



Palm Beach County Coalition for Children
October 15, 2008
MINUTES

Introductions/Attendance:

- 30 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Jennifer Schneider and Melissa Neeley (Children's Home Society); Nancy Medina, John Garbarino, and Seth Bernstein (Boys Town); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools); Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC – PBCC); Jennifer Ray (AVDA); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia); Jennifer Melvin (Hearts & Hope, Inc.); Julie Collins (PBC Youth Affairs); Name Unknown (FRLS); Mike VanWagoner (Kids in Distress); Nyahsa Nedd Wright (CFC); Jack Holcomb; Jeannie Hoban (FAU/Barry); Barbara Woodmore (SCMHC); Andrea Ramsey (United Way); Millie Barber (VHFC/Youth Caregivers); Donald Cavanaugh and Fred Byxbee (Compass)
- **GUESTS:** Mike Pinkney (Salvation Army); Jodi Rosenbaum (Chrysalis Center); Emily Katzen (Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services); Monique Barnett (TCPHS); Christine VonBallmoss and Marla Berger (Parent Child Center); Juna Florestal (Hugs for Kids)

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- There were no submitted corrections to September minutes. Minutes 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 26 agency and 15 individual memberships paid for the fiscal year, representing 41 total members.
- There are emails on the distribution list that are returning as "undeliverable." A sheet will be distributed at each meeting to verify correct emails. If emails are correct, folks will be asked to bring the issue to the attention of their IT departments.

Treasurer's Report

- Banking account balance is \$3,273.22
- 4-month CD has a balance of \$15,498.93 and 9-month CD has a balance of \$5,178.60.

Task Groups:

- President reviewed each of the 4 current task groups and asked members to break out and begin discussions as to the task group's plan of action for the year.
- A task group lead would need to be identified.
- Groups reported back to the larger group.

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- Due to time constraints, the Foster Care Mentoring/Sponsorship group was asked to present their updates at next month's meeting

Networking Task Group – Jodi Rosenbaum – Chrysalis Center - Lead

- Group is looking to plan another Speed Networking event
- Group is looking into a Resource Fair
- Want to find ways to collaborate with existing coalitions/meetings/groups in the community
- The group is asking if you attend other meetings in the community, please be vocal about PBCCC and try to determine if there is a way to partner so as to avoid duplication of efforts

Education & Training Task Group – Jennifer Rey – AVDA - Lead

- Group discussed the current monthly presentation system and wants to keep agency presentations as part of the monthly roster. There may be only 1 more systems training to consider (Healthy Beginnings System). Discussion was had regarding hands-on training, but it was decided that many members are supervisors and this may not be the best use of meeting time. Group will distribute agency presentation sign-up sheet at the next meeting.
- Group also discussed having a type of “speaker’s bureau” whereby PBCCC members offer on-site training to front-line staff at member agencies and provide food or treats and CEU’s. Group will be drafting a letter to discuss the purpose of this task and to ask members for areas of expertise and interest in participating.

Angel Tree Task Group – Nyasha Nedd Wright – CFC - Lead

- Task group presented idea that would result in donating funds to purchase gifts for kids at Nelle Smith and Home Safe locations during holidays.
- There was much discussion on this topic as members had questions about what types of support was already being received by those kids and whether or not money should be provided in lieu of volunteer time or other face-to-face activities.
- There was consensus that members want to do something during the holidays for children in our community, but no resolution regarding what, for whom, or how.
- President tabled the discussion and will make a decision to bring back to the group.

Announcements/Agency Time:

- Youth Caregivers Project – Care! Expo '08 for young caregivers on 11/1 from 10-2 at Hospice by the Sea and Mae Volen Senior Center in Boca. Flyer distributed and kept on record. Call 747-7385 for more information.
- Boys Town – Tourette’s Association conference changed to 5/1/09 at Kravis Center, is free, and offers breakfast, lunch, and CEU’s. Boys Town looking for 2 family consultants who are bilingual (Spanish) and have at least a Bachelor’s.

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- Compass – Received UW grant to provide education on HIV prevention. Need kids to be referred to the program. Call Donald at 533-9699 x 25. First 4-week class starts 11/1.
- Salvation Army – 10/31 Halloween night event at NW Community Center from 6-9. The event is co-sponsored with Urban League and is free. Call 833-6767 for more information. Also looking for Angel Tree sponsors.
- AVDA – Community Action Team to prevent violence meets 11/12 at Boynton Beach High School from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Alpert Jewish Family & Children’s Services – Child Psychiatrist now takes Cigna, Aetna, and Humana
- WXEL filmed the Candidates Forum that was a huge success and will be airing segments tonight on channel 42 and also on 10/17.

Raffle Prize: Won by Andrea Ramsey

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 19 @ 9-11 at Boys Town