

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY**  
**Children and Family Services Strategic Planning Work Group**

**Meeting Summary for June 16, 2008**

Present:

Karen Bogues	CYD
PJ Brooks	Juvenile Justice Council/First Step of Sarasota
Lee Byron	Human Services Advisory Council
Rose Chapman	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Maureen Coble	Sarasota Family YMCA
Jill Fischberg	YPG
Kay Glasser	Human Services Center
Kathleen Hall	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Janice Mee	Child Advocate
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Caroline Zucker	Sarasota County School Board

PJ Brooks welcomed the group. He explained that the Community Alliance has requested additional information from this group based on the presentation made to them last month. They need to look again at the magnitude, seriousness, and feasibility as a measuring stick for the services/populations being addressed.

He suggested that the committee break the issue up into logical categories to work on specific goals for those populations. Discussion ensued regarding attendance at these meetings and the fact that different people come to one meeting and don't come to another. How will they be able to split into small groups with the attendance the way it is? It was suggested that the committee not meet until there is appropriate representation from all sectors. The consensus was that they should continue to meet while seeking additional participants.

Karen advised that the Community Alliance Executive Committee mentioned that the sub-committees should look for 'low hanging fruit.' This is defined as something that could be done without a tremendous amount of resources. She noted that the Positive Youth Development sub-group has been meeting since December to come up with outcomes to be used by the Planning and Outcomes Work Group and the Human Services Advisory Council when making funding recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the "Ready by 21" project.

PJ suggested that the group take the work that has already been done from the initial survey regarding unmet service needs and underserved populations and look at it from the point-of-view of the age groups: birth to Pre-K, elementary school, middle school, high school. He has agreed, along with Rose, to take each age group and identify which agencies in the community serve which population. These sub-groups could then meet to better define the service needs and impacts on their population. Each sub-group would come up with their priorities and then meet jointly to develop those that will be brought forward to the CA.

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Pauline Tracy clarified that the Community Alliance is asking the previously assigned groups to come back with one priority that can be addressed with no additional funding. Also, they are asking for one priority that can be addressed with a very modest amount of additional funding. Discussion ensued regarding how the groups would be constituted and who would lead the meetings.

It was suggested that a Zoomerang survey be developed asking for input on 'low hanging fruit' and a modest service improvement. Then, this committee can come back together to evaluate where to go from there. It was also suggested, and Rose agreed to send an e-mail, that those items the committee has identified that fall under the responsibility of another committee (like affordable housing) be sent to that committee with a recommendation from the Children and Family Services Strategic Planning Work Group that they take the lead.