

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
School Board Administrative Complex
Monday, October 24, 2016

Present: Tonya Bell, Cindy Bishop, Cheryl Brantley, Jean Drawdy, Camye Edwards, Valerie Gainous, Barbara Herring, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Deborah Latson, Kevin Ogden, Brigitte Robinson, Tiffany Similien, Betsy Stephens and Jennifer Travieso.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Department of Children & Families, Taylor County Schools, Big Bend Cares, Florida Therapy Services, Big Bend AHEC, Elder Care Services, Ability 1st, Disc Village and 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow.

Tonya Bell welcomed everyone and called for approval of the minutes from the September meeting, Tiffany Similien motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Camye Edwards, motion carried. Tonya announced her Women's Health Workshop for women ages 14 to 44 will be held on November 7th at 3:00pm at the Library. 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.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares reports they are building a new clinic in Tallahassee that will serve the entire community. The clinic is expected to open in the fall of next year.

Kevin Ogden with Ability 1st is the Program Manager for the Access to Independence Program. Kevin oversees the recruitment of volunteers to build ramps for the elderly who are disabled and the loaning of medical equipment. They also have medical disposables including incontinence supplies. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer you can contact Kevin at 850-575-9621 ext. 106 or kevinogden@ability1st.info.

Betsy Stephens is the ESC Coordinator and conducts pre-school screenings.

Anthony Jones with Big Bend AHEC reported they have the Healthy Living and Lupus Program going on at this time. They also offer Free Tobacco Cessation Classes and free replacement therapy at the Health Department the 3rd Thursday of each month. 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.

Barbara Herring with Florida Therapy Services announced they are looking for a new Therapist to serve Taylor County.

Cheryl Brantley announced they are looking for Pre-School Teachers in Steinhatchee and are serving 144 students. For more information contact 850-838-2535 or Cheryl.brantley@taylor.k12.fl.us.

Tiffany Similien is the Coordinator of the Help Me Grow Program and announced there will be a Free Developmental Screening Event on October 28th at Children's Medical Services in Tallahassee. For more information contact 850-617-6306 or tsimilien@211bigbend.org.

Cindy Bishop with the Department of Children & Families reported they have been focusing on Disaster Food Replacement due to the recent hurricanes.

Valerie Gainous with Big Bend Cares performs Free HIV/AIDS testing in Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties. For more information contact 850-510-3427 or vgainous@bigbendcares.org.

Jennifer Travieso is a Family Services Supervisor with Disc Village, a private non-profit agency that offers both substance abuse and behavioral health services. Their programs include Adult and Juvenile Outpatient Services

and Family Intervention Services. Admission is voluntary for adults and juveniles can be referred by parents, schools law enforcement or other community service providers. Fees are based on a sliding scale and assistance is available to file insurance claims. Disc Village also has the Sisters in Sobriety Program for women 18 and older with a chemical dependency.

Disc Village is co-located with Apalachee Center at 1421 Old Dixie Highway South in Perry, for more information on all of their services call 850-584-5613.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 28, 2016 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto