

Madison County Shared Services Meeting
Madison County Senior Center
March 29, 2017

Present: Trista Agner, Paula Arnold, Tonya Bell, Deborah Buie, LeMae DeVane, Camye Edwards, Juanita Edwards, CeCe Ellis, Wynton Geary, Susie Godfrey, Donna Hagan, Cindy Hutto, Karen Moon, Ruth Moore, Lori Newman, Ryan Parker, Linda Peacock, Camille Quick, Paula Roberts, and Alexandria Washington.

Agencies Represented: Florida Department of Health in Madison, The ARC Big Bend, Healthy Start Coalition, Brehon Inst., Madison Youth Ranch, Big Bend Cares, Florida CHAIN, FDLRS/Gateway, Big Bend AHEC, Ounce of Prevention, Early Learning Coalition, Madison County School District, Partnership for Strong Families, Guardian ad Litem, Suwannee River Economic Council, 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 January meeting, Ruth Moore motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by CeCe Ellis, motion carried.

Donna Hagan reminded everyone of the PFSF allocated funding to Taylor and Madison Counties for individual assistance. Taylor will be out of funding shortly and there are a couple of options to look at, if the Madison group approves (they have 753.01 left), we can transfer some of the funds into Taylor or the other option is to allocate additional funds for Taylor without pulling from Madison. There is a total of 1150.00 unallocated between the two counties, an additional 500.00 – 600.00 for the purpose of individual assistance could be allocated to Taylor. In the Taylor Meeting on Monday the Council so moved to allocate 600.00 to Taylor County and check with Madison on the remaining funds, approved. It was discussed that Madison is not using the funds as quickly as Taylor due to the fact that the Suwannee River Economic Council helps so many clients in Madison. The Madison Council so moved to allocate the \$1150.00 in total to Taylor County.

Tonya Bell reminded everyone if they have families in need of services or help with a Florida KidCare Insurance application to please refer them. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, they will have a Pinwheels for Prevention event in Taylor County. Tonya can be contacted at 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Rebecca Severin is the Program Manager for Healthy Families Seven Rivers which is a child abuse prevention program that serves prenatal up to 5 years of age. Please send referrals to 850-948-2741 or rseverin@healthystartjmt.org.

Kimberly Adams with Big Bend AHEC provides free health screenings and cooking demonstrations through their Closing the Gap grant.

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. Madison's ELC office is open on Monday's and Wednesday's, for more information contact 1-866-357-3239 or www.floridaearlylearning.com.

Ruth Moore with the Madison Youth Ranch announced they will start on two new buildings in May, they accept referrals and private placements at the Ranch. For more information contact 850-929-3000 or ruth.moore@fumch.org.

Paula Arnold with the ARC Big Bend announced they will be providing classes for students with disabilities in the summer, this will be a free 50 hour course. Students must be 15 to 21 returning to school with and IAP or 504. More information to follow.

LeMae DeVane is the Director of Clinical Services at the Madison Youth Ranch and announced they are close to hiring a therapist for the residential program and they are still looking for House Parents LeMae. For more information contact 850-929-3000 or Barbara.LemaeDevane@fumch.org.

Camille Quick with the Suwannee River Economic Council announced they are out of winter funding, the summer funding will start soon. 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.

Wynton Geary with Big Bend AHEC and the Rural Health Network reports they continue to hold their health classes and free Health Screenings along with Healthy Cooking demonstrations funded through their Closing the Gap grant. They also provide free smoking cessation classes. For more information or to have them come to your event contact 850-224-1177 or wgeary@bigbendahec.org.

Trista Agner with the Florida Department of Health announced that Healthy Start holds their prenatal classes every other Monday and the next Parents as Teachers class will be held on April 19th with both classes beginning at 10:00am. There will be a Spring Health Fair on April 29th at the Sanctuary of Praise Church in Greenville, agencies are invited to attend and they are looking for another church to participate.

Alexandria Washington with the Sickle Cell Foundation announced they perform free screenings and workshops, they also have funds available for rental assistance. For more information contact 850-222-2355 or madison@sicklecellfoundation.org.

Linda Peacock with Guardian Ad Litem reported they took kids and approximately 1000 hands they had made to the Capitol for Children's Week. They are also having a fundraiser for Summer Camp to purchase personal items the campers will need.

Deborah Buie with Brehon Institute reports they are accepting community referrals and have had some great success stories this year. For more information contact 850-673-8335.

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.

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 have gone out.

Donna Hagan 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.

Philip Wilkerson spoke about the Minority Success Program, this program aims to help students who are identified, or who may identify themselves as minority students attending NFCC to succeed at every step of their academic journey, from admission to graduation. The program offers students a network of support; focuses on academic achievement, civic engagement and personal enrichment; and encourages effective student and community mentor relationships.

Ruth Moore announced that Kiwanis has three scholarships up to \$500.00 available to seniors and Donna Hagan announced that Kiwanis is recruiting membership at this time. Membership can either be individual or corporate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 26, 2017

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto