

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
School Board Administrative Complex
Monday, September 26, 2016

Present: Cumie Allen, Candida Akins, Kathy Barrett, Sarah Bayes, Tonya Bell, John-Walt Boatright, Rhonda Brooks, Lynda Brown, Tonya Cason, Camye Edwards, Valerie Gainous, Elizabeth Gooden, Donna Hagan, Barbara Herring, Tammy Hinson, Cindy Hutto, Tangela Knight, Deborah Latson, Sue Loftis, Kristie Lutz, Shanetha Mitchell, Linda Murphy, Linda Peacock, Stephanie Pollock, Eric Scott, Shawn Seabrooks, Rebecca Severin, Tiffany Similien, Dina Snider, Betsy Stephens, Brandy Turner, Diane Whitfield and Martine Young.

Agencies Represented: Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Early Steps, Healthy Start Coalition, NF Rural Healthcare Workforce Development Network, Taylor County Schools, Big Bend Cares, Florida Therapy Services, Elder Care Services, Florida Department of Health in Madison County, Guardian Ad Litem, Alzheimer's Project, Taylor County Head Start, 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow, Refuge House and Florida Department of Health in Taylor County.

Donna Hagan welcomed everyone to the Early Steps Training and asked everyone to introduce themselves and make any announcements they may have.

Brandy Turner with Refuge House announced they will have a candle light vigil for victims on October 6th at 6:30pm at Rosehead Park.

John-Walt Boatright announced North Florida Community College will hold their Manufacturing Day & Career Expo 2016 on October 13th 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. John-Walt also reported the BSN Program has been approved and there will be more information to follow.

Stephanie Pollack is with the Alzheimer's Project and announced they meet the 4th Thursday of each month, for more information contact 850-386-2778 or stephanie@alzheimersproject.org.

Rhonda Brooks is the Homeless Liaison for Taylor County Schools and reported they have hit the ground running identifying and enrolling individuals and families who are homeless. Rhonda announced the Backpack Program will begin this Friday and they have 60 to start. For more information contact Rhonda.brooks@taylor.k12.fl.us.

Rebecca Severin is the Program Manager for Healthy Families Seven Rivers and was pleased to introduce and welcome Candida Akins who is their new Family Assessment Worker.

Eric Scott, Executive Director of Taylor County Head Start announced that on September 30th the Program will end at the Taylor County School District. A new service, Reach 1 Teach 1 will be administering the Program and Eric did not have a definite date when the new program would start and he thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Tonya Bell announced her Women's Health Classes will be starting next week, the classes are for women ages 14 to 44. 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.

Donna Hagan announced the Coalition has a vacancy for a Board Member from Taylor County, if you are interested please contact Cindy. If you have flyers continue to send them to Cindy and check out the Event Calendar on our website www.healthystartjmt.org.

Shawn Seabrooks with Early Steps provides services to infants and toddlers, age birth to 3 with developmental disabilities or delays. Shawn reviewed the referral process, the form must be filled out completely, explain in detail the reason for the referral. Shawn said that anyone can make a referral and once it is made they must make

contact within 5 days. Referral forms can be mailed or faxed to 850-921-0283 or directly to Missy Chaires at 850-921-4273. Kathy Barrett said all referrals come to her, the first appointment consists of orientation on the program, paperwork and performing some screening if needed. There is no income requirement to qualify for the program, families are not charged for any services. Kathy can be reached directly at 850-219-4277. Sue Loftis announced there will be an Early Steps Graduation ceremony complete with caps and gowns on October 8th at 3:00pm at Roberts Elementary School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 24, 2016 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto