

Jefferson Whole Child Coalition

March 28, 2017

Minutes

Members Present: Cumi Allen, Candida Akins, Nan Baughman, Pam Beck, Kathy Bland, Juanita Edwards, Donna Hagan, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Chastity McCarthy, Chelsey McCoy, Kelli Mercer, Jacqueline Miller, Claudia Machado, Karen Moon, Sandy Porras-Gutierrez, Julianne Shoup, Tarre Stanley and Andria Williams.

Agencies represented: Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Refuge House, Healthy Start Coalition, American Red Cross, USF/FLORIDA CHAIN, Big Bend AHEC, Capital Regional Medical Center Behavior Health, Capital Area Community Action Agency, MADD, Early Learning Coalition, Department of Children & Families and The Jefferson County Extension Office.

Donna Hagan welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the Coalition will be honoring families who have lost an infant in the last 25 years, quilt squares will be available to each family and then will be made into a quilt, this event will be held in October. The Coalition's 25th Anniversary is April 6th, we will celebrate the event in Jefferson County on April 25th and everyone is invited to attend this meeting and celebration.

Donna reminded everyone that Tonya Bell is still available to assist with Florida Kid Care Insurance Applications. Tonya will also be conducting a Women's Health Workshop for women 18 to 44 who are not pregnant and she is looking for guest speakers. The date is to be announced.

Pam Beck with the Department of Health announced their Heart Health Plus program and they are looking for 15 individuals who have been diagnosed with High Blood Pressure to participate. For more information contact 850-342-0170 ext. 2061 or Pam.Beck@flhealth.gov.

Chelsey McCoy with the Department of Health announced the 4th Annual Bike Rodeo for kids and adults on Friday, March 31st from 4:00 to 5:00pm at the Clifford Brown Memorial Park. Doug and Kathy Kirk collect use bikes to refurbish and give away. This year they have approximately 40 to 45 bikes and children will receive a free helmet.

Andria Williams has been a participant in the Getting Ahead Program and is now looking to secure employment in the real estate field. Andria praised the program and everyone who helped her.

Julie Shoup with the Jefferson County Extension Office disseminated brochures for the 4-H Summer Camps. They have camps for children age 7 up to 18 years of age and they have two new camps this year, Reading Makes Cents Day Camp for ages 7 to 10 and Cooking 101 Day Camp for ages 9 to 11. To register please go by the Extension Office or call 850-342-0187 and they can mail you a registration packet.

Chastity McCarthy is the Tobacco Prevention Specialist with the Florida Department of Health and announced the Tobacco Free Partnership meets once a month as does the Point of Sale Committee. The Partnership works on projects to educate the community on the hazards of tobacco. There will be a kick-off event "Tobacco Is Out Of Our League Jamboree" on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Jefferson County Recreational Park.

Kathy Bland with the American Red Cross announced they are taking requests for smoke alarms which are free and will be installed. The Pillow Case Project is a preparedness education program for children in grades 3 to 5 which teaches students about personal and family preparedness. Each student receives a pillow case to build their own personal emergency supply kit. Kathy is available for presentations, for more information contact 850-815-1460 or Kathy.Bland2@redcross.org.

Nan Baughman with Refuge House is also a co-located advocate who assists DCF CPI's and Case Managers with investigations. Nan counsels ages 13 and up and said they are trying to get a new program going at the Middle

High School. April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Nan can be reached at 850-342-3518 or NBaughman@RefugeHouse.com.

Jacqueline Miller with Capital Area Community Action Agency is the co-facilitator of the Getting Ahead and Staying Ahead programs. They are currently signing up for the Getting Ahead Program that will start in August and run for 15 weeks. Jacqueline was pleased to announce they have a new partner who is donating books and meals for the class. Mentors Training will begin on April 3rd. For more information contact 850-997-8231 or Jacqueline.Miller@cacaainc.org.

Cumi Allen with Healthy Start announced they continue to hold their Prenatal Group and Parent's as Teacher's classes and are always looking for guest speakers. Cumi announced the Knitting and Crocheting Class from the Library donated numerous blankets and hats to the Healthy Start Program which will be distributed to mothers and their infants and said the knitters are in need of yarn for projects, if you would like to donate yarn you can drop it off at the Library. For more information contact 850-342-0170 or cumi.allen@flhealth.gov.

Karen Moon with the Early Learning Coalition announced they are currently enrolling from their wait list for VPK, online applications are available. Karen disseminated brochures on their School Readiness Program, VPK and their Child Care Resource and Referral Services. For more information contact 1-866-357-3239 or www.floridaearlylearning.com.

Anthony Jones with Big Bend AHEC offers free services to quit smoking, classes are offered in Jefferson County at the Health Department the first Thursday of the month at 1:00pm and on the 3rd Tuesday at the Library at 5:00pm. For more information contact 850-224-1177 or ajones@bigbendahec.org.

Claudia Machado is with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) disseminated booklets on two programs they have, Power of Parents and Power of You(th). A fundraiser will be held on April 29th at FSU, there will be a 5K and agencies are invited to set up a table at the event. For more information contact 850-681-0061 or Claudia.machado@madd.org

Sandy Porras-Gutierrez with Department of Children & Families reminded everyone of the Farm Share event happening on April 14th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Quincy. Sandy asked everyone to please send an email if you are participating. Sandra.Porras-Gutierrez@myflfamilies.com.

Juanita Edwards is a navigator with FLORIDA CHAIN and stated that open enrollment has ended and special enrollment is underway. If anyone needs help with applications or has questions please contact 813-557-1151.

Kelli Mercer is with the Capital Regional Medical Behavior Health Unit, which has an inpatient program for ages 18 and over with private rooms and bathrooms. They have a new out-patient program that opened in November and runs Monday through Friday and they access to a psychiatrist. Assessments are free and Kelli said anyone can arrange to take a tour of the facility. They have also partnered with the Jason Foundation which is for the awareness and prevention of Youth Suicide. Curriculum and videos are offered free of charge, you can go to www.jasonfoundation.com for a detailed listing of their programs and services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on April 25, 2017 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto