

Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Sub-Committee Meeting Report

Monday, July 22, 2013
8:15 a.m.

Brevard County Government Center, Viera
Bldg. C, Florida Room, 3rd Floor

Chairpersons:	Valerie Holmes/Sharon Tolson
Present:	Sharon Tolson, Jennifer Schwalb Floyd, Althea Puzio, Jeanette Ranson, Donna Skinner, Melody Keeth, Maria Stahl, Cherie Cook, Michele Wiersma, Phebe Powell, Sherrie Arflin
Staff Present:	June Horgan

Summary

Meeting called to order at 8:19 am, by Sharon Tolson.

Introductions were done by going around the room. Ms. Tolson stated Melody Keeth will report to TIP

Approval of minutes: Jennifer Schwalb Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2013. Melody Keeth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Protective Factors:

Phebe Powell reported we are half way through the 5 year plan for Child Abuse Prevention and Adoption Stabilization. Ms. Powell stated the State delayed the July report due to data source compilation, making the data elements consistent across the state. The set data elements were reviewed and discussed. Maria Stahl requested the number of children receiving WIC be added. Jennifer Schwalb Floyd suggested substance abuse of pregnant women also be added. Donna Skinner expressed concern of the element "began prenatal care in the 1st trimester" due to many Physicians only wanting to see patients after first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Ms. Schwalb Floyd stated data can be obtained through CHARTS.

Ms. Powell also stated membership has to be reported. Twenty one statutory members have to be on the membership list. If these positions are not filled they're to be recruited. Melody Keeth will remind TIP members to update their information with Mary Redmond if they haven't done so already.

Brevard Interfaith Coalition: No report. Per Ms. Powell their intern has ended her term. Father Drew has taken over the main part of the coordination due to Catholic Charities is no longer doing adoption or major counseling in Brevard County. Ms. Powell suggested inviting Beverly Lambert to speak regarding their position within the community. Ms. Powell stated the next meeting will be August 22, 2013 at St. Katherine's in Melbourne.

Healthy Families: Sherrie Arflin reported Healthy Families received additional funding and will be able to assist an additional 26 families. Also, an expansion opportunity arose and Sara Pineo is now the North Area Supervisor plus two new hires are coming onboard. Ms. Arflin stated she'll be posting another position within the month and needs someone bi-lingual.

Infant Mental Health: Donna Skinner reported the latest meeting focused on upcoming training. It was determined to hold training in the Spring. No date has been assigned as of yet. The focus will be on trauma and due to budget limitations, training will be scheduled for a ½ day.

Healthy Start: Jennifer Schwalb Floyd shared information on the Healthy Start Birth Disparity Conference to be held on September 20, 2013 at the Radisson at Port Canaveral. Ms. Floyd stated the four speakers will be talking on social, economic, and health system factors about birth disparities. Ms. Floyd encouraged registrations.

Member Comments/Announcements: Were done by going around the room. Maria Stahl advised Brevard County Health Department is now Florida Department of Health in Brevard. Phoebe Powell shared promotional materials available to all through DCF. Materials are also available in Spanish.

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am with no further business.