

Palm Beach County Coalition for Children

June 18, 2008

MINUTES



Introductions/Attendance:

- 25 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski (Barry University); Jennifer Schneider (Children's Home Society); Emily Katzen (Alpert Jewish Family & Children); Jack Holcomb (Palm Beach County Dept. of Community Svs.); Seth Bernstein, John Garbarino (Boys Town); Samantha Corrington (United Way); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools); Mike Van Wagoner (Kids in Distress);***** (AVDA); Barbara Hernandez, (Center for Family Services); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia Hospital); Fred Byxbee (Compass); Melissa Jenkins (Families First); Jennifer Melvin (Hearts & Hope); Ruth Wallerstein, (Palm Beach County Head Start); Julie Collins, (Palm Beach County Youth Affairs); Barbara Woodmore (South County Mental Health Center); Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC – PBCC); Chalonda Smith, (Planned Parenthood); Karl Ijams (Kiwanis Clubs); Hazel Lucas (Florida Rural Legal Services); Judy Pierman, (Hispanic Human Resources); Jeanned' Arc Tousignant (Families First)
- **GUESTS:** Nora Collins-Manderville (Child & Family Connections);
- Eva Nowakowski chaired today's meeting and started by reviewing PBCCC's mission.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- There were no previously submitted corrections/revisions to May minutes so they were automatically approved.
- 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

- There are currently 20 individual and 39 agency memberships.
- Membership dues for FY 08-09 (7/1–6/30) are due by July 1st.
- Paid members for 08-09 as of June 17, 2008:
 - **Individual:** Nikole Bailey, Seth Bernstein, Paula Brothers, John Garbarino, Eva Nowakowski, Andrea Raasch, Jack Holcomb, Angela Harper, Mike VanWagoner, Ruth Wallerstein, Tamika Williams
 - **Agency:** Columbia, CIS, DATA, ECHO, Families First, Hearts & Hope, PBSCAC, Quantum, Renaissance Village, SCNHC, UW

Merger Committee

- Eva Nowakowski appointed Seth Bernstein, Jack Holcomb and Mike Van Wagoner to a committee to oversee the smooth transition of CAB into PBCCC.

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Treasurer's Report

- Our current checking account balance is \$3,957.16. and we need to maintain \$3,000 to avoid services charts
- Four Month CD = \$15,367.75 and Nine Month CD = \$5,119.46.
- CAB will be transferring their funds to PBCC account.

Elections:

- Seth Bernstein, Nomination Committee, led the elections process for the 2008-09 Board Election Seth confirmed interest for those who originally signed the Interest form. Toby Chabon-Berger asked to be removed from the ballot. Ruth Wallerstein was nominated from the floor and members were instructed to add her name on the ballot.
- The Nominating Committee counted the ballots with the following result:
 - Jennifer Schneider – President
 - Jennifer Melvin – Vice President
 - Angela Harper - Treasurer
 - Samantha Corrington – General Board Meeting
 - Cassandra Wilbanks – General Board Member
 - Margaret Bagley – General Board Member
 - Ruth Wallerstein – General Board Member
- Andrea Raasch retains the position of Secretary.

Systems Presentation:

- Nance Medina, LCSW, Boys Town, presented the Behavioral Health Network, a program of Florida Kid Care. Presentation material will be posted on the website for future reference.

PBCCC Presentation

- Jennifer Schneider presented a plaque to Eva Nowakowski to commemorate and thank her for her years of service to PBCCC.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy

- The committee continues to work with the boys and staff at TCPHS. Need a marketing brochure. Jennifer Schneider and Maggie Bagley will work on that.
- They are in need of teen presenters for the Children's Campaign which will take place in September/October. Date and location still need to be confirmed.
- Motion was made by Seth Bernstein, seconded by Jack Holcomb and passed to send letters of thanks to each legislator who participated in the Walk-a-Mile event.
- The committee will consider an action plan in their next meeting.

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Education & Training

- Planning another speed networking meeting.
- Established meeting presentation for next months meeting. Judy Pierman, Hispanic Human Resources will present.

Marketing

- Committee is looking into membership packets to include; PBCCC pin, and promotional gift.
- Need to purchase promotional items
- Considering a Welcome/Appreciation Breakfast for September meeting.
- Will continue activities at the beginning of each meeting.

Announcements/Agency Time:

- Compass – Has a new youth group geared to teens and young adults.
- Hearts and Hope – New support group for ages 18-29 that have experienced the death of a sibling.
- Boys Town – Is looking for an Administrative Assistant.
- The raffle prize for being on-time was won by Judy Pierman, Hispanic Human Resources.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday July 16, 2008 at Boys Town.