

Jefferson Whole Child Coalition

November 29, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: Cumi Allen, Tonya Bell, Karen Cramer, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Chastity McCarthy and Jacqueline Miller.

Agencies represented: Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, Healthy Start Coalition, Magellan Complete Care, Big Bend AHEC and Capital Area Community Action Agency.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcome everyone. Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the October meeting, Karen Cramer motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Cumi Allen, motion carried.

Tonya Bell announced she is available to help with Florida Kid Care Insurance Applications, for more information or to make a referral contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Karen Cramer reported the 4th Annual My Fest Event was a great success with approximately 600 people in attendance and 22 vendors participating and there was great entertainment provided. The My Life group meets once a month at the Palmer Monroe Teen Center in Tallahassee and are always looking for guest speakers. For more information contact 850-275-1891 or krccramer@magellanhealth.com.

Chastity McCarthy is the Tobacco Prevention Specialist for the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County and reported they are preparing for the “Kick Butts Day” on March 15th. The team just wrapped up the “Great American Smoke Out” and are now working on a holiday challenge coming up “Quit Your Way” campaign. For more information contact 850-342-0170 or Chastity.McCarthy@flhealth.gov.

Cumi Allen with Healthy Start reported they just finished their prenatal class for the year with seven women. They are now working on the Christmas Connection and are in need of gifts and donations which can be dropped off at the Health Department. For more information contact 850-342-0170 or cumi.allen@flhealth.gov.

Anthony Jones with Big Bend AHEC reported a 19% increase in quitting smoking and they are going to electronic referrals statewide. Anthony said they will be holding some classes at the Health Department in the New Year, dates and times to follow.

Jacqueline Miller with Capital Area Community Action Agency is the co-facilitator of the Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead programs. They are currently in week six of the Getting Ahead Program and things are going very well, 3 out of 16 have already secured employment. There are several in the Staying Ahead Program who are now over income with full time positions and benefits. For more information contact 850-997-8231 or Jacqueline.Miller@cacaainc.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on January 24, 2017 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto