

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
School Board Administrative Complex
Monday, January 23, 2017

Present: Sarah Bayes, Tonya Bell, Rhonda Brooks, Camye Edwards, Juanita Edwards, Danny Glover, Sharon Hathcock, Barbara Herring, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Deborah Latson, Moneak Logan, Ryan Parker, Tiffany Similien, Betsy Stephens, Michael Thompson, Samantha Tracy, Cheryl Twombly, Amanda Wander, Nichole Wilder and Martine Young.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Florida Department of Health in Taylor County, Taylor County Schools, Big Bend Cares, USF/FLORIDA CHAIN, Florida Therapy Services, Big Bend AHEC, Elder Care Services, Partnership for Strong Families, 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow, Department of Children & Families, Big Bend Community Based Care and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Tonya Bell welcomed everyone and called for approval of the minutes from the November meeting, Rhonda Brooks motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Martine Young, motion carried. Tonya reminded everyone she is available to help with Florida Kid Care Applications. Tonya is also available for speaking engagements, for more information or to make a referral contact 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Tonya also announced that January is Folic Acid Awareness Month, 400mcg is the amount of folic acid everyone woman needs to prevent birth defects.

Anthony Jones reported they are the continuing LUPUS education and are in the process of moving to a new location. Anthony reminded everyone that tobacco cessation services and quitting aids are free. For more information contact 850-224-1177 or ajones@bigbendahec.org.

Sarah Bayes with Healthy Start announced the Parents as Teachers group will meet on Thursday and the next Lunch & Learn Prenatal group will meet on February 16th. For more information contact sarah.bayes@flhealth.gov.

Martine Young with the Florida Department of Health in Taylor County announced they have partnered with the City of Perry to show movies in the park on the third Friday of each month. They will be running PSA's before the movies on various topics. The Department has received a grant to promote heart health and are looking for churches to go into and give presentations, also the next Partnership Meeting is today at 11:00am at the Health Department. For more information contact Martine.Young@flhealth.gov.

Tiffany Similien with 211 Help Me Grow announced the "Books, Balls and Blocks" Free Development Screening event to be held on March 2nd at the Taylor County Pre-K from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

Rhonda Brooks is the School District's Social Worker and Homeless Liaison and reported they have approximately 85 to 87 in the homeless program and 88 in the Backpack Program at this time and are looking to add this week.

Deborah Latson with Elder Care Services disseminated flyers on their Senior Volunteer Programs and reported they are looking for senior companions age 55 and up, if you are interested in volunteering you can contact Deborah at 850-245-5923.

Juanita Edwards is a navigator with FLORIDA CHAIN and stated that open enrollment for insurance plans will end on January 31st. If anyone needs help with applications or has questions please contact 813-557-1151.

Cheryl Twombly with the Department of Children & Families announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Betsy Stephens is the ESC Coordinator and conducts pre-school screenings.

Camye Edwards is with Big Bend Cares and covers 8 counties, they are gearing up for the Annual AIDS Walk on February 18th at Cascades Park.

Samantha Tracy with Partnership for Strong Families gave an update, of the 5000.00 budget for Madison and Taylor counties, Taylor voted to allocate 1000.00 in August for individual assistance with a maximum of \$200.00 awarded per family during the 2016-2017 year. At this time 433.00 has gone to assist individuals and 566.00 to help families, there is 2900.00 left in the budget between the 2 counties. A discussion ensued with Tonya Bell motioning to allocate 750.00 for the April Pinwheels for Prevention/Fun Festival, seconded by Rhonda Brooks, motion carried.

Danny Glover the new District School Superintendent introduced Michael Thompson, Sharon Hathcock and Rhonda Brooks. The group presented a very informative PowerPoint presentation on Chronic Absenteeism and the Homeless which is attached.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 27, 2017 at 9:30am.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto