

**Madison County Shared Services Meeting
Madison County Public Library
January 27, 2016**

Present: Tonya Bell, John-Walt Boatright, Gladney Cherry, Karen Cramer, CeCe Ellis, Wynton Geary, Bill Griffin, Elaine Hartley, Cindy Hutto, Tangela Knight, Ruth Moore, Mimi Replogle, Rebecca Severin and Marixa Soto.

Agencies Represented: Whole Child, NFCC, Madison County School District, Magellan Complete Care, FDLRS, Big Bend AHEC, Apalachee Center, Sr. Citizens Council, Healthy Start Coalition, Florida Department of Health Madison, Madison Youth Ranch, Healthy Families Seven Rivers and HIPPY.

Tonya Bell welcomed everyone and called for approval of the November minutes, CeCe Ellis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Rebecca Severin, approved.

Tonya Bell is available to help with KidCare applications and Whole Child Profiles and is also available to speak to groups. Tonya announced this is Folic Acid Awareness Month and we will be doing a Folic Acid Door to Door Campaign after the meeting today. Tonya can be reached at 850-223-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Tangela Knight with Healthy Start announced they hold Prenatal Classes twice a month, for more information contact Tangela.Knight@flhealth.gov.

Rebecca Severin with Healthy Families Seven Rivers reported their Winter Clothing Drive was a huge success, they gave away 500 pounds of clothing in the Park in Greenville.

Bill Griffin is the Children's Care Manager with Apalachee Center and reported they have new School Therapist on board.

Ruth Moore with the Madison Youth Ranch announced their Equine Therapy Program has begun, they have two horses at this time and have two people who are in training to become certified. Ruth reported they have 10 residents on site and have beds available. For more information contact 850-929-3000 or ruth.moore@fumch.org.

John-Walt Boatright announced the Early Childhood Education Program will be starting soon, there will also be a workshop on Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood on February 19th, to inquire about both contact Denise Calloway at 850-973-9449 or callowayd@nfcc.edu. The deadline to sign up for the LPN to RN Bridge program is March 1st, there will be a Health Fair in April on the Courthouse lawn, the date to follow and they are encouraging providers to set up booths. John-Walt 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 to have 50 students in each camp. For more information contact 850-973-1671 or boatrightj@nfcc.edu.

CeCe Ellis with FDLRS performs developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5. For more information contact 1-800-227-0059 or cece.ellis@fdlrsgateway.com.

Mimi Replogle is the Students in Transition Program Specialist with the Madison County School District. If you would like information regarding this program contact 850-973-5887 or mimi.replogle@madison.k12.fl.us

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

Cindy Hutto announced that Food Stamp assistance is available at the Suwannee River Economic Council office Monday through Friday at this time, they will also be offering classes for the SHIP, there are 4 classes total and they will be held at the Madison County Extension Office. If you would like to sign up contact 850-973-4138.

Marixa Soto is the HIPPIY Coordinator for Madison County and announced they will be holding a Literary Fest on February 20th and are looking for free books to donate, there will be a flyer to follow. For more information contact 850-345-7296 or Marixa_soto@paec.org.

Elaine Hartley is with the Madison Sr. Center, they offer a variety of services including In Home Services, Enhanced Family Services, and hot meals are served daily. They also have arts and crafts and exercise classes for seniors. Elaine said the Center has rooms they rent out to the public including their dining room. For more information contact 850-973-4241.

Rebecca Severin is the Program Manager for Healthy Families Seven Rivers, below is a synopsis of the program:

Child abuse is a concept that is not easily defined in “black and white” terms. In Chapter 39 of the Florida Statute there are specific criteria listed that determine what is considered child abuse and neglect (CAN), but as professionals and adults that come into contact with families on a regular basis we understand that CAN has a lot of gray areas. I call these gray area, precursors. These precursors are those dynamics in the home that create an environment conducive of child abuse and neglect. They are things such as belittling, name calling, intimidation, terrorizing, threats, etc. They are all of the actions that lead to emotional abuse well before there is ever a hit, a mark, a bruise, a shake or a child’s death. The Department of Children and Families’ Child Protection Division works hard every day to investigate and intervene on the behalf of children, but they are not allowed into a home until an abuse report is generated from allegations that are measured up to the very black and white, Chapter 39.

The thing that sets Healthy Families a part, is that we work in the gray area. We are not constricted by the rigidity of Chapter 39 and are goal is prevention. The curriculum that we use, Growing Great Kids, is founded on educating parents on those precursors. How to identify them in their own childhood, how to identify the feelings they felt and relate that to their children’s feelings and then teach them techniques on how to change their behavior to better their family. Healthy Families shows parents that there is a way to build the child that they want by promoting their protective factors (Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Concrete Supports, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development and Social/Emotional Competence of Children), demonstrating and modeling positive parent- child interactions and educating them on the 6 Daily Do’s to build the child they want (Empathetic Parenting (e-parenting), Character Builders, 4 Steps to Success, Body Builders ad Play-by-Play).

Healthy Families Seven Rivers (HFSR) serves Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison and Taylor counties. We target women prenatally, but serve families with newborns up to 3 months of age. At initial contact with families, a voluntary assessment is conducted to determine the need for services. If the assessment determines that the family is eligible for home visiting services and the family volunteers to participate, a trained parent educator is assigned to the family to provide services. The family is served initially on an intensive, weekly basis until risk factors are addressed, and in most cases resolved, then the family is moved to less intensive services on a gradual basis. HFSR can stay engaged in the home until the child is 5 years old.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 24, 2016

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto