

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

**Present:** Candida Akins, Craig Anderson, Paula Arnold, Tonya Bell, Cindy Bishop, CeCe Ellis, Suzy Godfrey, Kevin Ogden, Tammy Hinson, Anthony Jones, Tangela Knight, Brigitte Robinson, Rebecca Severin and Tiffany Similien.

**Agencies Represented:** Healthy Families Seven Rivers, ARC Big Bend, Healthy Start Coalition, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, Department of Children & Families, Big Bend AHEC, FDLRS/Gateway, Ability 1<sup>st</sup>, Florida Department of Health in Madison, Department of Juvenile Justice, 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow and Disc Village.

**Tonya Bell** opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the August meeting, Tiffany Similien motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by CeCe Ellis, motion carried.

**Tonya Bell** announced she will be conducting women's health workshops in December; more information to follow. Tonya reminded everyone to consult the Healthy Start Coalition's calendar on the [healthystartjmt.org](http://healthystartjmt.org) website for events. Tonya is available to help anyone with Florida Kid Care Insurance applications. For more information contact 850-253-5355 or [tbell@healthystartjmt.org](mailto:tbell@healthystartjmt.org).

**Brigitte Robinson** is a Motivational Support Specialist with Disc Village, they accept referrals for substance and sexual abuse. For more information contact 850-584-5613 or [brobinson@discvillage.com](mailto:brobinson@discvillage.com).

**Candida Akins** is the new Family Assessment Worker for Healthy Families Seven Rivers and said she hopes to be an asset to the program.

**Rebecca Severin** is the Program Manager of Healthy Families Seven Rivers and said she is very excited to have Candida join the program. Healthy Families is a Child Abuse Prevention program and Rebecca reported they are fully staffed and are serving 39 families at this time with a capacity for 60. For more information or to make a referral contact 850-948-2741 or [rseverin@healthystartjmt.org](mailto:rseverin@healthystartjmt.org). Winter Clothing Giveaway will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>; more information to follow.

**Tangela Knight** is a Care Coordinator with Healthy start at the Madison County Health Department. Healthy Start hots car seat classes every fourth Tuesday. Attending this class allows for participants to purchase car seats for \$20. This includes infant, convertible and booster car seats. The Madison and Jefferson Health Departments are participating in the Stepping Coast to Coast virtual walk and the kickoff event to walk to Santa Monica, CA is October 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Lake Francis in Madison at 5:30pm.

**Kevin Ogden** with Ability 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kevinogden@ability1st.info).

**Tiffany Similien** with the 211 Big Bend Help Me Grow program disseminated flyers for free developmental screening on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> at Children's Medical Center.

**Craig Anderson** is the Juvenile Probation Office for Madison County with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

**CeCe Ellis** is the Child Find Specialist with FDLRS/Gateway and presented the steps to "The Road Through Child Find". Child Find offers information and free screening for children birth to 5 years of age who may have difficulty learning, speaking playing, seeing, hearing and walking. Child Find assists in placing children with special needs in appropriate exceptional educational programs and provides information about programs available within the community for children with special needs. For more information contact 800-227-0059 or [www.fdlrsgateway.com](http://www.fdlrsgateway.com).

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 30, 2016

Minutes recorded by Rebecca Severin