

## Jefferson Whole Child Coalition

September 27, 2016

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Candida Akins, Cumi Allen, Nan Baughman, Tonya Bell, John-Walt Boatright, Karen Cramer, Lynn Elliott, Valerie Gainous, Kim Galant, Donna Hagan, Barbara Herring, Tammy Hinson, Cindy Hutto, Sandra Porrás-Gutierrez, Rebecca Severin and Tiffany Similien.

**Agencies represented:** Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Refuge House, Healthy Start Coalition, NF Rural Healthcare Development Network, Magellan Complete Care, Big Bend Cares, Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, TATS, Florida Therapy Services, Department of Children & Families/ACCESS and 211 Big Bend Help Me Grow.

**Tonya Bell** opened the meeting and welcome everyone. Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the August meeting, Cumi Allen said an attendee's name was spelled wrong, should be Barrington. Sandy Porrás-Gutierrez motioned to approve the minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Rebecca Severin, motion carried.

**Tonya Bell** announced her Women's Health Classes for women ages 14 to 44 will begin on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Library. Also, Tonya 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](mailto:tbell@healthystartjmt.org).

**Sandy Porrás-Gutierrez** with DCF ACCESS announced she is always looking for community partners, the Quincy FarmShare event will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be free food for clients and free T-shirt and lunch provided for volunteers. For more information or if you would like to volunteer contact 850-488-0684 or [Sandra\\_porrás-gutierrez@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Sandra_porrás-gutierrez@myflfamilies.com).

**John-Walt Boatright** announced North Florida Community College will hold their Manufacturing Day & Career Expo 2016 on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Classes will begin in January for the Medical Coder/Biller Program, for more information on this program contact Takiyah Mitchell at 850-973-9478 or [randolph@nfcc.edu](mailto:randolph@nfcc.edu). John-Walt also reported the BSN Program has been approved and there will be more information to follow.

**Kim Galant** announced there will be a screening event for Leon County and surrounding areas on October 28<sup>th</sup> for children under the age of five. The screening will take place at Children's Medical Services. For more information contact 850-297-2239.

**Cumi Allen** disseminated flyers and registration forms for the "Steppin' Coast to Coast "Step Challenge. The Kick-off event will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson County Football Field before the ballgame. For more information on the Challenge contact 850-342-0170 x2061. Cumi also reported Healthy Start held a car seat event on Thursday and they gave out 20 car seats at \$20.00 each.

**Lynn Elliott** is on the Board of Directors for the Coalition and teaches an on line nursing program.

**Rebecca Severin** is the Program Manager for Healthy Families Seven Rivers and reported they are continuing to grow in their second year. They are serving 39 families at this time with capacity for 60, and they have 5 families in Jefferson County. Rebecca introduced new staff member Candida Akins.

**Candida Akins** is the new Family Assessment Worker for Healthy Families Seven Rivers.

**Cindy Hutto** announced the Coalition has a new Event Calendar on their Website, please send upcoming events to Cindy and she will post them on the calendar. Cindy encouraged everyone to visit the website at [www.healthystartjmt.org](http://www.healthystartjmt.org).

**Karen Cramer** with Magellan Complete Care reminded everyone of the Maternal & Child Health Equity Conference to be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, for more information you can contact 850-644-7029, also the My Fest event will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Kleman Plaza. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Karen at 850-275-1891 or [krccramer@magellanhealth.com](mailto:krccramer@magellanhealth.com).

**Nan Baughman** with Refuge House spoke about the CPI Project. The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides intensive support to certified domestic violence centers (such as Refuge House), Community Based Care agencies and the Department of Children & Families Offices. After years of partnership, the DCF Domestic Violence Program Office and FCADV possess a clear understanding that early involvement of domestic violence advocates in cases where child abuse and domestic violence co-occur can reduce risk to children by providing immediate resource and referral information and safety planning for the non-offending parent and their children. The ultimate goal of the CPI project is to bridge the gap between child welfare and domestic violence service providers to enhance family safety, create permanency for children, reduce removals of children from non-offending parents, and hold batterers accountable.

The co-located advocates assist CPI's and case managers in clearly identifying batterers' patterns of coercive control, gathering information to address harmful batterer behaviors, and assess the impact of that behavior on the children.

In 2015, FCADV was allocated additional funding by the Legislature to expand the CPI Project to all 67 counties. There are currently a total of 40 certified domestic violence centers that participate in in the project.

**Rebecca Severin** is the Program Manager with Healthy Families Seven Rivers. Healthy Families is a community based home visiting program proven to prevent child abuse and neglect in high-risk families. Healthy Families equips parents to overcome their challenges and provide their children with safe, nurturing experiences that promote healthy growth and development. For more information on the program or to make a referral contact Rebecca at 850-948-2741 or [rseverin@healthystartjmt.org](mailto:rseverin@healthystartjmt.org).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on October 25, 2016 at 9:30am.

*Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto*