



Together in Partnership

Steering Committee Meeting Report

Monday, January 28, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Brevard County Government Center, Viera
Florida Room, 3rd Floor

Chairperson:	Dan Rodegrs - Chair
Present:	Maria Stahl, Jim Carlson, Dan Rodgers, Phebe Powell, Wayne Holmes Sharon Tolson, Sherrie Arflin, Marylu Tombleson, Valerie Holmes, Gail Buchanan, Tracy Little, Michelle Wiersman, Donna Skinner, Stanlet Brizz, Kim Delguadio, Paula Ferrell, Melody Keeth, Althea Puzio, Eric Hammer, Kelly Griffins
Guest:	Isa Kennedy (BOCC), Jeanette Ransom (BPS), Wendy Smith (BPS), Karen Cino (Human Svs Associates)
Staff Present:	Mary Redmond

Summary

Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by Vice-Chairman Carlson.

Introductions were done by going around the room.

Approval of Minutes – Ms. Arflin made a motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 2012, Sept 24, 2012, and November 26, 2012. Ms. Floyd seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Task Force – Sharon Tolson – ELC provided training for the protective factors and Heather Howlett is doing those trainings but she is still needs a co-facilitator. Quarterly report is due this week for the five year plan. Maltreatment data is in and they have been looking at it. Family Violence and Substance Abuse is still at the top. Serene Harbor will be holding a Casino Night on February 8th and Ms. Keeth has information on that. Florida Youth survey of 2012 is completed and seems like alcohol is still drug of choice and smoking is pretty high. If anyone needs that data it is available and Ms. Ferrell has it. Center for Drug Free Living has a grant for trauma, students ages 10-18 that could get free therapy. January is Human Trafficking month and DCF is trying to get the information out to our high risk areas. The average age that children are getting into Human Trafficking is 13 years old. In 2010 it was added as a treatment code and there were 5 cases last year in Brevard County. It also can be sexual abuse or child labor. Foster Parent recruiting is going on across the state and the target is 1200. They already have 600 recruited. Leadership Training tomorrow from 9-5pm here in the Space Coast Room. It's the Safe and Together model and it's free.

Jim Carlson added that the local human trafficking group will be meeting February 22nd at 10:00am. Contact Mr. Carlson for more information.

CAPTf: Tracy Little – Gearing up for their April events (Child Abuse Prevention Month). It will start with the kick off at Squid Lips on April 6th. Awards Banquet will be on the 18th and they are switching this year to a breakfast. Nominations are open and he will be sending Mary the information. The Banquet will be at the Suntree Country Club starting at 7:30am. Pin Wheels will also be going up around the county.

BYSAP: Paula Ferrell – Stanley Brizz will be holding an organizational meeting after today's TIP meeting.

Brevard Homeless Coalition: No Report

DV Task Force: Melody Keeth – Titusville Police Dept did a compassion Fatigued Training for her group and it was very interesting. There are 50 Mobile devices available throughout the county for victims whose perpetrators have an order of protection. There is an \$8.00 a day fee and the victim can decide if they want to use them and if they want to use them. If they are indigent then a form needs to be filled out. This makes the victim a batter free zone. Preps will have to be on an ankle bracelet.

Regional Children's Cabinet – Phebe Powell – The other cabinets in the central area (Seminole, Orange, Osceola) have adopted a way of sharing information between the cabinets where they will share each other's meeting agendas, minutes and they would like to include Brevard. Ms. Powell will forward the information from other cabinets when she gets it to Mary. Seminole Children's Cabinet is working with wraparound Seminole and wraparound orange to expand the use of the CANS tool across child serving systems in Seminole and Orange County. They would like to expand the discussion to Osceola and Brevard counties as they share many of the same provider agencies. The next meeting will be Feb 20th at 1:00pm at the CBC CF Admin Bldg in Orlando.

DJJ: Dan Rodgers – Road Map to System Excellence – It has moving right along. There was a meeting on December 3rd and approx 300 people did attend and it was held at Valencia College. A prevention services grant was awarded to STEPS for approx. 35K. There is also a transition grant available but it will only be for services – Vocational, educational, etc.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Ms. Powell mentioned that since we have a quorum then maybe then a motion should be made to officially move the meetings to every other month. Ms. Powell the made a motion to hold the Together in Partnership meetings every other month. Mr. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Approval – None for this meeting.

Public comments and announcements: Done by going around the room.

Adjournment: With no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.