

Taylor County Shared Services Meeting

Via ZOOM

May 23, 2022

Present:

Tonya Bell, Cindy Hutto, Debbie Saenz, Amber Freeman, Yolanda Gillette, Jacob Clore, Camye Edwards, Kobatha Vaughn, Melanie Southerland, Asheena Moses, Sarah Parker Pike, Tevis Page, Maria Monroe, Susan Loftis, Martine Young, Hannah Smyrnios, Allison Leatzow, Emily Kohler and Cheryl Twombly.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Big Bend AHEC, Big Bend 211, Children's Medical Services, Taylor Co. Health Dept., Northwest Florida Health Network, Big Bend Cares, Early Steps, Partnership for Strong Families, Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Early Learning Coalition, Florida Impact to end Hunger, Early Steps, Early Head Start, Department of Children & Families, FSU Center for Autism, and UF/IFAS.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Jacob Clore with Partnership for Strong Families advised of funding to JMT. They also provide training classes on Adoption and Foster Care throughout the year. They have had 14 removals from January to May due to substance abuse and inadequate supervision. Jacob advised there is \$300.00 left for child safety items that has not been spent, Tonya motioned to move the \$300.00 to individual assistance seconded by Cindy Hutto, motion carried.

Tonya Bell announced the Coalition is recruiting for a Board Member; please submit your nomination to Donna or Cindy by June 30th. dhagan@healthystartjmt.org or cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org. The CONNECT survey will close on May 31st, there will be drawings for prizes, please follow us on Facebook.

Melanie Southerland with the Extension Office announced they will conduct online Nutrition classes over the summer, they will also have a Culinary Camp the second week in June. Flyers to follow.

Yolanda Gillette with Big Bend AHEC said they offer virtual and in person classes for Tobacco Cessation. They are also offering Diabetes and Financial Literacy classes and can conduct Spanish classes.

Martine Young with the Florida Department of Health reports they are no longer offering drive up services or Covid shots at the clinic.

Cheryl Twombly with DCF announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. In addition, the 988 Suicide Helpline is expected to go live around July 16th, more info to follow.

The next Taylor County Shared Services meeting is August 29, 2022.

Notes taken by Cindy Hutto

