

COMMUNITY CARING COUNCIL
Community Plan Quarterly Meeting
Priority Issue Council and Sub-Committee Chairs
Friday, January 27, 2006, 11:30 a.m.
Community Counseling Center

Meeting Notes

Present: Kay Azuma (CCC), Tom Davisson (CCC), Nancy Jernigan (UW), Marla Mills (UW), Jaime Bollinger (CCC), Jim Maginel (SE Regional Support Center), Natalie Sandoval (CCC), Glenda Quinn (Smooth Moves, Aging Committee), Donna Taake (MO Extension), Reba Barkley (SEMO Univ), Jeff Brune (Cape County Transit), Marcie Abernathy (Saint Francis), Judy Aslin (SE MO Hospital) and Scott Doty (Gibson Recovery Center)

Lunch was provided by Community Caring Council. Group was welcomed by Nancy Jernigan. Introductions were made. Several chairs were unable to attend, but all councils and subcommittees were represented.

Kay Azuma asked group to look at their issue section of the meeting notes from the October meeting for additions and corrections. Notes were accepted as is.

Kay noted the handouts given:

- Agenda
- Minutes (10-28-05)
- Community Plan Logo
- Revised Community Resource Card
- "Save the Date" cards for THRIVE Conference on March 24, 2006

Progress Reports from Councils and Subcommittees

TRANSPORTATION – Jeff Brune

- This council has still not convened, waiting for MODOT's Transit Study to be completed.
- Town Hall meetings (3) were held in Cape at Sal Army and Osage Center and in Jackson at MO Extension. They were well-attended and many concerns were voiced from residents and service providers.
- Jeff shared the visual aids from those meetings to highlight funding sources and proposed costs, fixed route maps and advantages/disadvantages of proposals.
- Official report from BMG-SI Consultants will be ready in February, to be presented to city and county officials.
- Steering committee has asked city to impose higher standards with Kelly Transportation – no smoking in vehicles, more timely pick-ups, etc.
- Kelly Transportation is taking advice of the transit study – charging more for late night fares.
- It was discovered at the Town Hall meetings that Kelly was not providing 24-hour handicap-accessible service which is a violation of funding. MODOT is

following up on this. If not corrected, city could lose funding for taxi-coupon program.

- Good news coming – can't be shared at this time!
- Later in the meeting, Marcia shared a recent news report on a program where seniors donate their vehicles in exchange for necessary rides by an established provider. Jeff will check into this further.

ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MEDICAL CARE

PRIMARY CARE – Judy Aslin and Marcie Abernathy

- New co-chair Marcie, Director of ER at Saint Francis, replacing Tyler Hedden, was introduced.
- Survey of 10 local clinics about their treatment of NLD (No Local Doctor) patients – received 5 responses.
- Survey just mailed to 17 private physicians who are on the NLD call list at the hospitals to provide ER follow-up care. These 17 doctors are Family Practice Physicians who are obligated by Cape County Medical Society to provide this service.
- Physicians report that they lose money on MC patients – paperwork too timely, reimbursements low and payment slow – often do pro-bono instead.
- Patients are not aware of available assistance/insurance options – need to be educated – 30-40% of uninsured are eligible if they re-apply!
- Plans to celebrate “Cover the Uninsured Week” discussion with educational materials at clinics and other strategic locations – importance of primary care, personal responsibility for one's own health, insurance options, etc.
- Chronic diseases are cheaper to maintain on ongoing basis than to intervene at an impasse – looking at Cross Trails model for Diabetes
- Nancy praised 2 hospitals and Cross Trails for their active participation.
- Marcie shared that Saint Francis ER averages 10 NLD patients daily.
- Judy reported that for Cape County, about 50% have private insurance, 50% have state or federal aid or are uninsured.
- Discussed failure of ER patients to follow-up, instead wait for another emergency and then return to ER where no payment is required. Same holds true for dental – patients seek emergency treatment at Cross Trails, then are given an appt for cleaning, x-rays, etc, but never return until they have another emergency situation.

DENTAL – Kay Azuma for Deborah Gerecke

- Dental screenings for 2005 school year are complete
- Coalition members and County Health are working with school nurses to track follow-up of students with treatment referrals – not working very well. Debbie sent a letter home with students for dentists to complete when an appt was kept, but we have only received 1 response.
- Coalition looking at oral health education materials for women of child-bearing age to distribute through WIC, doctors' offices, etc. Most existing materials have high reading comprehensive levels. Group may do their own brochure.

- Application to MO Foundation for Health for a Priority Area Grant to provide dental sealant applications through school-based programs for elementary students in 6 SE MO counties of Cape, Wayne, Bollinger, Scott, Stoddard, and Madison
 - Lead agency is Community Caring Council, partnering with Cape County Health Center and Cross Trails Medical Center.
 - Maximum request was \$400,000 over 4 years; our total request was about \$355,000 for 4 years.
 - Decision expected in May 2006, implementation would begin in July 2006.

MENTAL HEALTH – James Maginel for Barb Mayfield

- 2 meetings held
- Coalition has developed a letter and survey instrument to send to mental health providers to obtain information regarding existing mental health services in Cape County and also to identify gaps and barriers/
- Looking at indicators for at-risk youth, discussing school referral check-lists.
- Serving as oversight committee for mental health portion of United Way's Family Support Initiative.
 - After school program at Cape Middle School and Jr. High since September.
 - New site being added this semester at Family Resource Center
 - Participation has been very good, hoping for good outcomes
 - Coalition is helping to select indicators for mental health outcomes.
 - Serving as a partial revitalization of the old Caring Communities model
 - Nancy added that Dr. Scala, new Cape Schools Superintendent, seems to be very open to community outreach and collaboration.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ADULT - Scott Doty

- 2 meetings this quarter
- Focus this quarter has been on baseline data
 - Decided yesterday to use arrest data from MO Uniform Crime Reports because it is available on line and consistent from year to year.
 - Have looked at County Status Reports from DMH – Alcohol and Drug Abuse – numbers reflect more than Cape County residents and some of it is self-reported data.
 - Will gather agency data (Gibson and Family Counseling Center), then look at removing barriers to access, measuring the impact of barrier removal
 - Arrest data is the best we have, but does not reflect scope of illegal use.
 - ER data – they only check trauma patients unless patients present drug/alcohol effects; not done routinely.
 - Marcie suggested checking with larger companies (P&G, Dana, Nordenia) for their drug screen results.
 - Also check occupational medical clinics that do the testing to get an idea of substance usage among county residents.

- Jeff reported that CGTA contracts out their drug screens, he could get # of +’s in a month for Cape County.
- On-the job accidents often require a post-accident drug test.

YOUTH – Jim Maginel

- 2 meetings this quarter
- Advocacy/Policy Change – Possession by consumption law passed, 4 articles in newspaper about the law and its consequences.
- Community Trials Grant ongoing with Sharee Galnore/Cape PD: Server Training/Merchant Training in December – largest attendance ever, repeat in February
- Community Mobilization for Change grant implementation
 - Compliance checks in Scott City, Jackson and county – significant # of retailers do sell to minors.
 - Jim is identifying and training high school focus group leaders to give feedback to YSAC.
- Jim highlighted upcoming legislative action to increase alcohol excise tax.
 - Increased money would go to prevention and intervention.
 - Hearing set for next week in Jeff City.
 - MO is 49th in nation for tax.
 - Increase would be 2 cents per drink.
- Nancy commented that recent news articles reported that nationally, the use of Rx drugs up, alcohol consumption down.

FAMILY ISSUES

HOUSING – Natalie Sandoval for Roy Jones

- 3 meetings/average of 25 members in attendance
- Community Caring Council received \$80,000 for 2006 from MO Housing Trust Fund
 - \$70,000 for rental and utility deposit assistance
 - \$10,000 for senior home repair
- 15 people trained this month for ROSIE – Regional On Line Service Information Network – to track the number of homeless persons throughout MO
- \$2500 awarded from Cape County Senior Citizens’ Tax Fund Board for senior home repair also, to involve churches to provide labor.
- Homeless Awareness Week – committee’s 2nd year to observe locally
 - Agency displays were featured in the lobby at Wehrenberg Theaters for several weeks in November.
- HUD grant for homeless, disabled persons ongoing.
- Committee assisting Habitat for Humanity to increase # of applicants.
- New subcommittee created to meet quarterly with Cape & Jackson mayors.
- Housing Resource Directory – work has begun to update, probably will use Community Resource card format instead of a booklet.
- In-house survey to track homeless in our community, gathering data from local providers
 - March 8 is date for Cape County to count homeless for the state.

INDEPENDENT LIVING – Glenda Quinn for Cheryl Klueppel

- Aging Committee met 3 times this quarter.
- Educational presentations included Medicare Part D/MODOT's Transit Study and MO Delta Project re: services for seniors who suffer from depression
- Senior Safety Committee planning to provide 250 disaster buckets to seniors
 - Seeking funds and volunteers to purchase supplies/assemble/distribute.
- Struggling to collect baseline data – possibly through First Call for Help, Div of Sr. Services and Area Agency on Aging.
 - Will need the help of Community Caring Council.
- Examples of identifying and addressing gaps:
 - \$2500 to CCC from Cape County Senior Services Tax Board for senior home repair - need voiced to Housing Committee by APPLE and Area Agency on Aging.
 - \$1000 to CCC from Cape County Senior Services Tax Board for unmet needs of seniors – need identified by Family Transition Team.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION – Reba Barkley

- Met once in November, will meet in February
- Community Resource Card proving very valuable to agencies for their clients.
- Short Term Outcome #2 – Awareness Survey results from Back to School Fair showed where parents access services.
 - Results were shared with service providers
 - Trying to get a significant Hispanic sample through Hispanic stores and churches
- Working with CCC to promote First Call for Help online – coming soon!
- Seeking evaluation and outcome data for 6 family development programs.
- Monthly calendar – trying to get agencies to enter their own events.
- Short Term Outcome groups (STO's) will now come together as one large group.
 - Focus on educational parenting programs.
 - Work with judicial system and referral agencies to serve parents in need of parenting knowledge.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY – Nancy Jernigan

- Formerly the Local Assistance Network which was created to look at unmet needs and coordination of services to answer these needs.
- Focus Group Luncheon next week:
 - Case managers invited to share needs of clients/identify barriers to self – sufficiency.
 - Walt Paquin, Department of Social Work, will facilitate group and help develop action plan.
 - Hope to identify low-income families who would be willing to participate in next focus group.
 - Happy to have university (Social Work Department) support.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Donna Taake

- 2 large group meetings, numerous subcommittee meetings to plan THRIVE Conference on March 24 (Save the Date Cards)
 - Marketing, Program, Logistics and Resources committees formed.
- Hoping to see many of the 60 community people from October training at the March conference
- Will share asset survey results from Cape County Schools (Cape and Jackson) at conference, and then work toward an action plan.
- Assets are powerful, as is the Community Initiative in promoting positive youth development.
- Jeff asked about the relevance to youth coaches. Coaches are very much a part of the community sector chart and should be included. Jeff directs the Youth Football Program and will ask some of the coaches to attend. He also suggested contacting Percy Huston who directs the Summer Youth Baseball Program.

Tom closed the meeting by thanking everyone for the work the chairs and committee members are accomplishing. The momentum of the groups is amazing, and anything the Council is able to do to sustain that momentum will be done.

Next Meeting

This meeting of chairs will be held quarterly. We will meet again on **Friday, April 28, 2006**. Kay reminded the chairpersons to make funding requests in writing to the Council as soon as a need is identified.

Meeting notes transcribed by Kay Azuma