

Palm Beach County Coalition for Children
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Introductions/Attendance:

- 23 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Jennifer Schneider (Children's Home Society); Jack Holcomb (Child Advocacy Board), Samantha Corrington (United Way); Barbara Hernandez (Center for Family Services); Emily Katzen (Jewish Family & Children Service); Paula Brothers, Nikole Bailey, Tamika Williams, Seth Bernstein, and John Garbarino (Health Care District); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia Hospital); Susan Schwartz (National Council of Jewish Women); Mike VanWagoner (Kids in Distress); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools); Christine vonBallmoos (Parent Child Center); Millie Barber (Youth Caregivers Project)
- **GUESTS:** Deneen Schexnider (Community Action); Bennie Drain and Larry Woods (Prime Time); Jeannie Hoban (FL Council Against Domestic Violence); Jeri Posner (Heathese); Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC of the Palm Beaches)
- Jennifer Schneider – Vice President – facilitated today's meeting and started with a review of the PBCCC mission.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- There were no previously submitted corrections/revisions for January minutes, so they were automatically approved.
- Minutes are posted on our website www.childrenpbc.org within 7 days after the meeting. Corrections should be forwarded to Araasch@camelotcommuitycare.org in advance of the next meeting.

General Business:

Membership

- We currently have 36 agency and 17 individual memberships.
- Membership dues for currently UNPAID members received now through May 31 are for FY 07-08 and entitle them to vote during June elections. Dues for FY 08-09 will be accepted starting June 1st.
- All other members can submit dues for FY 08-09 from this point forward. Dues are due for FY 08-09 by June 30.

Treasurer's Report

- Our current checking account balance is \$6,907.48.
- Funds are coming in for TAK sponsorship

Nominations

- To prepare for June board elections, Eva will be asking for 3 general member volunteers to head the Nominations Committee. This committee is responsible for coordinating the voting process, including tallying votes and announcing winners. Andrea will provide all necessary documentation and information that is

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needed. Volunteers are encouraged, but Eva can appoint. It is an easy task. If you are interested, please get in touch with Eva.

- Andrea distributed a Board Election Interest sheet for anyone interested in running for the following available Board positions: President, Treasurer, 4 General Board Members from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010. If you are interested, please get in touch with Andrea.

CAB/PBCCC Status

- Eva added an agenda item to clarify expectations for moving forward with possible joining of two groups. A committee will be meeting to come up with a proposal for recommendations regarding CAB and PBCCC. This will be presented to the CAB and PBCCC Boards in April to make final decisions. It is expected that by May, we will have an idea as to the final outcome so that we can proceed with Board Elections that combine members from both groups as needed.
- It was clarified that the general vision is to keep PBCCC as it is with CAB members joining our team and becoming a major part of our Advocacy Committee.

CAB

- *One Child at a Time* luncheon will be 4/24/08 at the Crowne Plaza. Jack still has a few slots for agency presenters. Please RSVP your intent by 4/18.
- PBCCC will nominate someone. Please forward any ideas to Eva.
- Contact Jack with questions: jholcomb@pbccgov.com

Committee Reports:

Turn Around Kids:

- All relevant TAK forms have been distributed in the community and are available on our website.
- Members can register for the luncheon on the website.
- Overall, we are doing well with sponsorships but still need additional funds. Organizations can pay for registration costs as a form of sponsorship.
- The committee is still in need of contributions for 25-30 goodie bags. Items must be received by 3/12 (Tamika or Paula).
- Next meetings will be 3/5 and 3/12 from 2-4 at HCD and 3/19 from 11-1.
- Past Presidents of PBCJA/PBCCC will be in attendance to celebrate the 20th annual event.
- Nomination deadline has been extended to 3/7.
- Scholarship committee has received 5 applications from which they will select winners in the coming weeks. Jennifer S. to confirm if one of the applications was submitted by CHS as we are not sure.

Education & Training

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- Working on a 6 month agency/system presentation schedule. System trainings will be DJJ and Foster Care. Agency presentations were suggested to be from CAB member organizations.
- *Joining Hands* conference 2009 will need to begin planning soon.
- Speed Networking event will be held during the summer.

Advocacy

- Working on bringing to public attention the needs and issues of kids who are aging out of foster care and kids in group foster care shelters
- Follow up TCPHS meeting with their Administration on 3/10
- Working on teen discussion videos
- Will be planning teen forum to ask candidates questions that are relevant to youth
- Someone mentioned that CFC has flex funds that can be used for foster care children to purchase certain items

Marketing

- Working on diversifying and increasing membership
- Generating new ideas for raffle and ice-breaker activities
- Exploring promotional materials
- Will make presentations at local agencies
- Will plan quarterly networking events

Systems Presentation

- DJJ was on the roster to present today, but will be rescheduled.

Announcements/Agency Time:

- United Way – STARS conference 3/1 for parents of students with disabilities. This is its 3rd year. On-line registration at www.unitedwaypbcc.org or call 375-6600. A Character Counts Coordinator was hired this week.
- CFS – Jeannie resigned as FAST Coordinator. Barbara Hernandez will be the new Coordinator. Jeannie has accepted a position as Statewide Fatality Review Team Coordinator with the FCADV (FL Council Against Domestic Violence)
- Barry – Barry is having an information session 2/28 for their master's programs.
- Community Action Program – Designated VITA site. Call 355-4792.
- PBC Infant Mental Health Association – meeting monthly to look at gaps in the foster care system for 0-5. Next meeting 3/10 at PBCC>
- NCJW – program that shows videos in the school in healthy relationships. Call Susan @ 966-2436
- AEYC (Association for the Education of Young Children) – 3/17 event at PBCC from 9-1 for activities that build young children's brains. 868-3676
- Youth Caregivers Project – Millie Barber will now be attending PBCC meetings for Karen.

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- MISC – There is a local planning team that is addressing child abuse prevention and permanency in our district. If you are passionate about these issues, please get involved.
- This month's Einstein's Bagels Gift Certificate raffle went to Jeri Posner with Healthease for being on time to today's meeting. Congratulations!

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 19th @ 9-11 at Boys Town.