

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

*“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”*

*Sarasota School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.*

## MEETING SUMMARY

November 15, 2004

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Bogues	Community Youth Development
Chrissie Budd	Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless (for Colleen Reardon)
Sandy Caplan	Vocational Interagency Council
Vanessa Carusone	City of North Port
Bob Carter	Senior Friendship Centers
Ginny Donovan	Department of Juvenile Justice
David English	Continuum of Care Leadership Council
Shelly Gardner	Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County (for Sarah Gorman)
Kay Glasser	Community Planning
Stanley Godleski	Seniors Advisory Council
Eva Goodwin	STAR
Phil Gorelick	Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties (for Rose Chapman)
Nancy Hanshaw	Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court
Peter Howard	Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Marvin Huskey	United Way of South Sarasota County
Janet Kahn	School Readiness Coalition of Sarasota County
Dale Lux	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Marlene Minzey	First Step of Sarasota (for Dave Beesley)
Lois Natiello	Department of Children and Families – SunCoast Region (for Kim Kutch)
Tom Pfaff	Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity
Millicent Puleo	Hispanic Latino Coalition
Sherri Reynolds	Juvenile Justice Council
Nancy Shoemaker	Diocese of Venice
Shannon Staub	Sarasota Board of County Commissioners
Stewart Stearns	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Beverly Stockton	Suncoast Workforce Development Board
Bert Tanner	Salvation Army--Sarasota Corps
Jerry Thompson	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare (for Christine Cauffield)
Jessica Ventimiglia	Mental Health Community Centers

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Luis Baron	<i>Sieté Dias</i>
Sheriff Bill Balkwill	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
P.J. Brooks	Manasota Safe Children Coalition Advisory Council
Kirstin Fulkerson	Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Don Hadsell	Office of Housing and Community Development
Frank Kovach	School Board of Sarasota County
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health Department
Elliott Metcalfe	Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Jim Myers	City of Venice
Carl Penxa	Loveland Center
Lisa Phillips	Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse
Steve Queior	Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
Brett Rees	Northern Trust Bank
Alex Young	United Way of Sarasota County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jan Chester	Planned Parenthood
Karen Eber Davis	Karen Eber Davis Consulting
Diana French	Volunteer Connections
Christie Lewis	Nonprofit Resource Center
Janice Mee	SCOPE

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Becky Oliver	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
James Schulz	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 November 15, 2004 at the Sarasota County School Board chambers at 1:30 p.m.

Stewart welcomed the members of the Steering Committee and guests, and introductions were made. Stewart welcomed new member Vanessa Carusone.

**Nonprofit Resource Center**

Bob Carter introduced Christie Lewis, Executive Director of the Nonprofit Resource Center (NRC), who gave an overview of the NRC. Christie distributed a Guide to the Resource Center and reported that during the past year, the NRC

has offered more than 50 workshops to serve the training and development needs of nearly 1,000 nonprofit staff, volunteers, and board members. Ninety-one per cent of NRC workshop attendees reported that they increased their knowledge, understanding, or skill level as a result of attending. Ninety per cent reported that applying what they learned at the workshop will enhance their own or their organization's effectiveness. Through their collaborative partnership with Sarasota County Government's Organizational & Employee Development Department, the Nonprofit Resource Center has facilitated opportunities for staff over 115 nonprofit organizations to attend computer and soft-skill classes.

Christie noted that the goal is to create a vital resource for the nonprofit community and to do the following:

- Create a core curriculum of training that includes:
  - ♦ Financial Management/Accounting
  - ♦ Fundraising/Income Development
  - ♦ Marketing/PR
  - ♦ Technology
  - ♦ HR/Management
  - ♦ Organizational Planning
  - ♦ Program Services
  - ♦ Professional Effectiveness
  - ♦ Executive Leadership/Governance
- Offer forums to address emerging issues (local/state)
  - ♦ Medicaid Reform Symposium
- Develop a Nonprofit Consulting Service
  - A menu of topics in the areas of the core curriculum

Christie stated that some of the new initiatives and services are:

- New facility opened on Fruitville Road
- Onsite library donations are welcomed
- Foundation Center Database--over 76,000 foundations and grant opportunities listed
- Executive Director/CEO Exchange--next event in January
- Get On Board: Leadership Engagement Training & Board Bank

Christie announced the following events and asked members to mark their calendars.

- Dream Teams: Creating Board & Staff Fundraising Partnerships That Really Work, January 5 from 8:30-4:30 p.m.
- 2005 Nonprofit Forum, January 13 from 8-2 p.m.
- ED/CEO Exchange Mission Success: Developing the Effective Organization, January 28 from 8-9:30 a.m. with Shelley Robertson as the facilitator

Christie asked members for recommendations on educational topics and resources that might be beneficial. Several members had suggestions including local clinical trainings which would prevent their staff from having to drive to Tampa and St. Petersburg. Christie reminded members to contact her through e-mail or phone and to visit their website at [www.suncoastnonprofits.org](http://www.suncoastnonprofits.org) for any information.

Bob Carter asked members to relay any suggestions for topics including clinical training to Pauline Tracy so that the Education and Advocacy Work Group can review and make recommendations to the NRC.

## **COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP UPDATES**

### **Health Care for Uninsured Children Committee**

Pauline Tracy reported that the Health Care for Uninsured Children Committee held a joint meeting with KidCare Advisory Committee on October 26. Pauline reported that whether or not there will be an open enrollment period in January will be decided by the end of November. An update of the KidCare program was provided.

Pauline distributed a flyer announcing the “Caring for Kids” training event that is scheduled from 11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m on December 9<sup>th</sup> (Community Foundation) and December 10<sup>th</sup> (Location TBD) and asked members to put the date on their calendars. This training is for school, agency, and organizational staff who work with parents of children who are without health insurance to advise them of the resources that are available.

Stewart Stearns asked if the Committee had the report showing how many children in Sarasota County are without health insurance. Pauline stated that the approximate number is 7,000 children in Sarasota County. Eva Goodwin stated that the final report is forthcoming.

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

Chip Taylor reported that a joint work group of the Criminal Justice Commission and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders’ Consortium will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the issue of the detention of persons with mental health and substance abuse problems in the Sarasota County Jail. Chip stated that the group has met twice and is exploring the idea of an adult addictions receiving facility. Sarasota currently has one bed available in the Tampa facility. Chip noted that representatives from ACTS, Inc, which manages the secure Marchman Act adult addictions receiving facility in Tampa, will be presenting information at the November 16 meeting on how their program operates. Chip noted that representatives from Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Bayside Center, First Step of Sarasota, and Department of Children and Families have been invited to attend and give their response to how an adult addiction receiving facility could benefit the community.

Chip reported that the recently-implemented expansion of the pre-trial services program to a 24/7 operation has significantly decreased the average daily population of the jail and opened the possibility of utilizing space within the jail as a secure Marchman Act facility.

Chip reported that the Planning Committee of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium had adopted the Department of Children and Families' template as a starting point to develop a substance abuse and mental health community plan. Chip noted that the template will be used to create a matrix of the mental health and substance abuse services that are currently available in the community, who provides them, how many people are served, at what cost, and where they receive their funding. Initially, data for the matrix will be gathered from the state, county, United Way and the other major purchasers of services in the area. Correctly compiled, this matrix can be used to identify gaps and substantiate future funding decisions.

James Schulz reported that the second class of 24 officers graduated from the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) on November 5.

James also reported that Judge Bennett presented an update of the Criminal Justice Commission to the Board of County Commissioners. Judge Bennett informed the Board of County Commissioners that due to the changes made in the pretrial services area, the system is running more efficiently. These changes are expected to reduce the population by up to 200 a day in four to five months.

### **Legislative Delegation Public Hearing**

Stewart Stearns reported that he appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on October 26 to ask for their support of the 2005 Legislative priorities adopted by the Alliance. Stewart reported that the Commissioners endorsed the legislative issues and adopted the Medicaid Reform Section 1115 Super Waiver issue as one of the County's own 2005 legislative priorities.

Stewart reported that he and Elliott Metcalf made a presentation on the Alliance's legislative proposals to the Sarasota County legislative delegation at their public hearing on November 4.

Stewart stated that both the Board of County Commissioners and Sarasota County legislation gave their support for the Alliance to move their agenda items forward.

### **Universal Pre-K Legislative Issue**

Janet Kahn presented an additional legislative proposal which outlined the key principles that the statewide School Readiness Coalition believes would ensure that quality is not compromised during the implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten. Discussion ensued regarding the following seven principles:

- Fully Qualified Teachers
- Sufficient Staff
- Evidence-Based Curriculum
- Full Parent Choice
- Adequate Time

- Governance and Oversight
- Adequate Funding

***Commissioner Staub moved, Nancy Shoemaker seconded, motion passed unanimously to add the Universal Pre-Kindergarten legislative issue to the 2005 Community Alliance Legislative Priorities.***

### **Medicaid Reform Symposium Update**

Christie Lewis reported that the Medicaid Reform Symposium will be held on Monday, November 22 from 1:30-5:00 p.m. at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, 2635 Fruitville Road. There will be two keynote speakers, Steve Grigas, Assistant Deputy Secretary of AHCA and Joan Alker of Georgetown University. There will also be a panel representing local health and human service agencies and county government who will discuss the potential impact of Medicaid reform on Sarasota County.

Peter Howard reported that he is a member of a statewide committee working with DCF and AHCA to establish Medicaid for child welfare. The legislature is very interested in matching taxpayer dollars with federal funds whenever possible.

### **New Business**

Chip reported that Don Hadsell contacted him to relay a message to Alliance members. The Office of Housing and Community Development has available loans to homeowners with disabled residents. The loans have a 0% interest rate for the next five years. The homeowner must make less than 80% of the median income of Sarasota County residents and their home value cannot exceed \$160,000. Chip agreed to forward the email from Don Hadsell to Alliance members.

Dale Lux reported that there is a concentrated effort underway to have May designated as Mental Health Month. Dale will present this idea at the December 3 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Stakeholders' Consortium meeting. He will continue to provide updates at upcoming Alliance meetings.

### ***NEXT MEETING:***

***December 20, 2004, 1:30 p.m. at Sarasota School Board chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.***