



Together in Partnership

Steering Committee Meeting Report

**Monday, March 25, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

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

Chairperson:	Dan Rodgers - 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.

Introductions were done by going around the room.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes could not be approved due to not having a quorum.

Election of Officers:

Election could not take place because there was not a quorum. Elections will be added to the next meeting agenda. It was suggested that staff send out an e-mail to the board members to let them know attendance at the next meeting is needed.

Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Carlson both expressed an interest in remaining Chair and Vice-Chair.

Reports:

Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Task Force – Valerie Holmes – Training was done last month for the five protective factors with the early childhood providers. There will not be any training in April as it is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The next Brevard Interfaith Coalition meeting will be Thursday at 1:00pm. Healthy Families has openings in the south part of the county and also county wide for the parenting program. CARES has a first annual fundraiser planned on April 13th. It will be held at Kiwanis Park and it's called Kayaking for Kids from 9:00-3:00pm.

Mr. Golden, Director of Housing & human Services spoke and informed the group of the organizational change regarding the Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Task Force. Healthy Start will now be the facilitator of those meetings starting in May. There will be no change than adding Healthy Start to the committee name. The Healthy Start staff will be sending out the meeting reminders, handle the agenda, and type of the meeting minutes. Nothing else will change and the committee will still report back to the board.

Mr. Rodgers thinks it makes perfect sense.

Mr. Golden reminded everyone of the flow and how this group was designed. First the sub-committee looks at issues in the community, and then the sub-committee brings these things to TIP and if TIP cannot resolve then it goes to Leadership Roundtable (LR).

Mr. Rodgers asked the status of Leadership Roundtable because they have not met for over a year. He suggested bringing that group together to brief them. There are new members now such as the sheriff, public defender, judge, etc.

Mr. Golden feels that Leadership Roundtable needs to have a reason to come together. Need to be solutions to them not just problems. Mr. Rodgers feels we need to schedule a meeting with L, but Mr. Golden feels there really needs to be a reason. We will add this to the next TIP agenda. Mr. Golden said that staff will meet with the new members and explain what LR is.

CAPTF: Tracy Little –April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 2nd – Pin Wheel Day, April 6th – Family Fun Day at Squid Lips at 5:00pm, April 18th – CAPTF Awards breakfast 7:30am at Suntree Country Club, April 22nd – distribution of prevention materials and 32935 is the focus area.

BYSAP: - No Report

Brevard Homeless Coalition: No Report

Mr. Rodgers asked that staff contact BYSAP and BHC and ask them to attend the next meeting to provide a report.

DV Task Force: Isa Kennedy - Sentinel Offender Services and Court Administration were present at the prior Domestic Violence Task Force meeting to talk about the new Domestic Violence Pilot Program for electronic monitoring. This presentation helped to answer questions members had about the new pilot program. The judges have been using it and it seems to be working very well, as victims are getting calls from Sentinel when defendants enter the exclusion zones. Victims just have to give the company the addresses of their residence, place of employment, and any place else that the defendant has been ordered to stay away from. These are considered exclusion zones. In cases where the defendant is ordered to stay away from the children's school, the school's address is also entered as an exclusion zone.

Regional Children's Cabinet – Phebe Powell – The other cabinets are working on expanding CANS and also FANS. Orange & Seminole has funding available to do this, and they have been working on doing trainings. The state is going to be looking at CANS and the group really would like participation from Brevard in the discussion. Next meeting is April 10th.

Mr. Rodgers commented that CANS also provides DJJ with more information than years past. They could do the same for Brevard but it would be done a little differently.

DJJ: Dan Rodgers

Delinquent referral numbers are in and those numbers are down 15%. This is based on July – Feb.

The bulk of the offences are misdemeanors.

White Foundation will no longer be providing release services. That will be coming back in house to DJJ officers.

New Business:

Ian Golden provided an update on Managing Entities for Substance Abuse & Mental Health. Mr. Golden has asked for Maria Bledsoe to come to the next TIP meeting.

Old Business: None

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 10:00am.