

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”

Sarasota School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.

MEETING SUMMARY

April 17, 2006

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Evelyn Barritt	CHIP
Dave Beesley	First Step of Sarasota
Samantha Berkey	STAR
Karen Bogues	Community Youth Development
Bob Carter	Senior Friendship Centers
Rose Chapman	Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties
Ginny Donovan	Department of Juvenile Justice
Stanley Godleski	Seniors Advisory Council
Sarah Gorman	Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County
Peter Howard	Florida Center for Child and Family Development
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
Renee McQueen	Vocational Interagency Council
Janice Mee	SCOPE
Elliott Metcalfe	Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Scott Moore	Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
William Newell	Salvation Army--Sarasota Corps (for Bert Tanner)
Ken Nutter	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (for Jerry Thompson)
Tom Pfaff	Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE)
Steve Queior	Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
Sherri Reynolds	Juvenile Justice Council
Michelle A. Smith	Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court (for Nancy Hanshaw)
Stewart Stearns	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Beverly Stockton	SunCoast Workforce Development Board
Dennis Stover	Friendship Volunteer Center
Alberto Suarez	Manasota 2-1-1
Lt. William Tracy	Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office (for Richard Montemagno)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Steve Brett	United Way of South Sarasota County
P.J. Brooks	Manasota Safe Children Coalition Advisory Council
Lynore Dickinson	Loveland Center
Kirstin Fulkerson	Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Kay Glasser	Community Planning

Richard Lockhart	City of North Port
Daniel Schmelzinger	Office of Housing and Community Development
Nancy Shoemaker	Diocese of Venice
Shannon Staub	Sarasota Board of County Commissioners
Vicki Taylor	City of Venice
Bill Wallace	Mental Health Community Centers
Alex Young	United Way of Sarasota County
Tammy Zappa	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leslie Clarke	CHIP
Susan Goffard	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Lee Johnson	Sarasota YMCA
Pam Meunier	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Boban Pesic	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Scott Pritchard	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Anne Ridings	Lutheran Services Florida
James Schulz	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Kay Steinman	Sarasota YMCA
Ann Voorhees	DCF--Substance Abuse and Mental Health-SunCoast Region

STAFF PRESENT:

Kathleen Marie Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

The Community Alliance of Sarasota County met on April 17, 2006 at the Sarasota School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd. at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Stewart Stearns welcomed the members of the Steering Committee and guests and introductions were made.

Seasonal/Avian (Bird)/Pandemic Influenza

Susan Goffard and Scott Pritchard gave a presentation on Seasonal, Avian (Bird), and Pandemic Influenza to educate and raise awareness on how the community can collectively and individually respond to these potential threats.

Facts on Seasonal Influenza:

- Annually attacks 5 to 10% of the U.S. population, causing 214,000 hospitalizations, 36,000 deaths nationwide, and 3,000 deaths in Florida.
- It can last from 1 to 2 weeks and is found mostly in the elderly, young children, and chronically ill and causes more deaths than HIV or breast cancer.
- The vaccine is made from an inactivated vaccine containing a killed virus and can not give a person a case of the flu.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) annually mandates three strains of the flu to be placed in the influenza vaccine by identifying them from the other side of the ocean.

- The Florida Department of Health found the influenza issue so important that it created 16 nurse coordinator positions statewide to work within the Community Adult Immunization Department.

Facts on Avian (Bird) Influenza:

- A highly infectious Type A-virus found in the wild bird (waterfowl) population causing severe respiratory problems that incubates rapidly and causes birds to become ill after exposure.
- Waterfowl can transmit this disease to domestic animals such as chickens or pigs because these animals have no natural immunity to this particular flu.
- Pigs are susceptible to both Avian and human viruses and have the capability of combining and initiating a totally different virus altogether.
- The possibility of spreading the disease to humans can only happen through close and direct contact with domestic animals.
- Currently, there is a severe viral strain called H5N1 that is deadly to wild and domestic birds in Asia, Africa and Europe. It has rarely been transmitted to humans but there have been approximately 194 such cases, with 109 resulting in death.
- Sick poultry has been the main source of infecting humans.
- There is no human immunity to this virus and no vaccine is available at this time.
- Antiviral medications could be used to treat this infection, but resistance to treatment could develop if not used properly.
- Routine testing is done on thousands of domestic birds for various diseases, including the H5N1.
- Bird surveillance is conducted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife by collecting dead bird reports via <http://myfwc.com/bird> and arranging testing of suspicious clusters of dead birds, along with testing free ranging and migratory birds.
- Human surveillance is completed by physician awareness to the community, monitoring of over the counter (OTC) medication sales, Sentinel Physician Network (SPN) monitoring flu throughout the year and, in the near future, Syndromic Surveillance of school health clinics.

Facts on Pandemic Influenza:

- There are 3 necessary elements for a pandemic: emergence of a new human pathogen, the ability to cause serious illness in humans, and the capability to spread easily from person to person on a global level.
- There is no Pandemic flu in humans at this time.
- It would take up to 6 months to develop vaccines once an outbreak has occurred.
- It will cause greater illness and death due to being more vigilant and novel, can change and mutate very easily, and can mix and match multiple viruses at one time.
- There have been three Pandemic outbreaks in the past but all have had death rates well under 1%.
- The overall impact of a Pandemic Influenza would cause simultaneous outbreaks nationwide, with multiple phased waves of disease; 35% of the population in the workforce could be ill at the same time; health care facilities would be overwhelmed; economic and social disruption; shortages of food, meds, gasoline, hospital beds, etc.; and prolonged effects on the community.

Government preparation would include detection, protection and response, along with surveillance, funding, stockpiling of anti-virals, emergency planning, testing of birds, travel advisories, and activating the 25 quarantine stations at major ports of entry.

Health Department preparation would include expansion of local surveillance systems; community-wide pandemic flu planning, county-wide mass immunization planning, and community education [go to www.scgov.net and click on Avian (Bird) Flu].

Citizens can assist in the prevention process by getting a flu shot every year, washing hands, covering mouth as necessary, cooking food well, educating family members, friends, and employees, avoiding contact with ill persons or animals, and staying home when sick.

Susan Goffard mentioned that in the members' handout packet there were several types of check-lists for their review and use. For further information, call 861-2873 or to schedule a presentation, contact Dianne Shipley at 861-2852.

Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Health Scorecard

Leslie Clarke, Project Director for the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP), gave a brief presentation on the CHIP Scorecard that will be implemented as an annual updating tool to provide a snapshot of the community's health. The objective is to discover one good measure in each category (from local tracking organizations that were annually updated) in order to acquire a good handle on different aspects in the community. Approximately 100 measures were initially collected, criteria were set and eventually the list was reduced to 34 measures. The scorecard presents current data along with targets for 2010 showing the trend toward or away from the set goals. Surveys have been sent out to over 100 agencies in the community, and can be accessed on line at www.chip4health.org/scorecard.

The next step is to create an Action Guide showing the results of the community survey and generate a compendium of services within the community. This information will give CHIP a sense of where the community is currently, where the gaps may be, what programs other organizations can build on, and what programs are not available in the community. Once the Action Guide is completed, CHIP will have each organization or set of organizations engage in adopting measures they could be champion of for the next year. This is a wonderful opportunity to form collaboration with many organizations. CHIP will review the measures each year and address changes to the measures that need to be implemented into the scorecard.

Strategic Planning Session Update

Stewart Stearns reported that the Executive Committee made a recommendation to have the strategic planning session in September. In the meantime, it was suggested that a sub-committee be created to review the bylaws and have a joint meeting with the Executive and Nominating and Membership committees to review discussion ideas and then present the ideas to the members.

COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP UPDATES

Community Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC)

Boban Pesic gave a report on the CDPC's April 10 meeting at Twin Lakes Park. Boban stated that there was a presentation on the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

committee and a recommendation that VOAD be integrated with the CDPC. The benefit of this collaboration would increase cooperation in the command structure, communication, and protocols along with the coordination of activities, planning, and training. The next step is to invite the VOAD members to the CDPC meetings and possibly change the VOAD name to Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) in order to provide the community with more opportunities for state and national links and funding.

Boban reviewed the available training on the Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and explained how it will assist the community in understanding the command structure, communication protocols, and tools.

CDPC is currently working on finalizing the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which will be completed by June 1. The plan will be in compliance with ICS and will include a section for the Human Services Annex and Pandemic Influenza.

Planning and Outcomes Work Group (POWG)

Ken Alexander reported that the Planning and Outcomes Work Group has almost completed its update of the FY2009 community outcome targets. The work group will be sending a letter to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in Tallahassee concerning the lack of data for the adult abuse and neglect measure. Kim Kutch stated that she would try and retrieve this data for the work group.

Ken commented on the recent school referendum that included 16 commitments made to citizens by the Superintendent, Dr. Gary Norris. The POWG discussed how some of these measures are already included in the Alliance's set of community outcome targets. It was recommended that the POWG meet with Dr. Norris and create an alignment on the following measures: total graduating rate would increase from 78% to 86%; 25% more minority students will graduate from high school; and, the number of habitual truants will be cut in half.

Ken mentioned that at the meeting Karen Bogues presented a youth model on outcome measures and the committee will review this model to determine if other measures could be added to the existing outcome measures.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium (SAMHSC)

Pam Meunier was introduced as the new Mental Health and Substance Abuse Policy Coordinator.

James Schulz reported that the CIT committee met on April 6 and the next CIT training class will be July 17 – 21. The location for this class has not been set, but they are vying for a room at the Community Foundation or Keiser College.

Dave Beesley reported that construction/renovation of the Addiction Receiving Facility is well underway and their target date to open is August 1. The next step will be to hire staff, provide training, and develop protocols.

Dave Beesley reported that the VIP-ER program has begun its 6th class. The Sarasota County Health Department has become the sixth partner on the Project Management Team, with Lynthia Oratokhai, the Assistant Nursing Director, representing the agency. Recently, the

partnering agencies submitted an application for a \$2 million federal SAMHSA grant for an expansion of the program over a 5-year period.

Chip Taylor reported on the Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership (ECMHP). The staff is now located at the Florida Center's campus, 4630 17th Street and their main phone number is 684-0090 ext. 1253. Recently, the staff and community partners received 3 days of technical support from the Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP). The next step is to create the governance board which will oversee the activities of the six-year project. A meeting will convene within the next couple of weeks with providers, funders and advocates all at the same table. Over the next three months ECMHP staff will provide training opportunities on systems of care and the needs within community. The first opportunity will be on May 11-12 at the annual conference of the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health (FAIMH) at the Hyatt in Sarasota. The opening plenary session on May 11 and the two morning sessions on May 12 are open to the Sarasota community at no charge. For more information go to: www.gsahec.org

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Pfaff mentioned that on April 20 Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE) will hold a Public Action on the issue of affordable housing. SURE will offer recommendations to the City, County, and the newly-hired director of the land trust to fund Sarasota housing needs by using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money and to insure financial strength and longevity of the Trust.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING:

May 15, 2006, 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.