

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Economic Self Sufficiency Collaboration Workgroup

August 7, 2008 Meeting Summary

Present:

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Kevin Wright, Jewish Family and Children's Services (kwright@jfcs-cares.org)

Who is presenting? The presenters to the CA have not been selected yet. Tom asked that case managers be present to illustrate what case management is and how it works.

What do we call ourselves? The Economic Self Sufficiency Collaboration

What is the state of Sarasota County? There has been a dramatic increase in the request for services being made to all non-profit/faith-based organizations in the county. Include food banks in the presentation.

What is the service delivery system? Use Tom's spreadsheet of information on 'big 3.'

Who do you call? 2-1-1 is not well advertised. The lack of information is a definite barrier to people accessing services. [Tom covered this in his spreadsheet.]

Future...What would we like it to be? As the economy gets worse, more people will become involved in the system. The only people we can decide the future for are the 'big 3.' We don't have control over how other agencies do business.

How do we raise funds? Fund raising, grant writing, remodel Season of Sharing program, leverage dollars to expand services, Faith Care Connection

Our funding model would be advance vs. reimbursement; throughout the year vs. once a year; five year plan vs. one year plan. (Questions 4-6)

Homelessness results in loss of wages, emotional distress, changing schools, transportation issues, etc. The point is to prevent homelessness. Case management is the tool to use.

It was decided to ask that the presentation be changed from the September Community Alliance meeting to the October meeting. Tom will make that request.

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Order to present the zoom questions:

Beginning B-1 = Q1
 B-2 = Q20
 B-3 = Q15
 B-4 = Q14
 B-5 = Q17

Middle M-1 = Q18
 M-2 = Q13
 M-3 = Q2
 M-4 = Q12
 M-5 = Q8
 M-6 = Q16

End E-1 = Q7
 E-2 = Q5
 E-3 = Q6
 E-4 = Q4
 E-5 = Q10
 E-6 = Q9
 E-7 = Q21

Drop Questions 3, 11, 19 and 22.

Tom requested that the statistics for the tables showing the demand is going up be included in the beginning of the presentation. Please provide this information to Madalene and Kevin.

Next Meeting:

September 4, 2:00 p.m. at JFCS