

Jefferson Whole Child Coalition

January 26, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: Cumi Allen, Chad Arnold, Nan Baughman, Tonya Bell, Susan Carabello, Gloria Cox, Theresa Crothers, Wynton Geary, Lisa Hayes, Cindy Hutto, Gabriel Landry, Chastity McCarthy, Melissa Morgan, Sandra Porras-Gutierrez and James Smith.

Agencies represented: Kids Incorporated, Refuge House, Healthy Start Coalition, Jefferson County School District, Apalachee Center, Big Bend AHEC, Florida Department of Health, American Heart Association, Jefferson County Health Department, Department of Children & Families, Citizen Wellness Advocate and 211 Big Bend.

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

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

Gloria Cox announced the District Parent Meeting is scheduled for February 18th at 6:30pm, the location will be announced later as the district is making repairs to the auditorium. 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. For more information contact Gloria.cox@jeffersonschooldistrict.org.

Melissa Morgan with Kids Incorporated reported they currently have openings in their Early Head Start program to provide services to low-income pregnant women. For more information contact Sandra Auguste at 850-414-9800, ext. 108 or sauguste@kidsincorporated.org.

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 said she is working in Tallahassee one day a week and may increase to 2 days. Nan can be reached at 850-342-3518 or NBaughman@refugehouse.com.

Sandy Porras-Gutierrez with DCF ACCESS announced she is always looking for community partners.

Gabe Landry with the American Heart Association announced the Food Equity Campaign is being heard today at the Capital.

James Smith is with 211 Big Bend/Help me Grow and was sitting in today for Tiffany Similien.

Theresa Crothers with Apalachee Center provides services to both adults and children and provides counseling in the schools. For more information contact 850-694-0256 or theresac@apalacheecenter.org.

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.

Wynton Geary is with Big Bend AHEC, they provide Health Education classes and "Healthy Eating" Cooking Demonstrations in Jefferson County through their Closing the Gap grant. They also provide Tobacco Cessation classes. For more information contact wgeary@bigbendahec.org

Chastity McCarthy is the Tobacco Prevention Specialist with the Department of Health in Jefferson County, the Tobacco Partnership meets the second Tuesday of each month, and the next meeting is February 9th at the Middle

High School. The Red Carpet Night awards event will be held on April 8th and they are in need of volunteers, they also have a Through with Chew event coming up, there will be flyers to follow. For more information contact 850-342-0170 or Chastity.McCarthy@flhealth.gov.

Cumi Allen with Healthy Start announced they have started their Prenatal 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.

Cindy Hutto announced this is Folic Acid Awareness Month and we will be conducting a Folic Acid Door to Door Campaign after the meeting today.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on February 23, 2016 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto