

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
School Board Administrative Complex
Monday, October 26, 2015

Present: Melody Allen, Sarah Bayes, Tonya Bell, Rhonda Brooks, Erica Brown, Luciana Brown, Camye Edwards, Robyn Gast, Donna Hagan, Barbara Herring, Cindy Hutto, Deborah Latson, Linda Murphy, Jamila Nance, Eric Scott, Rebecca Severin, Tiffany Similien, Vanessa Brown-Stevenson, Dorothy Tucker, Brandi Turner, Nichole Wilder, Angela Wilson and Pam Zelinka.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, NFCC, Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Taylor County Schools, POPPIN FND, Big Bend Cares, Refuge House, Florida Therapy Services, Elder Care Services, Florida Department of Health in Taylor County, 211 Big Bend, Taylor County Head Start, Big Bend Community Based Care, Apalachee Center and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Donna Hagan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, Donna called for approval of the minutes, Linda Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting, seconded by Nichole Wilder approved.

Brandi Turner with Refuge House provides services to women and men and children ages 13 and up. Brandi announced they have a new billboard focusing on Incest Awareness. For more information contact 850-584-2897 or bturner@refugehouse.com.

Angela Wilson with NFCC's HIT Program reported 25 students are getting ready for their internships, the next cohort will begin on January 11, 2016. The HIT Program is a six month on line course.

Rhonda Brooks is the District School Social Worker and Homeless Liaison and reported homeless numbers at 82. The Back Pack Program serves 90 students and they have some slots available at this time. For more information contact 850-838-2520 or Rhonda.brooks@taylor.k12.fl.us.

Deborah Latson with Elder Care Services announced their Octoberfest event was a great success and they raised over 80,000 this year.

Sarah Bayes with Healthy Start announced their Parents as Teachers group meets tomorrow, for more information contact 850-584-5087 or sarah.bayes@flhealth.gov.

Pam Zelinka announced DCF has been placing interviewing clerks in our surrounding counties, also DCF will hold a Meet & Greet and Training at the Health Department beginning at 1:00pm today.

Erica Brown is the Family Assessment Worker with the Healthy Families Seven Rivers Program, the program serves Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton and Lafayette counties. Erica can be reached at ebrown@healthystartjmt.org or 850-491-8122.

Robyn Gast is with Big Bend Community Based Care and the agency is the substance abuse and mental health managing entity for children and adults. For more information contact 850-410-1020 or robyn.gast@bigbendcbc.org.

Eric Scott is the Director of the Taylor County Head Start Program and reports they are in the grant writing phase at this time. Eric is also a Healthy Start Board Member.

Cindy Hutto disseminated the 2016 Calendar for Shared Services Meetings and asked everyone to consider being a guest speaker. If you would like to be a guest speaker contact cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741.

Tonya Bell is available to assist with KidCare Insurance applications, Whole Child Profiles and Preconception information. Tonya disseminated flyers regarding Women's Health Education to be held on November 16th. For more information or to make a referral contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Rebecca Severin is the Program Manager for the Healthy Families Program which is a Child Abuse Prevention Program serving pregnant or newly delivered women. Rebecca encouraged everyone to send referrals to Erica Brown at ebrown@healthystartjmt.org. Healthy Families will be conducting a Winter Clothing Drive, a formal announcement will be coming out soon.

Luciana Brown with POPPIN and the Family Network on Disabilities shared they are holding free workshops and are looking for bilingual specialists. For more information contact 850-322-1072 or luciana@fndfl.org.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares introduced their newest Educator, Melody Allen.

Vanessa Brown- Stevenson is the Recruiter at NFCC and announced the HIT program will start again in January, and they also have an Early Childhood Educator program that is for one semester. For more information contact 850-973-9407 or brown-stevensonv@nfcc.edu.

Tiffany Similien is with 211 Big Bend and the Help Me Grow Program. 211 Big Bend offers 24 hour supportive counseling, crisis intervention, information, & referrals to human service programs. They have a Family Health Line, a Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline and a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. All lines are toll free, confidential and anonymous hotlines. 211 Big Bend offers numerous volunteer opportunities, for more information contact volunteercoord@211bigbend.org or 850-617-6309.

The Help Me Grow Program promotes healthy development for every child, birth through age eight and connects families with Community-Based Programs for developmental, behavioral, educational and health services at no cost. Most referrals come from 211 Big Bend and Medical Providers can also make referrals. For more information call 211 and ask for Help Me Grow or visit www.helpmegrowfl.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 16, 2015 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto