

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

*“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”*

Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd

May 17, 2010

## Meeting Summary

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Monica Becket	City of North Port
Judi Bell	Nonprofit Resource Center
Karen Bogues	Community Youth Development
P.J. Brooks	Juvenile Justice Council (and for Dave Beesley, First Step of Sarasota)
Rose Chapman	Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties
James Duplantier	Friendship Volunteer Center
Carolyn Eagen	Mental Health Community Centers
Kathleen Houseweart	Senior Friendship Centers
Janet Kahn	Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
Mary Koctur	Catholic Charities
Curtis Lavarello	Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCOSA)
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health Department
Jay Lockaby	Young Professionals Group (for Amy Hunt)
Richard Martin	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Laura McIntyre	Family Safety Alliance
Erin McLeod	Seniors Advisory Council
Janice Mee	SCOPE
Capt. Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
Kelly Morrell	Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Kameron Partridge	Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
Tom Pfaff	Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE)
Kathryn Shea	Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Brena Slater	Department of Children and Families – SunCoast Region
Stewart Stearns	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Capt. Paul Sutton	City of Sarasota Police Department
Jessica Ventimiglia	Manasota 2-1-1
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Humberto Alvia	St. Jude's Hispanic Center
Ginny Donovan	Department of Juvenile Justice
Larry Eger	Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Keliy Fordham	STAR Representative
Kay Glasser	Community Planning
Sarah Hickey	Vocational Interagency Council
Chief Terry Lewis	City of North Port Police Department
Leslie Loveless	SunCoast Workforce Board

Dale Lux	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Alana Monge	Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Sarah Pappas	Selby Foundation
Bryan Pope	The Salvation Army
Steve Queior	Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
John Reed	City of Venice
Sherri Reynolds	School Health Advisory Council
Bill Russell	Sarasota Housing Authority
Jerry Thompson	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Judy Wilcox	Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County, Inc.
Karen Wilkinson	CHIP
Alex Young	United Way of Sarasota County
Caroline Zucker	School Board of Sarasota County

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Maureen Coble	Sarasota Family YMCA/Safe Children Coalition
Kathy James	Pharmacist
Susan Magers	Citizen
Judi Martin	Community Haven
Susan Scott	Sarasota County Government

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Wayne Applebee	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Brooke Baker	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
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
Chip Taylor	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 May 17, 2010 at the Sarasota County School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd., at 1:30 p.m.

#### **June 21 Marketing Planning Meeting**

Karen Bogues reported that a strategic marketing session will take place at the June 21 Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting. Karen stated that there were several handouts in the members' packets for review from previous strategic planning sessions, including ["Roles of the Proposed Strategic Planning Work Groups"](#) and ["What Will Success Look Like."](#) In addition, a [summary](#) from the February 13, 2009 Marketing Work Group meeting was in the packets for review as well. The goal of the June 21 session will be to brainstorm strategies to promote the Community Alliance. Steve Queior is working on arranging for a facilitator for the session. Erin McLeod stated that this is an opportunity for Community Alliance members to give their input for marketing and outreach ideas for the future.

#### **2011 Collaboration Prize**

Karen Bogues reported that there was a ["Request for Support"](#) in the members' packets for the *Positive Youth Development Collaboration* application for the "2011 Collaboration Prize". This is

a national award that is given to nonprofit organizations that effectively collaborate to gain greater impact in their community. Eight finalists will each receive \$12,500 and the winner will receive an additional \$150,000. The application deadline is July 16. Karen asked the Community Alliance to endorse Community Youth Development's application. A discussion ensued on other nonprofits which may be applying for this award.

***Richard Martin moved, P.J. Brooks seconded to approve the request to support Community Youth Development's Positive Youth Development application for the 2011 Collaboration Prize. The motion passed unanimously.***

### **Legislative Session Debrief**

Janice Mee reported that there is a possibility that Governor Crist will veto several bills now on his desk. The Legislative Advocacy Committee is moving forward with plans to hold a dialogue with the members of the local legislators delegation at the September 20 Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting. Pauline Tracy pointed out that there were two Florida Association of Counties (FAC) handouts in the members' packets for review, including ["Legislative Overview on the 2010 General Appropriations Act"](#) and the ["FAC SFY 2011 Appropriations Summary – Conference Report on HB 5001."](#)

### **Healthy Communities Website**

Bill Little reported that the Healthy Communities Institute (HCI) presentation at the April 19 Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting was given as an informational piece. This type of website would provide viable information to the agencies and to the community. Several counties in Florida are in the process of implementing this type of website. A discussion ensued on the difference between the Healthy Communities website and Tapestry and whether the two could interconnect. Bill explained that Tapestry is a case management system between agencies and clients and between the agencies themselves. The Health Communities website is a community outcome informational system which can compare data with other jurisdictions within the country and can tap into client/health information through ACHA on any state level. It also can be tailored to the local community. Bill noted that Deryk Van Brunt, President and Chairman of Healthy Communities Institute, will be presenting the website on May 19 at the Health Department and invited members to attend the presentation. Additional discussions ensued on how the "Healthy Communities" site was interactive, the site being beneficial to the Sarasota County Openly Plans for Excellence, the collaboration between the Human Service Advisory Council (HSAC) and the Community Alliance, clarification on the systems approach, creating a website vs. using Healthy Communities website, and avoiding duplication. It was suggested to have a discussion on the integration between HSAC and the Community Alliance at a future meeting.

Some of the objectives of the HCI:

- Provides citizens with a consistent platform for informed action.
- Utilizes data to raise awareness of community issues, evaluate changes in status, and initiate improvements.
- Enables crisis communication / urgent communications in the event that it is needed.
- Provides a venue for marketing / promotions of locally owned and operated businesses through feature and "business spotlight" stories.
- Serves as an issue forum by highlighting community issues and rallying individuals and groups around common causes.

- Acts as a mechanism for building social capital and connecting people through promoting meaningful dialogue.

### **Redesign of the Acute Care System**

Ken Alexander reported that the [Behavioral Health summary](#) in the members' packets explains the redesign of the Acute Care System.

### **Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update**

Brooke Baker reported that there was a [handout](#) in the members' packets for review. Brooke noted that the summary highlighted the Work Group's comprehensive community action and evaluation plans which included 4 strategies:

- Physician Education Program
- Operation Medicine Cabinet
- Drug Free Work Place Program
- Sarasota County Moratorium Ordinance

Brooke noted that she will be making a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on May 25. If approved, a public hearing will take place on June 8 in order to have the ordinance in place as soon as possible. Brooke asked the Community Alliance to endorse the action and evaluation plans and the ordinance to suspend the opening of new pain clinics within Sarasota County.

***Erin McLeod moved, P.J. Brooks seconded to endorse the work group's comprehensive community action and evaluation plans and the ordinance to suspend the opening of new pain clinics within Sarasota County. The motion passed unanimously.***

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### **Aging in Place Action Team**

Kathleen Houseweart reported that the team is continuing to review information and service access for seniors. A presentation was given by the *Area Agency on Aging and Aging Resource Center's Elder Helpline* and will continue to have discussions on improvements to the system. It was noted that in the month of March the helpline received 661 calls in Sarasota County from seniors needing services (utilities, insurance, and in-home care). These statistics showed that people are still looking for resources and access to services. The goal of the team is to improve the access to information to serve older adults in Sarasota County. It was noted that the Independent Transportation Network (ITN) is now serving Sarasota County seniors and is in need of volunteers.

#### **Behavioral Health Stakeholders' Consortium**

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

#### **COAD**

Stewart Stearns reported that Ed McCrane, Jamie Mahadeo, and Marion Sortore gave a presentation at the National VOAD Conference. The presentation went extremely well and portions of their presentation were videotaped for future best practice use.

## **Developmental Disabilities Committee**

Kameron Partridge reported that the Committee recently gave a presentation to the Human Services Advisory Council on the developmental disabilities sub-systems. In addition, the recent Agency Fair at Oak Park School went extremely well this year. The annual fair is for persons with developmental disabilities and their families who are looking for access to care. The Committee is working diligently in marketing their group and identifying the gaps and overlaps along with outcomes.

## **Planning and Outcomes Committee**

Karen Bogues reported that the next meeting of the Committee will be on May 21. Discussions will be with a variety of substance abuse providers in order to understand the current issues and to identify the correct outcomes.

## **New Business/Announcements**

- The “Season of Sharing” fund is available thanks to the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and is for families in need of financial assistance.
- The Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice has generously donated funding to 2-1-1 of Manasota to update their marketing materials.
- The Department of Children and Families will hold a strategic planning meeting on May 20 with Secretary George H. Sheldon and a legislative update will be presented by Regional Director Nick Cox.
- Members congratulated Stewart Stearns on his retirement from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Stewart will continue serving on the Community Alliance Steering Committee.

***The next Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 21 at 1:30 pm at the Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.***