

Madison County Shared Services Meeting
Madison County Public Library
October 26, 2016

Present: Candida Akins, Craig Anderson, Tonya Bell, Juanita Edwards, Tammy Hinson, Tangela Knight, Camille Quick, Betsy Rykard, Rebecca Severin, Tiffany Similien, Alexandria Washington, Tom Witt and Betsy Wood.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Healthy Start Coalition, Florida CHAIN, Suwannee River Economic Council, Florida Department of Health in Madison, Department of Juvenile Justice, 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow, Sickle Cell Foundation and FSU Public Health Program.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the October meeting, Betsy Rykard motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Camille Quick, motion carried.

Tonya Bell announced she will be conducting women's health workshops in December and men are encouraged to attend also; more information to follow. Tonya is available to help anyone with Florida Kid Care Insurance applications. For more information contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthstartjmt.org.

Tom Witt with the Department of Juvenile Justice reported 4 misdemeanors, 4 felonies and 23 youth on probation with 9 in residential commitment programs and 45 community services hours performed.

Camille Quick with the Suwannee River Economic Council announced they have funds available to assist with electric and propane, they also have funds for home repair through the Weatherization Program. Camille stressed the importance of keeping your appointments. DCF has a staff person there every day to help with food stamp applications, and if someone has community service hours to perform they can come to the agency and they will put them to work. For more information contact 850-973-6709 or srecmad1@comcast.net.

Alexandria Washington with the Sickle Cell Foundation announced they will be holding support groups at the Library in December, dates to follow. On December 11th they will be holding a blood drive and charities celebration in Tallahassee at the Destiny Center located at 2640 Old Bainbridge Road from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

Tangela Knight with Healthy Start announced they continue to hold car seat classes the 4th Tuesday of every month at 3:30pm at the Women's Pavilion located at the Health Department.

Juanita Edwards with Florida CHAIN helps clients enroll in insurance through the Marketplace, the deadline for coverage beginning January 1st is December 15th. For more information contact Juanita.floridachain@gmail.com.

Betsy Rykard with the Tobacco Prevention Program disseminated Quit Your Way flyers and announced the next Tobacco Free Partnership meeting will be held on January 13th.

Rebecca Severin is the Program Manager of Healthy Families Seven Rivers, the 2nd Annual Winter Clothing Giveaway will be held on December 9th from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon at the Coalition Office in Greenville, if you would like to participate please bring your own table to set up. Healthy Families is looking to hire a Family Support Worker for more information or to make a referral contact 850-948-2741 or rseverin@healthystartjmt.org.

Betsy Wood is with the FSU Public Health Program, they provide support to community agencies and target rural communities. For more information contact 850-321-6792.

Alexandria Washington with the Sickle Cell Foundation spoke about Sickle Cell Disease and Trait. Sickle cell disease is a hereditary disorder of the red blood cells, a condition that affects the hemoglobin. Sickle cell anemia is linked to several health conditions such as leg ulcers, infections, anemia, organ damage, chronic pain, stroke chest pains gallstones and blood clots. 1 out of every 400 African-Americans have Sickle cell disease, the disease is not exclusive to the African-American population. Other ethnic groups such as Hispanics, Asians including India, Italians, Turks, Greeks and people of Middle Eastern descent also inherit this condition.

Sickle Cell Trait is not the disease and usually has no symptoms. 1 out of every 12 African-Americans has the trait, there are rarely any clinical problems associated with the trait, but persons that have the trait can pass the sickle cell gene onto their offspring. Since 1989 all newborns are tested for the sickle cell trait.

Alexandria reported there are 10 clients in Madison being seen regularly at this time, they conduct workshops and will do Health Fairs. They also have funds available to help clients. For more information contact 850-222-2355 or visit www.sicklecellfoundation.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 25, 2017

Minutes recorded by Rebecca Severin