

Madison Shared Services Meeting

May 25, 2022

ZOOM

Present: Tonya Bell, Donna Hagan, Lizz Schmidt, Cindy Hutto, Brandi Turner, Laura Blue, Wendi Blanton, Tracy Gallon, Trish Blair, Amber Freeman, Amanda Ballenger, Lerena Fleck, Emily Calvin, Asheena Moses, Lorri Swafford, Laura Klock, Jacob Clore, Shanae Pritchett, Yolanda Gillette, Charlie Jackson, Carissa Pepera, Ambria Young, Tevis Page, Cumi Allen, Pamela Moore, Merv Mattair, Chelsea McCoy, Camye Edwards, Karen Nazworth, Susan Loftis, Robert Walker, Shanetha Mitchell, Brent Couch, Carissa Pepera, Coach Merv Mattair

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Big Bend Cares, FSU CARD, Florida Impact to End Hunger, Big Bend AHEC, Kids Incorporated, 211 Big Bend, N. FL Career Source, FDLRS Child Find Services, Disc Village, Whole Child Leon, Early Learning Coalition Big Bend, Boyz to Kingz, Three Rivers Legal Services, Madison County Health Department, Partnership for Strong Families, and Refuge House.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Asheena Moses with FITEH – No Kids Hungry, ran a Food Access Coalition in Madison last June. They had members of the community for focus groups, many different topics. They wish to continue working with Madison. Continue to connect organizations with Second Harvest.

Wendi Blanton of Kids Inc. advised that it is open enrollment for all 3 counties for Early Head Start. There are slots available for August in Jefferson County.

Patricia Blair with the Madison County Dept of Health said that they are offering Heart Health classes in Madison County at the library on the last Monday of the month from 2 – 4 PM. They do screenings for cholesterol, glucose, and blood pressure. They also teach classes for Senior Citizens. If anyone needs a class reach out to her. Trying to get our residents heart healthy.

Amber Freeman with Help Me Grow said that for ages 0 – 8 they offer free screenings for kids. On June 10th they will be offering free screenings in Leon County. Early Steps and other agencies will be there as well. Email her if you have families that you want to refer.

Elizabeth Schmidt of Healthy Start Coalition reminded everyone that the Connect survey ends on May 31st. Shared the survey on Facebook as well. She is trying to get a better grasp of people's understanding of our Connect program.

Brandi Turner of Healthy Families Sever Rivers reminded everyone that they are always looking for referrals. Anyone that is pregnant or the child is up to 3 months old. It may take 3 months to get people in and if anyone can send referrals sooner that would be great.

Donna Hagan with Healthy Start Coalition is interested in moving our meetings back to face to face instead of virtual.

Lerena Fleck with FSU Card talked about the summer institute since it will be virtual this year. Three days of three different speakers. Amazing resource, free to everyone in Florida. You can earn In Service points for free. She told us that 1 in 44 children have autism. Children can be screened at the age of 6 months. Average rate is 4 to 6 years. Parents can screen their own children online for free.

Karen Nazworth said that she is brand new Big Bend AHEC as the Tobacco Cessation Coordinator.

Yolanda Gillette – Big Bend AHEC Outreach Manager said to look online to see when the virtual Tobacco Cessation class will be held. She is looking for other counties to hold these classes too. Also started holding Spanish speaking Tobacco Cessation classes. She also reminded everyone that it is now time for Special Enrollment for OBAMACare. Big Bend AHEC is holding their 6 weeks diabetes classes begins July 5th. Looking for a host site in Madison County. She also told us that Big Bend AHEC is facilitating a Financial Literacy Class for adults and children in Madison County – only takes 1 hour. Facilitator is a FAMU professor.

Chelsea McCoy with the FL Dept of Health in Madison and Jefferson. She is currently the disease program manager. They have a survey directly related to food insecurities. Hoping to get 250 people in Madison and 250 people in Jefferson County. They will also have a Healthy Lifestyle Camp.

Laura Klock with FDLRS NEFEC. She is looking for more screenings 3 – 5 years of age in Madison

Ambreia Young with Big Bend AHEC told us about the free Tobacco Cessation classes that will happen next Monday. Free diabetes classes as well. Tobacco Cessation classes are virtual next Friday. Also June 18th at 9:30 AM virtual and an in person class on Monday, June 14th at 5:30 PM at the Madison Medicaid Center.

Charlie Jackson with Whole Child Leon advised that she is Regional Advocate for the Open Doors program. They cover 8 counties in the Big Bend. Increase community awareness of Open Doors. Can go out in the community to do educational awareness. Provide trauma informed care for victims of provide Sexual Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation. Also high risk behavior. Free counseling sessions with survival mentor. They also have a housing assistance grant. They can provide payments for up to a year for Trafficking victims. She also spoke about the community events of Teen Summits, workshops. She is available to do community events to educate people about the signs of trafficking.

Tevis Page is the Childcare Coordinator for Early Learning Center Big Bend told us about the Community Research Fair (virtual). Raising the Roof event to provide resources. She also spoke of the ELC Run on June 10th, it is a race for literacy.

Carissa Pepera with the Madison County Health Dept. Told us about the Healthy Living Summer Camp and the Tobacco Free Partnership in Madison on June 20 at 3:30 PM.

Coach Merv is the CEO of the Boyz to Kingz organization. He told us that they want to raise the roof around fatherhood with young men ages 6 – 18. They take pride in uplifting the men and the good that they do in the community. They meet with the boys once a week and the parents meet once a month. He also told us about the website www.heylyrics.com. It gives love to the men who are trying through book writing.

Cumi Allen is the Program Manager for Healthy Start in Madison and Jefferson County. Starting a new prenatal group in July. Fathers will be joining the women in this class. She also told us that Tangela Knight will be leaving on June 8th.

Pamela Moore is the Domestic Violence and Child Care Advocate for the Refuge House. They are down SV advocates due to retirements. They hope to fill these positions soon since she is the only one in the office at this time. She has been doing community outreaches in Madison and Taylor Counties. She also told us that they have moved to a new building in Madison.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares Leon County told us that they are hosting an event National HIV AIDS testing day on Jun 27th. On June 23rd there will be an outdoor event from 10 AM to 2 PM and you will need to provide your own tables and chairs, tent. Geared towards the homeless transitioning population of 100 residents in the complex. There will also be Farm Share at that same time as well as a clothing give away.

Brent Couch with Simply Healthcare. Provide Medicaid and provide for Healthy Kids. He spoke about the Medicaid freeze on the recertification process. You could lose coverage if you are not able to recertify. They are sponsoring a National HIV Testing on June 27th from 6 – 10 in Leon County. Medicaid can pay up to \$200 for swimming lessons. Also eligible for \$50 reimbursement for camps. They also offer a free book subscription for the summer. They can choose up to 12 books to read from the catalog, age appropriate.

Susan Loftis spoke about the Family Involvement Fund, to send parents to conferences for Autism. Family Café available to families too. Any kind of conference where they learn they can apply through Early Steps.

Shanetha Mitchell with FL Dept of Health Madison and Jefferson County. She is the Minority Health Coordinator. They have collected approximately 220 surveys in Madison. Survey includes health, COVID 19, food access and nutrition, housing and mental health, and substance abuse.

Robert Walker with the Early Learning Center said that they are enrolling from the childcare waiting list. VPK is going strong. Enrollment process is the same. Any customers that need to transfer they will have to reenroll, not another

application. Funding is available for services. The contract process starts July 1st. Headstart is doing a test for Leon County. If this is successful they will open up to other counties for childcare. Criteria is still 10 hours of school and 20 hours of work per week.

Amanda Ballenger with N. FL Career Source spoke of the increase of job fairs. Job seekers are starting to come in slowly but surely. Summer Youth Education Program (SYP) is kicking off, our third year. It allows children ages 13 and up to attend SYP classes to learn skills. This covers 6 counties.

Jacob Clore with Partnership for Strong Families advised us that they serve 13 counties. He also said that they do prevention efforts as well. As of Jan 1st Madison County has not had any child removals from their home. He told us that there is \$5,000 that they can put towards initiatives for healthy families. He also advised of the following funds that need to be used before the end of the fiscal year, June 30th.

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Madison Individual Assistance	\$1,100	\$800
Madison Pack N Plays	\$548.80	\$548.80
Total	<u>\$4548.80</u>	<u>\$4428.80</u>
Remaining	\$451.20	\$751.20

Notes taken by Laura Blue