

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting

October 26, 2020

Present: Kristen Aguirre, Tonya Bell, Sarah Bayes, Jennie Brock, Luciana Brown, Jacob Clore, Kenyatta Colvin, Camye Edwards, Amber Freeman, Donna Hagan, Cindy Hutto, Artaveya Ingram, Deborah Latson, Kristie Lutz, Beverly Mann, Linda Murphy, Debbie Saenz, Brandi Turner, Amy Webb and Ambreia Young.

Agencies Represented: Children's Medical Services/Florida Department of Health, Sunshine, Healthy Start Coalition, Elder Care Services, Big Bend Community Based Care, Florida Department of Health Taylor County, Career Source of North Florida, Refuge House, Parents offering Parents Information and Networking (POPIN).

Donna welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves and state what agency they were with and make any announcements.

Amy Webb with CareerSource North Florida reported they have a mobile unit in Perry on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday located at the Big Bend Technical Center, the hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm. They will hold a Job Fair on November 18th, this will be open to veterans first and then the community. The agency offers a variety of virtual classes and assistance in many areas, please visit their website for more information at CareerSource North Florida.

Brandi Turner with Refuge House reported she is in the office Monday through Wednesday and seeing clients via ZOOM and talking over the phone. Brandi is also conducting training on Human Trafficking, if you would like to schedule a training, you may contact Brandi at bturner@refugehouse.com

Kristie Lutz with Healthy Start reported they are getting back to business as usual seeing clients face to face with limited home visits and said clients are very receptive to services.

Luciana Brown with POPIN reported they are conducting meetings via ZOOM and workshops on Facebook and online Resource Fairs county by county. For more information contact 850-320-7267, Luciana@fndfl.org.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares & CarePoint provides HIV Education and introduced Kenyatta Colvin who is in the Taylor County Office. They are partnering with local churches to get the information out with bags of incentives and essential items. They also offer free home testing kits. Kenyatta can be reached at 850-510-9343 and Camye at 850-656-2437 x238.

Jacob Clore with Partnership for Strong Families reported the Partnership Council allocated \$1500.00 to individual assistance in August with only \$65.00 spent to date. The limit per family is \$200.00 per year. There are also pack-n-plays at the Health Department. Jacob also stated they are in need of Foster Parents; there has been an increase in calls to DCF and children taken from parents.

Tonya Bell reported she has been out in the community promoting Connect, Healthy Start, Kid Care Insurance and Safe Sleep for the month.

Strategic Planning-Breastfeeding

Donna presented a brief one-pager on breastfeeding statistics, from the Coalition's Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment, as well as an infographic recapping the Social Determinants of Health. Donna reminded members the Coalition was in the middle of the planning phase for the next Service Delivery Plan, and all elements will be developed around the framework of the Social Determinants of Health. The significant racial disparity in breastfeeding initiation rates were discussed at length and members were given the opportunity to provide feedback as to potential strategies that may result in increased breastfeeding initiation for black women in JMT. So far the strategies solicited include:

1. Virtual peer support groups, led by Kristin Reshard, who provided her personal story during August Black Breastfeeding week
2. Promotion of free, Certified Lactation Counselor services within the Healthy Start service provider framework
3. More community education on the benefits of breastfeeding, targeting African American women (door to door campaigns, billboards, materials)

