

# COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

*“Partnering Assets Together for Human Services”*

Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.

**January 23, 2012**

## **Meeting Summary**

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

Ken Alexander	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Humberto Alvia	St. Jude’s Hispanic Center
Jim Bennett	City of Venice
Karen Bogues	Community Youth Development
P.J. Brooks	First Step of Sarasota
Barbara Calvert	Manasota Adventist Community Services
Rose Chapman	Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee Counties
Ryan Chapman	Legal Aid of Manasota (for Linda Harradine)
David Cowles	Community Volunteer
Ann Marie Dunbar	North County Community Representative
Carolyn Eagen	Mental Health Community Centers
Krista Gingras	Twelfth Judicial Circuit (for Alana Monge)
Jennifer Highland	Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County
Kameron Hodgens	Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
Kathleen Houseweart	Senior Friendship Centers
Janet Kahn	Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
Liza Leonard	Individual Citizen (for Mike McHugh)
Bill Little	Sarasota County Government
Leslie Loveless	SunCoast Workforce Board
Richard Martin	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Laura McIntyre	Family Safety Alliance
Capt. Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office
Sarah Pappas	Selby Foundation
Tom Pfaff	Sarasota Ministerial Association
Chris Pfahler	Gulf Coast The Foundation of Community
Bryan Pope	The Salvation Army
Sherri Reynolds	School Health Advisory Council
Jane Roberts	University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (for Dr. Arthur Guilford)
Kathryn Shea	The Florida Center for Child and Family Development
Brena Slater	Department of Children and Families – SunCoast Region
Capt. Paul Sutton	City of Sarasota Police Department
Rob Tabor	Juvenile Justice Council
Jerry Thompson	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services (for Chuck Henry)
Jessica Ventimiglia	Manasota 2-1-1
Ken Waters	Sarasota Housing Authority
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center
Judy Wilcox	Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Monica Becket	City of North Port
Jacquie Crombie	Catholic Charities
James DuPlantier	Volunteer Community Connections
Larry Eger	Public Defender - Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Major Frank Gargett	Department of Juvenile Justice
Sarah Hickey	Vocational Interagency Council
Roxie Jerde	The Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Maggie Kennedy	Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP)
Phillip King	Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center
Katie Knight	United Way of Sarasota County
Curtis Lavarello	Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCOSA)
Captain Lee Liermann	City of North Port
Elsie Lipoff	Young Professionals Group
Patricia Martin	Nonprofit Resource Center
Kevin McKenney	Sarasota Family YMCA / Safe Children Coalition
Erin McLeod	Seniors Advisory Council
Chief Tom McNulty	City of North Port Police Department
Steve Queior	Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
Stewart Stearns	SCOPE
Caroline Zucker	School Board of Sarasota County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elva Hernandez	Sarasota Housing Authority
Judi Martin	Community Haven
Myron White	Manasota Adventist Community Services

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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
Barbara Kopp	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Andria Wendell	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

<i>Agenda Topic:</i> <b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<i>Presenter:</i> Sherri Reynolds
The Community Alliance of Sarasota County met on January 23, 2012 at the School Board Chambers at 1:30 p.m.	

<i>Agenda Topic:</i> <b>Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness</b>		<i>Presenter:</i> Richard Martin
<b>StepUp Presentation</b>		
Presentation / Handout	<a href="#">StepUp PowerPoint Presentation</a> and <a href="#">StepUp: End Homelessness in Sarasota County Now</a>	
Discussion	A review of the StepUp presentation and handout, raising public awareness, drafting a letter of endorsement, the 601 Discharge Plan, the Community Street Teams, HMIS vs. Tapestry, the ownership of the project and outcomes, the leadership in the community, creating a nonprofit vs. the Partnership leading the effort to move the project forward, the high creditability of the Partnership, and identifying partners to adequately fund the resources needed for the Partnership to complete the 10-year plan. It was mentioned that a way to raise public awareness would be to ask the community: "What would you do if you lost everything?"	

Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 600 volunteers assisted in the 10-year plan (StepUp) effort and 10-15% of the volunteers was or had experienced homelessness.</li> <li>• The Interagency on Homelessness will mandate in the near future that any public funds that an agency receives for prevention or homelessness (including Department of Labor, Health and Human Services agencies, or SAMSHA/Veteran/HUD grantees) must use the HMIS database. The Partnership currently manages the HMIS database system in Sarasota and Manatee counties.</li> <li>• A homeless person dies 20-25 years younger than most citizens in a community.</li> <li>• Currently, there are 13 emergency shelter beds, 37 transitional housing family units in the community, and 0 homeless permanent housing. During December, 2011 Sarasota County's Salvation Army had 66 families requesting housing but only had room for three families.</li> <li>• Overall in 2011, the Partnership served 25,003 individuals, 6,100 were homeless at the time of service, and 4,300 were families (3,300 were female single parent households).</li> <li>• In 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarasota County agencies provided services to 2,345 families.</li> <li>○ 50% of the homeless community was chronically homeless for a year or more with 40% having one or more disabilities.</li> <li>○ 37% were homeless for the first time.</li> <li>○ 26% were victims of domestic violence.</li> <li>○ 10% were veterans.</li> <li>○ 1,229 homeless children (50% in North Sarasota, 25% in Venice, and 25% in North Port). 7% were foster care children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sarasota County's aging population is currently 31%. There is a great concern of a growing population of aging homelessness in the future.</li> <li>• Trends show that by 2015, 50,000 will be "housing cost burdened" which calculates to approximately 30% of the community.</li> </ul>	
Motion	<p><b><i>Paul Sutton moved, Leslie Loveless seconded, to endorse the Partnership in moving forward with the concept of promoting the 10-year plan to end homelessness in Sarasota County. The motion passed unanimously.</i></b></p>	
<i>Action</i>	<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Invite all members to review and provide feedback on the plan on <a href="http://www.stepupsarasota.org">www.stepupsarasota.org</a> .	All members	None given
Create a letter of endorsement for the Partnership as stated above in the motion.	Pauline Tracy	Immediately
Email staff comprehensive data to add to the proposed 2012-2021 performance measures (such as baselines, goals, and ways to achieve goals along with low-income resources and the cost of programs within the community).	All agencies	None given
A request to delete "Service Point" on the handout under Objective 3, bullet two.	Richard Martin	None given
<i>Agenda Topic: Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Update</i>		<i>Presenter: Brooke Baker Andria Wendell</i>
Handouts	<a href="#">January 2012 Newsletter</a> and <a href="#">Venice Gondolier Article</a>	
Discussion	An overview of the pain clinic ordinance, pain clinics submission of data on a monthly basis, a review of the newsletter, and the article in the members' packets.	

Suicide Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The suicide rate in 20-24 age group has increased 800% since 2008; it is currently 3 times higher than the state rate (22.7 vs. 6.9 per 100,000 in this age group).</li> <li>“Other and specified means” includes any method of suicide other than a gun.</li> <li>The zip code data shows that the North Port, University Park, South Venice, and the City of Sarasota have the highest rate of suicide by other means, unintentional overdoses, and neonatal withdraw.</li> <li>National data shows that for every one suicide death there has been 11 attempts of suicide.</li> </ul>
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<i>Action</i>	<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Email suggestions and statistics to staff on the above issues.	All members	Ongoing basis
Confirm and email staff on the question of the “age group within the 25% of Sarasota’s total population” (under the Pain Clinic data newsletter, bullet 5).	Brooke Baker	No date given

<b>Topic: Meeting in the Sunshine</b>	<i>Presenter: Pauline Tracy</i>
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Handouts	<a href="#">Draft Revisions of the Bylaws</a>
Discussion	A review of the revised bylaws, meeting in the sunshine under a “Public Body,” the Community Alliance’s broader community focus, the history of the Family Safety Alliance, Public Record Law (County and State email), being transparent, and the restraints of the current bylaws. It was suggested to change the Alliance bylaws to state a “Collaborative Body” instead of the revised “Private Body.”
Additional Revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article V, No. 5: change “Private Body” to “Collaborative Body,” delete “a” and change “b” to “a.” In addition, under the “a” delete “However” and the following words: “except as provided for by relevant state statute.”</li> <li>Article IV, “C”: change the first bullet title from “Behavioral Health Stakeholders’ Consortium” to “Community Engagement Committee.”</li> </ul>

<i>Action</i>	<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Email the proposed revisions to the members for review.	Kathleen Marie Hall	February 14

<b>Agenda Topic: Aging in Place Action Team</b>	<i>Presenter: Kathleen Houseweart</i>
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Highlight	The Action Team has been asked to host an informational session with “Share the Care” program. The Program has been contracted by the Patterson Foundation to create an electronic tool in providing caregiver assessments and linking caregivers to local community services.
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*Next Meeting*  
January 25 – Senior Friendship Centers, 3:00 p.m.

<b>Agenda Topic: Behavioral Health Stakeholders’ Consortium (BHSC)</b>	<i>Presenter: Pam Meunier</i>
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Handouts	<a href="#">BHSC’s January Summary Report</a>
Highlight	On February 17 in lieu of a regular meeting, an “Addiction 101” Forum will be held at the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at 8:00 a.m.

*Next Meetings*  
March 16 – Health and Human Services Building, Room 226 at 9:00 a.m.

<b>Agenda Topic: Community Engagement Committee</b>	<i>Presenter: Karen Bogues</i>
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<i>Next Meeting</i> January 30 – Health and Human Services Building, Room 2063 at 3:00 p.m.		
<i>Action</i>	<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Invitation to all members to attend the meeting.	All members	On-going

<b>Agenda Topic: Developmental Disabilities Committee</b>		<i>Presenter:</i> Kameron Hodgens	
<i>Highlights</i>	Overview of the upcoming Summit on Tuesday, February 28 from 8:30 to noon at the Sarasota County School Board, Blue Awning Building in Room 221.		
<b>Next Meeting</b>			
February 14 – Health and Human Services Building, Room 226 at 9:30 a.m.			
<i>Action</i>		<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Invitation to attend Summit on February 28.		All members	February 14

<b>Agenda Topic: Legislative Advocacy Committee</b>		<i>Presenter:</i> Kathryn Shea	
<i>Handouts:</i> <a href="#">2012 Community Alliance Legislative Priorities</a> , <a href="#">Sarasota County Commission 2012 State Legislative Priorities</a> , <a href="#">Email from Marsha Hosack</a> , and <a href="#">Timeline for Legislative Summit</a>			
<i>Discussion</i>	A review of the 2012 Community Alliance Legislative Priorities, supporting the Board of County Commissioners 2012 State Legislative Priorities, and rumors that the Legislation will be moving very quickly on budget decisions for both the House and Senate. It was noted that the 2012 Legislative Summit will be held on October 16 with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast being held on November 13. The location is pending but hoping to secure the Girl Scouts Conference Center.		
<i>Motion</i>	<b><i>Karen Bogues moved, Sarah Pappas seconded to approve and support the Community Alliance 2012 Legislative Priorities. The motion passed unanimously.</i></b>		
<i>Action</i>		<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
A request for bills/issues on Frail Elders		All members	Immediately
Email staff the information on a screening bill.		Kathleen Houseweart	Immediately
Forward additional bills pending to members.		Pauline Tracy	On-going
Email the Legislative Delegation the Community Alliance's 2012 Legislative Priorities		Kathryn Shea	January 24
Email staff if one is going to Tallahassee in the weeks ahead.		All members	Immediately

<b>Agenda Topic: Partnership for Children Committee</b>		<i>Presenter:</i> Mike McHugh	
<i>Highlights</i>	A review of the <a href="#">Children's Week flyer</a> , proclamations by the Board of County Commissioners, the Venice City Council, and North Port City Commission, and an upcoming World Café centered on children's issues.		
<b>Next Meeting</b>			
February 1, Health and Human Services Building at 9:30 a.m. in Room 226.			
<i>Action</i>		<i>Person Responsible:</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Invitation to support the upcoming events.		All members	On-going

<b>Agenda Topic: Announcements</b>	
Jennifer Highland	January 26 - annual fundraiser event, "An Evening for Healthy Start" hosted by Sarasota Architectural Salvage.
P. J. Brooks	January 26 - First Step of Sarasota will "Break Ground" on the expansion of the Washington Boulevard campus. A celebration will follow.
Sherri Reynolds	February 9 – Open House of the Beacon House and the Beacon Bargains store in Venice. Both are programs of the Mental Health Community Centers.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

**The next Community Alliance Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 1:30 pm at the Sarasota School Board Chambers, 1980 Landings Blvd.**