

**Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
District School Board Meeting Room
March 27, 2023**

Present:

Cindy Hutto, Laura Blue, Tonya Bell, Gabrielle Aboki, Kristen Aguire, Sarah Bayes, Rhonda Brooks, Melissa Cephus, Jacob Clore, Camye Edwards, Katrina Fillyaw, Meagan Fornero, Debbie Hill, Lisa Hill Boatwright, Tonya Hobby, Jabrika Morris, Bibi Ramos, Janie Register, Kohatha Vaughn, Martine Young, Chris Olson, and Arneashia Stephens.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Big Bend AHEC, Taylor Co. Health Dept., Taylor Co. School District, Partnership for Strong Families, Big Bend Cares, Brehon Institute, Battlefront, Early Head Start Family Advocate, Northwest Florida Health Network, FDLRS – Miccosukee, and Head Start.

Cindy Hutto opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Martine Young with Taylor County Health Department reported that they are hosting a Baby and Child Sitter Safety Class at the Florida Department of Health in Taylor County, on April 10 from 9 AM to 3 PM. There are 10 open spots, and you need to pre-register at a \$30 per participant cost.

Lisa Hill Boatwright with Battlefront Education and Wellness informed us that they are having a Fatherhood Flag Football game on April 22nd in Madison at Lanier Field and another game in Perry at TCHS Football Field on May 13th at 3 PM. They are partnering with Merv Mattair for the Fatherhood initiative.

Janie Register of FDLRS reported that they are offering developmental screenings.

Jacob Clore with Partnership for Strong Families advised that since the beginning of the year until now there have been 5 children removed from their homes in Taylor County. All but one of them was due to substance abuse. He also reported that PFSF is offering an upcoming virtual Fostering/Adoption Training Class, biweekly Saturdays beginning June 3rd through July 29th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Registration begins April 10th. See their Facebook website for more information.

Kristen Aguire with Big Bend AHEC told us that this is the last week they will be giving gift cards for completing the Smoking Cessation class. On April 1st they will be offering COVID vaccines/boosters. For anyone that gets a vaccination they are offering a \$50 gift card. She also let us know that they can assist with special enrollment for Navigator insurance.

Rhonda Brooks with the Taylor County Schools advised that through the Homeless Education Program they have 120/121 homeless students in Taylor County.

Camye Edwards with Big Bend Cares said that they are offering STD screenings and provide free condoms to programs that can give them out. She also told us that they can provide free HIV kits (mouth swab) so that someone can test in the privacy of their home to see if they have HIV.

Tonya Bell advised the Taylor County Shared Services scheduled for May 22nd will be replaced by a drive through event in conjunction with the food distribution.

Notes taken by Laura Blue