



Palm Beach County Coalition for Children

May 21, 2008

MINUTES

Introductions/Attendance:

- 26 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Sarah Ingram-Herring (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Jennifer Schneider (Children's Home Society); Jack Holcomb (Child Advocacy Board), Seth Bernstein, Nikole Bailey, and Nancy Medina (Boys Town); Samantha Corrington (United Way); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools); Mike Van Wagoner (Kids in Distress); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia Hospital); Judy Traub (National Council of Jewish Women); Barbara Woodmore (South County Mental Health Center); Millie Barber (Youth Caregivers Project); Angela Harper (Carpe Diem Counseling & Wellness Service); Feirmon Johnson (Department of Juvenile Justice); Jeanned' Arc Tousignant (Families First); Fred Byxbee (Compass); Jennifer Melvin (Hearts & Hope); Maria Watson (PBC Human Services); Christine vonBallmoos (Parent Child Center); Christine Koehn (Quantum)
- **GUESTS:** Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC – PBCCC / CAB); Hazel Lucas (Florida Rural Legal Services / CAB); Nora Collins-Mandeville (Children's Home Society); Michele Burgh (Child & Family Connections)
- In Eva's absence, Jennifer Schneider chaired today's meeting and started by reviewing PBCCC's mission.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- There were no previously submitted corrections/revisions to April 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

- We have 37 agency and 18 individual memberships.
- Membership dues for FY 08-09 (7/1–6/30) are due by July 1st.
- Paid members for 08-09:
 - 8 Individual: Eva Nowakowski, Andrea Raasch, Nikole Bailey, Paula Brothers, John Garbarino, and Tamika Williams
 - 7 Agency: CHS, HCD, SCMHC, DATA, ECHO, CIS, UW

Treasurer's Report

- Our current checking account balance is \$2,796.59 and we need to maintain \$3,000 to avoid services charts
- We have outstanding TAK sponsorship from PBSO and membership dues should make up the difference
- Once we obtain the outstanding PSBO funds, TAK will have cost us \$1,250

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Child Advocacy Board (CAB) / PBCCC Joining Follow Up

- Membership received PBCCC Board Recommendations regarding the joining of CAB and PBCCC prior to the meeting.
- There were no questions or issues raised.
- Barbara Woodmore made a motion to accept the joining of CAB to PBCCC with the Board's recommendations. Margaret Bagley seconded the motion.
- The membership unanimously approved.

Elections:

- Elections will take place during the June 18 meeting.
- Seth confirmed interest for those who originally signed the Board Election Interest form. Toby was not in attendance to confirm.
- If Jennifer Schneider is elected as President, we will need a Vice President to fill her current VP term until June 30, 2009.
- At this point, we have interest expressed in all available positions.
- Persons interested in having their names added to the ballot should contact Seth Bernstein, Nomination Committee, at 366-9400.

Systems Presentation:

- Michele Burgh from Child & Family Connections and Nora Collins-Mandeville from Children's Home Society were in attendance to present information on the foster care system.
- All handouts are maintained in the PBCCC binder and the Power Point presentation will be placed on the PBCCC website

Committee Reports:

Advocacy

- The committee is meeting with the boys at TCPHS May 22.
- Looking into having local businesses 'adopt a slot' at the group home that will provide support for kids to attend events.
- They are in need of teen presenters for the Children's Campaign which will take place in September/October. Discussed changing the location of the event to Quantum Foundation as the acoustics are poor in the location being currently considered
- Considering sending a letter to each legislator who participated in the Walk-a-Mile event.

Education & Training

- Working on ideas and suggestions for continued goals of the committee
- Establishing meeting presentation schedule for the next few months.

Marketing

- No report.

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Announcements/Agency Time:

- Columbia – Homeless Coalition Symposium at Palm Beach Atlantic on 5/23 from 8:30 – 1:30. 2 CEU’s will be provided. 5/28 “Get Connected” workshop at Columbia in partnership with Mental Health Association.
- South County Mental Health Center – Joining with Federation of Families and NAMI for a Mental Health Month event 5/22 from 5-7 at SCMHC
- Boys Town – Several HCD workers were hired. They merged the former BHP program through HCD with Boys Town Family Centered Services program to create “School & Family Support Services SIPP. There will be 50 consultants assigned to local Elementary schools providing in-home services for K and 1st grade. Primary Project will continue in 12 Elementary Schools. Seth Bernstein is the Program Director for SIPP. John Garbarino is a Coordinator. There are positions open at Boys Town. Please access their website for information. Also, keep your eyes open for National Tourette’s Association 1-day conference to cover topics such as Tourette’s ADHD, ODD, Tics, Autism, etc.
- Quantum – Moving this weekend. Open House next Friday 5/30 at 10. Please access the Quantum website for Fall Funding Cycle information.
- Camelot – Foster Parent Appreciation event next weekend to celebrate foster parents in our community. Also, Camelot is taking referrals for TBOS program – home-based counseling for children 3-17. Call Carol @ 649-0877.
- The raffle prize for being on-time was won by Margaret Bagley from Communities in Schools.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday June 18 @ 9-11 at Boys Town. In Andrea’s absence, Margaret Bagley will take minutes for that meeting.