

**Madison County Shared Services Meeting
Madison County Public Library
January 25, 2017**

Present: Trista Agner, Tonya Bell, LeMae DeVane, Camye Edwards, CeCe Ellis, Susie Godfrey, Cindy Hutto, Tangela Knight, Ryan Parker, Nikki Nix, Camille Quick, Paula Roberts, Betsy Rykard, Samantha Tracy, and Alexandria Washington.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Madison Youth Ranch, Big Bend Cares, FDLRS/Gateway, Ounce of Prevention, Partnership for Strong Families, Guardian ad Litem, Suwannee River Economic Council, Florida Department of Health in Madison, 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow and Sickle Cell Foundation.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the November meeting, Betsy Rykard motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Camille Quick, motion carried.

Tonya Bell announced January is Folic Acid Awareness Month, 400mcg is the amount of folic acid everyone woman needs to prevent birth defects. Tonya will be conducting Women's Health Classes in the near future, dates will follow. Tonya is available to help anyone with Florida Kid Care Insurance applications. For more information contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthstartjmt.org.

CeCe Ellis with FDLRS performs developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5. The Spring Mass Screening is coming up soon in April, flyers with dates and times will be mailed out.

LeMae DeVane is the Director of Clinical Services at the Madison Youth Ranch and announced they have several positions available. They are looking for House Parents (2 couples), a Child Care Specialist and a Licensed Clinical Therapist. LeMae disseminated the announcements to everyone and Cindy will distribute to Jefferson and Taylor Counties as well. For more information contact 850-929-3000 or Barbara.LeMaeDevane@fumch.org.

Camille Quick with the Suwannee River Economic Council announced they have funds available to assist with electric and propane, they also have funds for home repair through the Weatherization Program. Funds are available to assist with school such as gas, uniforms, also help to obtain GED's. DCF has a staff person there every day to help with food stamp applications, and if someone has community service hours to perform they can come to the agency and they will put them to work. For more information contact 850-973-6709 or srecmad1@comcast.net.

Betsy Rykard with the Tobacco Prevention Program invited everyone to become a Partnership member, the next meeting will be on March 1st at the Central School Media Center. The Department has received funds for a new program, the Healthy Heart Initiative and Betsy said they are looking for a couple of churches to partner with to promote it. Betsy brought art work created by the SWAT team regarding Quitting Smoking. For more information contact 850-973-5000.

Trista Agner announced that February 19th through the 25th is "Through with Chew Week", the SWAT team will be participating and will be at the North Florida Live Stock Show on the 21st. On March 23rd there will be a SWAT training at the Central School Media Center beginning at 3:30pm. For more information contact 850-973-5000 or Trista.Agner@flhealth.gov.

Alexandria Washington with the Sickle Cell Foundation announced they perform free screenings and workshops, for more information or to schedule contact 850-222-2355 or madison@sicklecellfoundation.org.

Tangela Knight with Healthy Start announced they hold their Parents as Teachers class once a month and their Prenatal group twice a month and are always looking for guest speakers. For more information or to volunteer contact 850-973-5000 ext. 2151.

Samantha Tracy with Partnership for Strong Families reminded everyone that at the August meeting the council voted to purchase Big Bend Transit vouchers to be distributed by Healthy Start, Healthy Families and Brehon Family Services and to allocate \$1000.00 immediately for individual assistance with a maximum of \$200.00 awarded per Madison Shared Services

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family. At this time the vouchers were distributed and 247.00 has been spent with approximately 750.00 remaining of the 1000.00 to be spent. A discussion ensued regarding different areas to spend the remaining funds. Camille Quick motioned to purchase 10 pack-n-plays and to purchase car seats with the remaining balance, seconded Tangela Knight, motion carried.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares announced the Annual AIDS Walk will be held on February 17th Cascades Park and they also have a position available. For more information contact 850-656-2437 or cedwards@bigbendcares.org.

Nikki Nix is with the Guardian Ad Litem Program, a group of volunteers who care about children. The Guardian Ad Litem (GALs) are appointed by the court to advocate for the best interest of a child who has been abused, neglected or abandoned. Volunteers are always needed and the training is free and provided in three phases. For more information on the Program and how to become a volunteer call 386-364-7720 or visit www.GuardianadLitem.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 29, 2017

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto