

Jefferson WC Coalition Meeting

RJ Bailar Public Library

9/26/2017

Present: Kimberly Adams, Cumie Allen, Tonya Bell, Nan Baughman, Michael Byrd, Gloria Cox, Juanita Edwards, Amber Freeman, Terry Giles, Felicia Gilyard, Donna Hagan, Cindy Hutto, Danielle Jennings, Anthony Jones, Claudia Machado, Kelli Mercer, Sandra Porrás-Gutierrez, Anne Robinson, Raymond Scarola, Sharita Scott, Julianne Shoup, Delphine Simpkins-Hill and Melissa Watson.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, Refuge House, Department of Juvenile Justice, Jefferson County Schools/Somerset, USF, Help Me Grow, Disc Village, Big Bend Cares, FDLRS/Child Find, Big Bend AHEC, MADD, Capital Regional Medical Center Behavior Health, DCF/ACCESS, CACAA, Jefferson County Extension Office, and Simpkins Financial Group.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Top 4 Needs/Gaps in Resources Identified by Coalition Members:

1. Donna Hagan noted that the Legislative Delegation meeting had not yet been set for Jefferson County; the Coalition will send out information when available. Healthy Start statewide is requesting a funding allocation for implementation of its new home visiting model.
 2. Capital Area Community Action Agency (CACAA) reported that the *Getting Ahead* classes would be resuming in Jefferson County and Melissa Watson will be reaching out to the mentors. CACAA also reported the number one unmet need for Head Start enrollees is transportation. There is currently no bus service within the district for Head Start.
 3. Kelli Mercer from Capital Regional Medical Center, Behavioral Health reported that the mental health community for the Big Bend has developed a Central Receiving Partnership for all Baker-Act clients at Apalachee Center in Tallahassee.
 4. Sharita Scott with the Jefferson County Schools/Somerset reported the athletic department is in need of equipment and donations.
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