

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
School Board Administrative Complex
Monday, November 28, 2016

Present: Candida Akins, Sarah Bayes, Tonya Bell, Cheryl Brantley, Rhonda Brooks, Donna Hagan, Cynthia Harris, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Deborah Latson, Linda Murphy, Ashley Schemerhorn, Nichole Wilder and Tom Witt.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Healthy Start Coalition, Florida Department of Health in Taylor County, Taylor County Schools, Refuge House, Big Bend AHEC, Elder Care Services, Taylor County Recovery Center, Big Bend Community Based Care, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Tonya Bell welcomed everyone and called for approval of the minutes from the October meeting, Rhonda Brooks motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Nichole Wilder, motion carried. Tonya reminded everyone she is available to help with Florida Kid Care Applications, for more information or to make a referral contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Candida Akins is the Family Assessment Worker with Healthy Families and announced they have a position open for a Parent Educator, if anyone is interested contact Rebecca Severin at 850-948-2741. Healthy Families second annual Winter Clothing Drive will be held on December 9th at the Coalition Office, if anyone would like to participate please bring your own table, they are also in need of donations.

Rhonda Brooks is the School District's Social Worker and Homeless Liaison and reported they have approximately 75 to 78 on the Backpack Program at this time.

Tom Witt with the Department of Juvenile Justice reported they had 5 misdemeanors, 3 felonies and 14 youth on probation, 8 in a commitment program and 40 hours of community service was performed for the month of October. Tom also reported his probation officers are involved in Ethics Training working with high risk youth.

Anthony Jones with Big Bend AHEC reported they have had a 19% increase in quitting smoking and will be moving to electronic referrals. Anthony reminded everyone that services and quitting aids are free. For more information contact 850-224-1177 or ajones@bigbendahec.org.

Deborah Latson with Elder Care Services reported they are looking for senior companions age 55 and up, if you are interested in volunteering you can contact Deborah at 850-245-5923.

Cynthia Harris with Refuge House reports she is spending her time between Taylor and Madison Counties, they have seven women and two kids at the shelter and are always in need of donations. For more information contact 850-223-2355.

Khadijah Ali with The Taylor County Recovery Center reports there has been an increase in voluntary services. The Center provides services to adults and teens and accepts most insurances and Medicaid. Khadijah said they are looking to start a Support Group for Women with children and they are also looking for Mental Health Providers.

Donna Hagan announced that January is Folic Acid Awareness Month and the Coalition will be doing their Preconception Health Campaign, 400mcg is the amount of folic acid everyone woman needs to prevent birth defects. The Coalition has t-shirts to wear the day of the door to door for those who would like to participate. Donna also announced the CI&R project will be one door for women and children up to 3 years of age to come through for services and they are working on electronic referrals. Donna also reported the North Central Florida Rural Health Network will be providing a Mobile Health Unit to come out once a month to serve the uninsured. They are looking for Doctor's and Nurse's to volunteer their time and already have diagnostic equipment from a grant they received.

Ashley Schemerhorn with Big Bend Community Based Care announced they have just completed their Community Needs Assessment for 18 counties and it is available on their website at www.bigbendcbc.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 23, 2017 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto