

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Children and Youth Services Strategic Planning Work Group

June 18, 2007

Present:

Mike Bigner	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Karen Bogues	CYD
Rose Chapman	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Shelly Gardner	Healthy Start Coalition
Kay Glasser	Human Services Center
Janet Kahn	Early Learning Coalition
Cheryl Kopmann	Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
Kim Kutch	DCF
Carolyn Marchbank	Community Haven
Connie Mawby	Community Haven
Mark Porter	Sarasota Family YMCA
Katrina Rae	DCF
Sheryl Schrepf	Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health
Kathryn Shea	The Florida Center
Nancy Shoemaker	Catholic Charities

Staff:

Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
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Summary

Rose Chapman welcomed all present and introductions were made. Jamie Mahadeo provided a brief review of the purpose of the meeting. Extensive discussion ensued.

It was noted by the committee that some other groups should be invited to the table, such as:

- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Girls Inc
- Faith-based – Tom Pfaff
- North Port Social Services – Zulma Solero
- Law enforcement/SRO
- Judiciary
- State Attorney
- Child Protection Center
- The Florida Center
- Coastal Behavioral

- Hispanic Latino Coalition
- NAACP – Treavor Harvey

The committee discussed at length the process that they should use to identify the 3 to 5 issues affecting children and youth in Sarasota County:

- They first clarified that the committee will be dealing with children and youth rather than children and families. While they will obviously be dealing with families as well, they want to focus on children and youth for this purpose.
- It was suggested that Karen Bogues distribute the ‘Success by 21’ information that she had previously shared with the Planning and Outcomes Work Group. This deceptively simple chart is tailor-made for each age group up to 21. It can be used as a broad community framework to identify the things that each age group needs to thrive – protective factors. This could be the context the committee uses to analyze positive goals rather than looking at problems or negative outcomes.

As a result of a brainstorming session, the possible topics that should be considered in their recommendations were:

- Substance abuse
- Mental health across the spectrum
- Early childhood
- Parenting (supports for families, housing, nutrition, etc.)
- Environment (housing, food)
- Food, shelter, health – core needs
- Food, shelter, health for pregnant mothers
- Child deaths, parenting, inadequate supervision, drug abuse
- Early childhood development, socially and emotionally ready for school, quality child care
- Medical therapies, autism, parenting, early intervention, school readiness
- Parent education, dealing with children with delays
- Teen mental health – peer pressure, crime victims/offenders, substance abuse
- Parenting support with empowerment, support that helps them get out of the cycle, teens, food, housing
- Lack of collaboration at family level and community level, plenty of cooperation, need paradigm shift so families are driving services
- Empowerment, stable environment, mental health/substance abuse, parenting
- Bullying, inappropriate behavior by younger and younger children

Next Steps

- Send invitation to participate in the committee to the list of those identified
- Send a copy of the CA strategic planning minutes to the committee
- Send a copy of the 'Success by 21' information to the committee

Next Meetings

The next meetings of the Children and Youth Services Strategic Planning Work Group are:

- **June 28, 2:00 p.m.** at Jewish Family and Children's Services on Fruitville
- **August 6, 1:30 p.m.** at Jewish Family and Children's Services on Fruitville