

Madison County Shared Services Meeting
Madison County Senior Center
April 26, 2017

Present: Kimberly Adams, Trista Agner, Chad Arnold, Pam Beck, Tonya Bell, Glenda Branch, Lydia Bush, Camye Edwards, Juanita Edwards, CeCe Ellis, Beverly Fountain, Wynton Geary, Susie Godfrey, Donna Hagan, Diane Head, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Tangela Knight, Ronnie Lovler, Chelsey McCoy, Melva Morfaw, Lori Newman, Paula Roberts, and Samantha Tracy.

Agencies Represented: Florida Department of Health in Madison, Kids Inc., Healthy Start Coalition, Career Source of North Florida, Shepherd's Hands, Big Bend Cares, USF, FDLRS/Gateway, Southern Regional AHEC, Big Bend AHEC, Ounce of Prevention, Madison County School District, Big Bend/Help Me Grow and Partnership for Strong Families.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Tonya called for approval of the minutes of the March meeting, Samantha Tracy motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Susie Godfrey, motion carried.

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, the Pinwheels for Prevention Taylor Fun Festival will be on Saturday from 10:00am to Noon at the park, and everyone is invited to attend. Tonya announced she has some Show Your Love events coming up, date and time to be announced later. Tonya can be contacted at 850-253-5355 or tbell@healthystartjmt.org.

Cece Ellis with FDLRS performs developmental screenings for children ages 3 to 5. The Spring Mass Screening is underway.

Samantha Tracy with Partnership for Strong Families announced that May is National Foster Care Month and they are looking for venues to speak at such as clubs and churches to recruit foster parents. Samantha can be reached at 352-244-1626 or Samantha.tracy@pfsf.org.

Diane Head with Career Source North Florida disseminated flyers for two Career Fairs. Pilgrim's Pride will hold theirs on May 6th and Nestle Waters on May 25th. For more information contact 850-973-9675 or visit www.careersourcenorthflorida.com.

Kimberly Adams with Big Bend AHEC provides free health screenings, cooking demonstrations and health education classes through their Closing the Gap grant. Kimberly can be reached at 850-673-9905 or sharitakim@gmail.com.

Chad Arnold with Kids Inc. announced they will be having Kids Fest on May 6th at Cascades Park from 10:00am to 3:00pm, this event is free to the public. Chad also said Bright Days in Madison is accepting applications for children 6 weeks to 2 1/2 years.

Chelsey McCoy with the Florida Department of Health in Madison announced there will be a CHIP meeting after Shared Services. There will be a Community Health Fair held on Saturday at Sanctuary of Praise Church in Greenville.

Pam Beck with the Florida Department of Health in Madison announced they will be conducting a Community Health Assessment over the summer and will be partnering with the Hospital. A Health Summit will be held on June 7th, there will be more information to follow.

Trista Agner with the Florida Department of Health in Madison reported they have just finished with the Down Home Days event which was a great success.

Lydia Bush and Melva Morfaw are with Shepherd's Hands of Suwannee Valley, Inc., a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. Shepherd's Hands provides free medical health care to people 18 to 64 years of age who are without health insurance and whose income is up to 200% of the poverty level. The next free clinic in Madison will be held on May 23rd at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Lydia reported they served 125 patients this past year and have repeat patients. Melva said they have Doctors, nurses and PA's and with grant funds they

have purchased and MRI along with other machines and are waiting on a portable x-ray. For more information contact 386-362-8737 or 850-973-8338.

Ronnie Lovler with Suwannee River AHEC is a Spanish speaking Navigator for the Affordable Care Act. Ronnie can be reached at 386-292-2947 or rlowler@srahec.org.

Beverly Fountain is also a Navigator with Suwannee River AHEC and serves Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee counties. Beverly can be reached at 386-249-4260 or bfountain@srahec.org.

Anthony Jones with Big Bend AHEC provides free Cessation classes at the hospital on the second Monday of each month. For more information contact ajones@bigbendahec.org.

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.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares reported they are building a new clinic which will open in September of this year. The new clinic will employ approximately 75 and will have a pharmacy, dental office and laboratory.

Samantha Tracy with Partnership for Strong Families reported the budget for individual assistance in Madison started with \$1000.00, \$246.99 has been spent leaving a balance of \$753.00. These funds can be spent for utilities, rental assistance with a limit of \$200.00 per client per year. Ideas on how to spend the remaining funds were discussed, possibly clothing for the homeless, books, backpacks, sheets and towels. Cindy will send the request for funds form out. Pac-n-Plays are available at the Health Department and Samantha announced she will be at the Children's Fun Festival in Taylor County on Saturday giving away free child safety items. Samantha can be reached at Samantha.tracy@pfsf.org.

Donna Hagan gave a brief update on Healthy Start and its programs which is attached.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 24, 2017

Minutes recorded by Cindy Hutto