



Palm Beach County Coalition for Children
March 19, 2008
MINUTES

Introductions/Attendance:

- 26 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski and Sarah Ingram-Herring, (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Solange Solis (Children's Home Society); Jack Holcomb (Child Advocacy Board), Samantha Corrington (United Way); Barbara Hernandez (Center for Family Services); Paula Brothers, Nikole Bailey, Tamika Williams, Seth Bernstein, and John Garbarino (Health Care District); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia Hospital); Mike VanWagoner (Kids in Distress); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools/CAB); Millie Barber (Youth Caregivers Project); Sharon Carswell (Boys Town); Melissa Jenkins (Families First); Christine vonBallmoss (Parent Child Center); Barbara Woodmore (South County Mental Health Center)
- **GUESTS:** Judy Pierman (Hispanic Human Resources Council/CAB); Hazel Lucas (Florida Rural Legal Services/CAB); Bennie Drain and Larry Woods (Prime Time); Jeannie Hoban (FL Council Against Domestic Violence); Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC of the Palm Beaches); Marilyn Jones (Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition)
- Eva reviewed the mission and activities of PBCCC

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Sharon Carswell noted a correction to the meeting location of Boys Town. Hard copy corrected for the record.
- Minutes are posted on our website www.childrenpbc.org within 7 days after the meeting. Corrections should be forwarded to Araasch@camelotcommunitycare.org in advance of the next meeting.

General Business:

Membership

- No new memberships. 17 Individual and 36 agency memberships.
- Dues are now being accepted for the new FY for current members and are due by July. United Way and Health Care District have paid their dues already.
- Please be reminded that 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.

Treasurer's Report

- Our current checking account balance is in excess of \$9,000. Incoming funds have been for the TAK event.

Nominations

- Seth and Sharon Tarlow have volunteered for the Nominations Committee. We need one more volunteer. Email Eva if you are interested.

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- We have to elect 1 President, 1 Treasurer, and 4 General Board Members for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010 term.
- Thus far we have only three persons who have expressed interest in running for positions – all are for General Board.

CAB/PBCCC Status

- A committee of volunteers met to address issues pertinent to a possible joining of these two entities. Recommendations were distributed by the committee to PBCCC and CAB for their respective Board meetings in April. Final decisions will be made at that time.

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 to jholcomb@pbcgov.com
- PBCCC has nominated someone and reserved a table.
- Please let Eva know if you plan to attend the event as a PBCCC representative.

Committee Reports:

Turn Around Kids:

- 13 nominations were submitted and finalists were selected. The results will be announced the day of the event.
- Scholarship recipients were also selected and have been notified. 3 scholarships will be awarded at the event.
- Goodie bag stuffing takes place today
- Registrations are due today

Education & Training

- *Joining Hands* conference will need to begin planning soon. It has come to our attention that CSC is planning a large conference in April 2009 and there was much discussion about how this would impact our conference. While the audience is different, the concern is that some agencies would not be able to send their employees to more than one conference.
- We discussed the possibility of partnering. John Garbarino will follow up with CSC to try and coordinate a meeting. The committee will then discuss options and make recommendations.

Advocacy

- TCPHS meeting with Administration was cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- This year's focus will be on the boy's group home, issue briefings on foster care, and the Candidate Forum.

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Marketing

- Focus this year will be on sustaining, increasing, and diversifying membership

Agency Presentation – Florida Rural Legal Services

- Hazel Lucas presented on behalf of FRLS and distributed brochures.
- FRLS main office is located at Prospect Place but they take cases throughout the Palm Beach and in other counties as well.
- There are 10 staff including attorneys and paralegals who offer services in Spanish, Creole, and English
- There is no fee for services. You have to meet income/asset eligibility requirements and have to be lawfully in the country. (In some cases, they can work with families if their children are citizens)
- They provide legal representation for people who need benefits including housing, food stamps, Medicaid, unemployment. Other cases include education and foster care issues
- They are funded by the Federal Government.
- They also provide Tenant Trainings at the Housing Authority.
- Primary cases in PB County are for housing issues.
- They have a 99% success rate in taking cases to Federal Court

Announcements/Agency Time:

- PBCSAC – underage drinking forum at Convention Center 3/31 from 8-3:30.
- Families First – officially moved to CHS. New phone #721-2887.
- CIS – Spring Fling for Nelle Smith Saturday 3/22 at Okeeheelee Park.
- VITAS – Living with Grief: Children & Adolescents workshop 4/16 @ 1:30 – 4:30. www.hospicefoundation.org/teleconference/
- MISC – TGA groups of the former FCP are still meeting and are aiming to expand to non-CSC funded agencies. The Glades is having a Cultural Competency 102 training coordinated by TMPU.
- This month's movie gift certificates went to Solange Solis with CHS for being on time to today's meeting. Congratulations!

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 16th @ 9-11 at Boys Town.