
- YMCA youth shelter
- Inmate transitions and/or mentor's for successes

Wayne stated that the above recommendations will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on May 12.

### **New Business**

Laura McIntyre, the Child Welfare Systems Analyst for the Family Safety Alliance, gave a brief overview of her new position to the members. This position will oversee the foster care system

in Desoto, Sarasota, and Manatee counties by identifying the needs, the strengths, what is working or not, and providing feedback to the community in the ways to change the system. It was noted that she is also working with the Safe Children Coalition and asked members to contact her with any suggestions or ideas.

### **Foreclosure Resources Assistance Network (FRAN) Update**

Pauline Tracy reported that Sarasota County has initiated a Foreclosure Resources Assistance Network (FRAN) to assist residents who are in any stage of a foreclosure crisis. Pauline stated that she and Nancy DeLoach are working with a team of community agencies that are currently providing case management services or financial counseling. The Community Alliance's Economic Self Sufficiency presentation last year has assisted the team in building this new collaboration. The team is in the process of identifying case management positions for the existing agencies and will be utilizing CSBG and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing stimulus funding.

Currently this system is for information purposes only but eventually clients will be able to contact the case management agencies, 2-1-1 or the Sarasota County Call Center for services. The calls that are FRAN related and received by 2-1-1 and the Call Center will be funneled through a triage person (Anna Day) who will assist in getting the clients to the right person or agency. Additional information is on the Sarasota County website ([www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net))

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements:**

Leslie Loveless announced that there were two items in members' packets for review:

- The [2009 Summer Youth Program Pledge](#) for business partners to give youths an opportunity for a summer work experience.
- The [application](#) for the Youth Summer Program for those 16 to 21 years of age.

**The next Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 18 at 1:30 pm, at the Sarasota County Health and Human Services building, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Room 226.**