



**Palm Beach County Coalition for Children**  
**January 16, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

**Introductions/Attendance:**

- 24 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Jennifer Schneider (Children's Home Society); Jack Holcomb (Child Advocacy Board), Sharon Carswell (Boys Town); Jeanned' Arc Tousignant (Families First); Samantha Corrington (United Way); Feirmon Johnson (DJJ); Jeannie Hoban (Center for Family Services); Jennifer Melvin (Hearts & Hope); Emily Katzen (Jewish Family & Children Service); Paula Brothers, Nikole Bethel, Tamika Williams, Seth Bernstein, and John Garbarino (Health Care District); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia Hospital); Amber Estok (AVDA); Toby Chabon Berger (National Council of Jewish Women); Christine vonBallmoos (Parent Child Center); Stephanie Ritland (Substance Abuse and Mental Health)
- **GUESTS:** Maureen Perrault (Community Action); Bennie Drain (Prime Time); and Hazel Lucas (FL Rural Legal Services)

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

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

**General Business:**

*Membership*

- Our newest agency member is National Council of Jewish Women.
- We currently have 36 agency and 17 individual memberships.
- Membership dues will be due June 30, 2008. You can access the brochure and membership application on our website. Please note that only paid members can vote and we have Board elections June 18. Get your dues in early!

*Treasurer's Report*

- Our current checking account balance is \$5,154.26. We had to pay our accountant an extra \$200 as she joined a firm.
- Jack has found someone who will do our accounting for \$450 less than our current accountant is charging. The group voted to move forward with this arrangement.

*PBCCC & CAB Presentations*

- Power Point presentation was shown to introduce PBCCC activities and to highlight opportunities for active participation. In addition, the year's accomplishments were reviewed. Members suggested we make this a yearly presentation

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- Power Point presentation was shown to introduce CAB with regard to their history and accomplishments.
- Both Power Point slides will be placed on our website for viewing.
- There was clarification regarding the status of PBCCC and CAB potentially joining. At this time, PBCCC will maintain our meeting structure. CAB members will attend in order to make determinations as to whether or not they believe they can fit into our structure. PBCCC and CAB will have separate meetings in May to see if each group is interesting in moving forward with joining forces. If they are, Board elections will be open to members from both groups.
- Questions were raised regarding how this joining might impact financial issues. CAB stated we will remain PBCCC and they may roll their \$1000 into our account – possibly earmarking the funds to a particular activity or item.
- The committee who originally met in November to discuss the details of the joining will meet in April to revisit the status. Something to consider is how the county who has always designated manpower resources to CAB will respond to this potential joining. It was recommended that PBCCC Board members be represented during April's meeting.

*CAB*

- CAB's *One Child at a Time* luncheon will be 4/24/08 at the Crowne Plaza. Jack is looking for agency presenters. They will be allotted 3 minutes to recognize someone from their agency who has made a contribution toward children in our community. Usually the agency who nominates someone pays for a plaque or gift for the nominee. Some agencies purchase a table for the event (10 to a table = \$250)
- PBCCC will nominate someone and will have a table.
- Prime Time coordinates with their after school programs to provide centerpieces for the event.
- Get with Jack if you want to participate: [jholcomb@pbcgov.org](mailto:jholcomb@pbcgov.org)

**Committee Reports:**

*Turn Around Kids:*

- Nomination packets, Scholarship packets, and Sponsorship information has been distributed.
- The committee is in need of contributions for goodie bags and award items. Those may include gift certificates or other tangible goods and should be relevant for ages 16-22.
- Registration for the event should be ready for distribution in two weeks.
- Our budget indicates that we need \$5500 in sponsorship. PBSO has given a verbal commitment at this time, but nothing else has been confirmed. Our cost for lunch is \$23 and we are only charging \$25 for the event. PBCCC will also be paying about \$1000 in registrations for nominees and their families.

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- It was addressed that so many agencies are financially struggling and many agencies are laying people off and closing programs. Perhaps we can think outside the box with regard to sponsorship and ask for smaller contributions. People may be more comfortable donating \$25 to pay for someone's registration as a form of sponsorship.
- It was recommended that we consider a sponsorship link on our website and also something that clearly indicates where the money goes.
- Eva will add on a registration option to the sponsorship letter and resend.
- Next meeting will be held 1/25 from 3-5 at the Health Care District. Meetings may be scheduled every 2 weeks from this point forward. Contact TAK chairs if you wish to participate: [Jhoban@ctrfam.org](mailto:Jhoban@ctrfam.org); [pbrother@hcdpbc.org](mailto:pbrother@hcdpbc.org)

*Committees*

- Committees broke out to discuss their action plans for 2008
- The following committees offer members a chance to participate: *Education & Training, Marketing & Outreach, and Advocacy*
- Next month will be "bring a buddy to a meeting." If you bring someone new, you will get extra raffle tickets. If they join, you will get a reward. They are also considering a networking event. Email Eva names of persons you think should be invited.
- Education & Training distributed a sign-up sheet for agency and system presentations. Agency presentations are 15 minutes and discuss the programs at your agency. System presentations are 45 minutes and talk about how actual systems in our community operate and impact services for children and families. Previous system trainings included: Homelessness, Substance Abuse, and Child Welfare.

**Announcements/Agency Time:**

- United Way – Please refer to November and December minutes for previously shared information. Get in touch with Sam if you are interested in getting involved in Character Counts meetings: [Samanthacorrington@unitedwaypbc.org](mailto:Samanthacorrington@unitedwaypbc.org)
- PBC Human Services – Please refer to December minutes.
- CFS – FAST is finally fully staffed again and in need of program referrals. Call Jeannie @ 616-1235.
- FRLS – Foreclosure Prevention Project offers pro bono attorney services for persons involved in predatory lending cases. Call 820-8902 for information.
- Hearts & Hope – Annual Family Fun day 4/19. Many opportunities to volunteer. Contact [jenniferm@heartsandhope.org](mailto:jenniferm@heartsandhope.org)
- Barry – Barry is having an information session next month for their master's programs. Contact Eva if you want more information [enowakowski@mail.barry.edu](mailto:enowakowski@mail.barry.edu)
- Community Action Program – Programs available for families who meet federal poverty guidelines including FPL assistance. Call 355-4792.

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- HCD – Behavioral Health contract will no longer be with HCD effective 10/1/08. Boystown is negotiating contracts for Primary Project and Behavioral Health Program and Parent Child Center is negotiating contract for Comprehensive Services.
- PCC – Need therapists experienced in play therapy for Relationships for Growth & Learning program (CSC contract). Look on CSC's website for job posting or send to [cvonballmoss@gocpg.org](mailto:cvonballmoss@gocpg.org)
- NCJW – Luggage for Independence program provides luggage, linens, towels, kitchen furnishing, and hygiene items to women who have been victims of domestic abuse, adolescents aging out of foster care, and other vulnerable populations. Brochures distributed. (Please note the phone number on the brochure was incorrect: the correct number is 790-7440)
- SAMH - Stephanie Ritland is the new Children's Director replacing Laura Contrera.
- MISC – TOPSoccer Program teaches soccer to kids with disabilities. For more information: [wtdsoccer@aol.com](mailto:wtdsoccer@aol.com), 310-3013; or [fourgott@aol.com](mailto:fourgott@aol.com). Check pbcgov.com website to take a survey that allows you to provide feedback on which programs in our county should be cut; Jack to provide information on links to obtain more information regarding the 1/29 tax referendum and impact. Andrea will distribute via email to membership.
- This month's Starbuck's Gift Certificate raffle went to Maureen Perrault for being on time for today's meeting. Congratulations!

**Next Meeting:**            Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9-11 at Girls & Boys Town.