



Palm Beach County Coalition for Children

July 16, 2008

MINUTES

Introductions/Attendance:

- 17 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Jennifer Schneider and Melissa Neeley (Children's Home Society); Jack Holcomb; Paula Brothers (Health Care District); Nancy Medina (Boys Town); Samantha Corrington (United Way); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools); Angela Harper (Carpe Diem Counseling & Wellness Service); Christine Koehn (Quantum); Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC – PBCC); Gregg Goldenberg and Mary Dobson (Maxim Healthcare)
- **GUESTS:** Jeannie Hoban (FAU); Judy Pierman (Hispanic Human Resources Council); Gabrielle Bargerstock (Children's Services Council)

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- There was a correction to July minutes to add Children's Home Society as a paid agency member. Corrections will be made to the minutes and stored in the PBCCC binder.
- Members are asked to access the website to review minutes (www.childrenpbc.org) then send corrections or revisions to Araasch@camelotcommunitycare.org in advance of the following month's meeting.

General Business:

Membership

- We have 21 agency and 11 individual memberships paid for the fiscal year.
- The sign-in sheet has been updated to include paid members. All others will sign in as guests.
- The email distribution list has been updated to reflect current members only.

Treasurer's Report

- Our current checking account balance is greater than \$4,000
- We incurred a charge as we went under our minimum allowable limit
- PBSO money was received from TAK
- We have accumulated more than \$500 in interest on both CD's
- All financial documents will be kept with the minutes in the PBCCC binder

PBCCC FY Activities

- The activity scheduled for this meeting was tabled due to attendance and the need to have as many members participate as possible.
- Jennifer S. reviewed discussion from last week's Board meeting including revisiting committee structure and the need to respond to the needs of membership in order to engage everyone more
- An Ad Hoc committee has been created to monitor all aspects of CAB's joining with PBCCC.

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- There will be a breakfast meeting planned for September.
- PBCCC sent letters to Presidential Candidates John McCain and Barack Obama asking for copies of the planks in their platforms that specifically address the needs of children.

Candidate Forum

- The date is tentatively set for September 25th from 3-4:30.
- Location is pending but we will pursue different venues that can host up to 120 people and accommodate 2 panel tables at the front
- Co-sponsors are needed. There will be no financial support; rather co-sponsors will lend support, their name, and attendance. So far, CFC, AAUW, and HHRC have agreed to co-sponsor.
- We need to begin identifying about 8 kids who will be on the panel asking the candidates questions on topics of concern to youth in our community
- The group brainstormed topic areas including teen parenting, teen substance abuse, homeless children, youth with mental health issues, foster care, and kids who live in the Glades area. Elections will take place during the June 18 meeting.
- Jack will put together a flyer and we can post through the PBCCC email, website, and through CSC's Monday Morning Update

Joining Hands Conference

- CSC confirmed that they will not be planning their conference until 2010 so members discussed moving forward with our conference in 2009.
- Planning will need to begin immediately and determinations made regarding the date, location, and conference agenda
- Discussion will take place next meeting regarding membership commitment and committee chairs

Agency Presentation:

- Judy Pierman presented information on the Hispanic Human Resources Council.
- HHRC was established in 1977 to address social needs and improve cultural awareness and understanding.
- HHRC serves 350 families annually.
- Services include child care, senior services, housing, translation/interpretation, employment and training, and information and referral.
- For more information call 641-4198.
- All handouts are maintained in the PBCCC binder.

Announcements/Agency Time:

- Health Care District – Comprehensive Services will end August 1st
- PBCC – Contact 868-3676 for more information about the Infant/Toddler Credit Certificate

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- Maxim Healthcare – Call 733-3130 for information on in-home HHA/CNA services for kids.
- Barry– Accepting applications into the social work program. Call today
- Quantum - Access the Quantum website for special funding initiative on building health and wellness
- CSC – Policy Brief and Early Care & Education should be arriving soon. Progress report due in the next 2 months.
- United Way – Gigantic Garage sale at the fairgrounds on 7/26 from 8-2.
- HHRC – Needs a Center Director to manage the Child Development Center in West Palm Beach. Should be bilingual.
- The raffle prize for being on-time was won by Jack Holcomb.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday August 20 @ 9-11 at Boys Town.