

Jefferson Whole Child Coalition

February 23,, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: Cumi Allen, Nan Baughman, Pam Beck, Tonya Bell, John-Walt Boatright, Shirley Bouie, Susan Carabello, Gloria Cox, Karen Cramer, Camye Edwards, Lerena Fleck, Robyn Gast, Mazie Glenn, Cindy Hutto, Jennifer Johnson, Jacqueline Miller, Sandra Porras-Gutierrez, Tiffany Similien, Tomica Smith and Melissa Watson.

Agencies represented: Refuge House, Healthy Start Coalition, North Florida Rural Health/NFCC, Jefferson County Extension Office, Jefferson County School District, Magellan Complete Care, Big Bend Cares, FSU CARD, Big Bend Community Based Care, Florida Therapy Services, Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, Department of Children & Families/ACCESS, Citizen Wellness Advocate, 211 Big Bend, Capital Area Community Action Agency

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone; Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the January meeting, Nan Baughman motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by, Sandra Porras-Gutierrez, approved.

Tonya Bell is available to assist with KidCare Insurance applications, Whole Child Profiles and will be conducting Preconception classes in April, May and June. For more information or to make a referral contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Gloria Cox announced the next District Parent Meeting is scheduled for April 23rd, the 21st CCLC Family Stem Night will be on February 26th at Jefferson Elementary School at 6:00pm, families will learn how to support students in science and math and the First Annual VPK Round-up will be held on April 1st. Parent Resource Centers are open at both schools now. Gloria, said they are still accepting volunteer applications for Chaperones for field trips and there are many scholarships available for students. For more information contact Gloria.cox@jeffersonschooldistrict.org.

Shirley Bouie announced the Identity Fraud Lunch and Learn will be held on Friday the 26th, representatives from Farmers & Merchants Bank the Sheriff's office and the Police Department will be there. Sign up for Day Camps and the 4-H overnight camp will begin soon. For more information contact 850-342-0187 or sbouie@ufl.edu.

Tiffany Similien is the Program Coordinator with the Help Me Grow Program, for more information contact 850-617-6306 or tsimilien@211bigbend.org

John Walt Boatright announced they are looking to bring the Health Scholars Camp to Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties this year, they have partnered with Big Bend AHEC and there will be no charge to attend the camp. They are looking for a site to hold the camp in Jefferson County. Super Saturday at NFCC will be held on March 5th.

Nan Baughman with Refuge House announced they have a new program they are working on with DCF and are working closely with CPI's in Jefferson County. Nan can be reached at 850-342-3518 or NBaughman@refugehouse.com.

Sandra Porras-Gutierrez with DCF ACCESS announced she is always looking for community partners, they will be having their FarmShare event on May 6th and are in need of volunteers, lunch will be provided. If you would like to volunteer contact 850-488-0684 or Sandra_porras-gutierrez@myflfamilies.com.

Karen Cramer with Magellan Complete Care announced Open Enrollment will be held in March and April, for more information contact 850-275-1891 or krcramer@magellanhealth.com.

Robyn Gast with BBCBC announced they have hired a Housing Specialist, Zack Summerlin and they will also be co-facilitating the 5th annual Trauma Informed event on May 11th. Robyn also announced that DISC Village has been

awarded the Family Intensive Care Program. For more information contact 850-410-1020 or robyn.gast@bigbendcbc.org.

Cumi Allen with Healthy Start announced they have started their Prenatal and Parents as Teachers classes and are looking for guest speakers, if you would like more information or to volunteer contact 850-342-0170 or Cumi.allen@flhealth.gov.

Tomica Smith with Florida CHAIN is a Navigator for Affordable Health Care in Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties. For more information or to schedule an appointment contact 850-321-8619 or tomica@floridachain.org.

Pam Beck is the Operations Manager at the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, Pam announced on March 22nd they will have the Arrive Alive Car simulation event; Free Movie Night at the Opera House on March 24th and on March 30th they will hold a free Puppet Show at Aucilla Christian Academy. For more information contact the 850-973-0354 or Pam.Beck@flhealth.gov.

Jennifer Johnson is the new Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson and Madison Counties.

Melissa Watson with CACCA reports they offer utility assistance to clients and are looking to enroll students in their Head Start Program. They have received another Getting Ahead Grant for a 15 week workshop, They will be holding the Transition Luncheon on March 21st at the Monticello Opera House. Melissa announced the Jefferson County Office is moving to the Senior Citizens Center located at 1155 North Jefferson and they still offer the Weatherization program. For more information contact 850-997-8231.

Jacqueline Miller is the Case Manager for Jefferson County with Capital Area Community Action Agency.

Susan Carabello just moved to Monticello and has been in the Mental Health profession for many years, she is looking to become a community wellness advocate. Susan also volunteers with the Veterans Foundation of Florida which provides emergency relief to veterans. There will be a Veterans Event to be held on March 4th, will send flyer to Cindy to send out.

Lerena Fleck is with the FSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities better known as CARD. FSU CARD was established in 1994 and is one of seven centers funded by the Florida Legislature and serves 18 counties in the Panhandle of Florida.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder defined by persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction, accompanied by restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities. The signs of ASD are usually evident in early childhood. Though it is still considered a lifelong diagnosis, with appropriate early intervention, individuals with ASD can lead productive, inclusive, and fulfilling lives. Many children with ASD do well in school, participate in activities they enjoy, go on to college, and are employed in adulthood.

ASD effects all races and socioeconomics and most recent data from the CDC indicate that 1 in 68 children in the US has an autism spectrum disorder. The prevalence for boys is about 5 times higher than it is for girls, with 1 in every 42 boys having an ASD and 1 in every 189 girls having an ASD.

There is currently no single cause for ASD's, it is generally accepted that ASD's are biological and there is no known cure. There is substantial evidence that individuals can make remarkable progress with early intervention and appropriately tailored therapies.

For more information contact Lerena at 850-487-9193 or Lerena.fleck@medfsu.edu.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on March 28, 2016 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto