

Community Coalition Alliance

An alliance of community coalitions in the State of Florida

Mission of the Alliance: To serve as the collective voice of community coalitions in Florida while valuing the unique identity of each member of the Alliance.

Shared Values

- We will always be community-focused, valuing each member's unique identity
- We will advocate for issues of concern to the Alliance
- We will work to raise community awareness about the important role of community coalitions in the field of prevention.
- We will work to build consensus among Florida's community coalitions.
- We will work to increase our access to information resources
- We believe that our collective voice is an asset to the field of coalition work in Florida
- We believe that the Community Coalition Alliance should have input into policies that affect coalitions and coalition funding in the State of Florida.

We believe that a community coalition is:

A formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration between groups or sectors of a community, in which each group retains its identity but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy and empowered community. We also believe that coalitions should be coordinating entities, not direct-service providers.

The Founding members of the Community Coalition Alliance are:

- Clay Action Coalition
- Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition
- PACT Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County
- One Voice for Volusia
- Ocala/Marion County Community Council Against Substance Abuse
- Safe Climate Coalition of Lake County
- Focus on Flagler Youth Coalition

Potential Benefits to the Members of the Alliance and Other Key Stakeholders:

- We will share our experiences and knowledge about successful strategies and coalition operations with other members of the Alliance to maximize the work that has already been done.
- We will explore effective mechanisms to disseminate information about best practices to other community coalitions
- We will advocate for coalition related policies that support our core beliefs.
- We will explore opportunities to share the cost burden of training, speakers and other resources and other collective bargaining opportunities.
- The Funders of our work will have a streamlined method to obtain our feedback and input.

Membership

The membership of the Alliance is comprised of the seven founding member coalitions. The official member of the Alliance is the director of the coalition. Directors may send a designee to represent them at meetings and may bring additional coalition staff or volunteers to Alliance meetings.

Additional coalitions may join the Alliance if they meet the following criteria:

- They represent a community coalition that meets the Alliance's definition and are actively engaged in their community.
- They agree with the shared values of the Alliance.
- They are sponsored by an existing member of the Alliance.

Meetings

The Community Coalition Alliance will meet on a quarterly basis, at a date and time that is convenient for the majority of the members. Meetings will be held in a central location, based on Alliance membership.

Leadership

The Community Coalition Alliance will elect co-chairs once a year for a term of two years. The terms of the co-chairs will be staggered after the first year of operation. Co-chairs will be responsible for:

- Planning meeting agendas with input from the membership
- Facilitating Alliance meetings and ensuring that minutes are completed
- Facilitating communication among members between meeting times
- Serving as the point person for any communication with outside stakeholders, with input from the membership

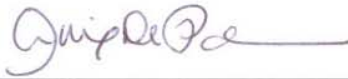
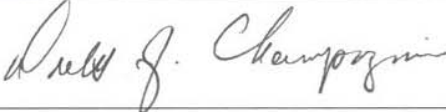




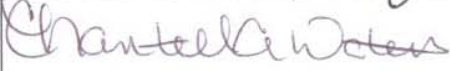
Decision Making

The Community Coalition Alliance will make all decisions based on consensus among all members present at any given meeting.

Amendments

This memorandum of understanding may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Alliance, provided two-thirds of the members are in attendance and a written notice of the proposed changes were provided to the membership 14 days prior to the meeting.

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby adopted by the founding members of the Alliance listed below and shall be made effective on the date signed.

Clay Action Coalition Anixa Depalma, Project Director		8/18/08
Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition Dietrich J. Champagnie, Coalition Coordinator		8/8/08
PACT Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County Julia Kelly, Coordinator		8/8/08
One Voice for Volusia Carrie Baird, Executive Director		8/8/08
Ocala/Marion County Community Council Against Substance Abuse Matt Matthews, Prevention Coordinator		8/26/08
Safe Climate Coalition of Lake County Debi MacIntyre, Executive Director		8/8/08
Focus on Flagler Youth Coalition Chantell A. Waters, Executive Director		8/3/08