

Seminole County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force
September 12, 2013- 9:30 a.m. @ SCSO
MINUTE NOTES

Attendees: David Parlapiano (*CBCCFL and CAPTF President-Chair*), Jeff Griesemer (*Child Rescue Network and CAPTF Immediate Past Chair*), Chelsea Hilend (*The Grove, CAPTF Communications Committee Chair & CAPTF Vice President*), Sandra Grafton (*IMPOWER and CAPTF Secretary*), Kendra Musselle (*Health Council HCECF & CAPTF Co-Treasurer/Proxy*), Shana Sullivan (*Seminole County Sheriff's Office*), Lauren Pearlman (*Seminole County Behavioral Healthcare*), Suhely Sanchez (*Visions TCM*), Kerline Thomas (*Visions TCM*), Melissa Quinn (*Boystown*), Lisa Brooks (*Department of Children & Families*), Charles Puckett (*Department of Children & Families*), Belinda Newkirk (*Goodwill Job Connection*), Tricia Teal (*Above and Beyond Families & Communities Together*), Judy Creel (*Above and Beyond Families & Communities Together*), Veronica White (*Child Advocate-Community Volunteer*) and Debbie Owens (*Seminole Prevention Coalition*).

Call to Order: David Parlapiano (CBCCFL and CAPTF President-Chair)

Introductions: David Parlapiano and the attendees introduced themselves. David also introduced the guest speakers, Lisa Brooks and Charles Puckett.

Agency Highlights: The agency highlight for the September 12, 2013 meeting were guest speakers, Lisa Brooks and Charles Puckett from the Department of Children and Families. They were available to present the DCF Family Safety Regional Operations Circuit 9 & 18, Transformation Process. This process is currently being implemented throughout the state of Florida. Lisa Brooks reported that she was trained as a Super Spee after the Barahona tragedy occurred because the state of Florida found that they needed to do something to change the way the families are being offered support. Lisa reported that the Transformations Process will look at the family as a whole, and not just at a specific incident that is occurring at this particular moment. Lisa reported that DCF currently accepts 90% of the hotline calls for investigations. Lisa stated that every family has danger threats to their family at some point, but most families have caregiver supports in place to keep the family protected. The families that DCF has involvement with are the families with danger threats who do not have these caregiver supports in place. Lisa reported that the new Transformation Process will involve a much more streamlined process for the families. This will include an extensive screening process with appropriate service providers contracted to begin services immediately as needed with the families. This will help to avoid the need to separate children from their families, placing them into foster care while waiting for services to be implemented into the homes. The Protective Investigator will continue to support the family with the Protective Services worker as long as they are needed. The cases will no longer be handed off the way they currently are. The Northeast Region of Florida has already piloted the Transition Process and has had great success. The families have reported that they are being asked questions that no one has ever taken the time to ask them before. This allows the workers to create a more appropriate assessment of the family and create a more accurate plan to assist the family. Mr. Puckett reported that approximately 55% of the hotline staff has been trained in the new Transition Process Methodology of questioning when they take a hotline call. Mr. Puckett reports that DCF

hopes to have the entire Central Florida Region trained in the new Transformation Process by March. There are 8 training classes taking place currently.

Mr. Jeff Griesemer suggested that the Department of Children and Families may want to release a statement to inform the public that it is more helpful to report the abuse and talk to service providers to get the support for the families. Mr. Puckett and Ms. Brooks reported that DCF is focused on developing a strong network of community services to ensure that the new Transformation Process is a success. They will need to have local service providers available and willing to implement services immediately when the abuse reports take place. Mr. Puckett and Ms. Brooks reported that you will be able to find out more information about the Transformation Process on the following websites: ChildWelfare.org with trainer Duncan Bonnet.

CRN_ChildWelfare_Transformation@dcf.state.fl.us

***October 2013 Agency Highlight: IMPOWER – Marcie Dearth**

***November 2013 Agency Highlight: No highlight - Community Walk**

***December 2013 (tentative) Agency Highlight: Mary Elizabeth Mcilvane**

Minutes: Sandra Grafton (CAPTF Secretary) recorded the minutes.

- **Voting:** Quorum was reached based on the number of present voting members. The treasurer report and the minutes for August were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer report was provided by Kendra Musselle (CAPTF Co-Treasurer/Proxy). Kendra reported that the CAPTF bank balance was \$9,250.11 as of 8/30/13. There are 17 members and the quorum required for current paid members is 10 if all members are present at the meeting. *(Article V, Section E of the CAPTF by-laws, "Quorum: will consist of no less than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) voting members in attendance at a general meeting of CAPTF, but at no time shall be less than five (5) persons or three (3) agency / group / organization.)* The total amount received from membership payments calculated as of 8/30/2013 was \$1,600.00. The total amount received from Bag Logo Sponsors is \$1000.00 as of 8/30/13. The total amount received from Resource Directory Ad Sponsors is \$1,475.00 as of 8/30/2013.

Data Report: The Data Report was presented by Shana Sullivan. Shana reported that there were 352 child protective investigations during the month of August in Seminole County to result in 33 criminal investigations. There were 7 families that experienced child removals to include 20 children total in August 2013. There have been 2690 child protective investigations this year to date in Seminole County to result in 254 criminal investigations. There have been 88 families that experienced child removals to include 152 children total in 2013.

Committee Reports:

- **Resource Directory:** David Parlapiano announced that the Resource Directory has been picked up by Debbie Owens and is ready for distribution. There are 10,000 copies and they are in need of a storage location. The Pathways office is moving and will not be available for the boxes of resource directories.
- **Communication Committee:** Chelsea Dygan updated the group that we are working on the "Gimme a Break!" Kit Kat Campaign to assist families with

locating low cost, family friendly activities, respite, and support systems within their communities to help aid in eliminating the stressors that contribute to abuse.

- **-Programs:** David Parlapiano stated that the Community Walk will be today September 12, 2013. The Bag Stuffing will take place after the meeting today and then walk will take place immediately after. We will be continuing the walk in the Sanford area, as there was a large area of homes that seemed to be in need of services that did not receive directories during the last walk.

Children's Cabinet Update: Phebe Powell was unable to be present at the meeting due to a conflicting schedule but she did previously provide a resource of current maltreatment issues in Florida. These current maltreatment issues were a determining factor in choosing the current "Kit Kat: Gimme A Break!" marketing campaign. ☺

New or Old Business:

- Please do not forget that Seminole County CAPTF has a Facebook page so spread the word and "like it". Last December, Mr. Jeff Griesemer began compiling a list of our members' social media links (Facebook, twitter, etc.). He had a goal of each of us going to the other members' links and "Like" or "follow" or "whatever" to help boost everyone's presence and exposure. He asked that we send him any social media link you would like to be included on the list. He reported that Social media is an excellent way to share your mission. It works best when people share your postings on their page and he highly encouraged you share each other's postings when appropriate. Not every comment warrants sharing, but when an event is coming up or when a post is educational, sharing it on your site and with your connections helps raise awareness of the resources available and also makes your page a place where people know they can get good information. The official link to the Facebook page is: [Seminole CAPTF Facebook Link](#), so if you haven't already done so, please feel free to post things you feel appropriate... events, newsletters, important news stories related to your mission, etc.

Announcements:

- Belinda Newkirk reported that Goodwill Job Connection has officially moved from the downtown location to the new location behind the RaceTrac gas station near the Seminole Town Mall. They are planning to hold their official ribbon cutting at 8:30am on 9/29 from 10am-2pm.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2013 at 9:30 AM – 11 AM

**Where: Seminole County Sheriff's Office
100 Bush Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773**