

**Taylor County Shared Services Meeting  
District School Board Meeting Room  
10/23/2017**

**Present:** Sarah Bayes, Tonya Bell, Eddie Cullaro, Juanita Edwards, Vallerie Freeman, Donna Hagan, Dawna Haswell, Cindy Hutto, Anthony Jones, Deborah Latson, Linda Murphy, Ryan Parker, Joy Rhodes, Paula Roberts, Eric Scott, Nita Scott, Samantha Tracy, Nichole Wilder and Tom Witt.

**Agencies Represented:** Florida Department of Health in Taylor, Healthy Start Coalition, Big Bend AHEC, USF, Guardian A Litem, A New Dawn A New Beginning MH Counseling, Elder Care Services, Partnership for Strong Families, Department of Children & Families, 211 Big Bend/Help Me Grow, and Department of Juvenile Justice.

**Tonya Bell** opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Tonya will be conducting a door to door campaign following next month's meeting, everyone is invited to participate or if you have information you would like disbursed please bring it to the meeting.

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

1. Donna Hagan noted Healthy Start statewide has requested 12 million from the Legislature for implementation of its new home visiting model.
2. Joy Rhodes is with the Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office and is responsible for Licensure Services for facilities in circuits 3 & 8. Joy reported we are in an Opioid Crisis with Taylor County having a problem with both pills and meth.
3. Taylor County is in need of Foster Parents, Samantha Tracy with PFSF would love to come and talk with agencies, churches and civic organizations. Please refer.
4. The Coalition will be holding a Cultural Competency Training with Dr. Monica Hayes of FAMU on January 31<sup>st</sup> in Madison, everyone is invited to attend.

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**Children's Partnership Council**

Samantha Tracy reported the Partnership has already voted to allocate \$1500.00 for individual assistance to clients. The Partnership supports Child Abuse Prevention Month with free items and this year they will be giving away potty training chairs, last year the partnership allocated \$750.00, Donna Hagan motioned to stay with the same budget of \$750.00 as last year, seconded by Nichole Wilder, motion carried.