



Palm Beach County Coalition for Children
September 17, 2008
MINUTES

Introductions/Attendance:

- 38 total in attendance
- **MEMBERS:** Eva Nowakowski (Barry University); Andrea Raasch (Camelot); Jennifer Schneider, Melissa Neeley, and Christina Sanchez (Children's Home Society); Nancy Medina, John Garbarino, and Seth Bernstein (Boys Town); Margaret Bagley (Communities in Schools); Angela Harper (Carpe Diem Counseling & Wellness Service); Cassandra Wilbanks (AEYC – PBCC); Ruth Walerstein (PBC Head Start); Jennifer Ray (AVDA); Sharon Tarlow (Columbia); Jennifer Melvin and Patti Hall (Hearts & Hope); Julie Collins (PBC Youth Affairs); Hazel Lucas and Nadine Philossaint (FRLS); Mike VanWagoner (Kids in Distress); Feirmon Johnson (DJJ); Paula Brothers (Resource Connections); Nyasha Nedd Wright (CFC); Jack Holcomb
- **GUESTS:** Mike Pinkney (Salvation Army); Jodi Rosenbaum (Chrysalis Center); Gloria Allin (PBC Literacy Coalition); Darlene Levy (Hospice of PBC); Roxanne Grobbel (All 'Bout Children); Stephanie Welker (HMHB); Amy Peterson-Berry (former foster child); Laurie Pine Farber (Family Violence Intervention); Jeannie Hoban (FAU); Anna Losito (HomeSafe); Jim Cummings (Youth Court); Barbara Trevnio (The Spirit of Giving); Gabrielle Bargerstock (CSC); Robin Griffin (PBC School District Police)
- **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND BREAKFAST CELEBRATION:**
 - Board members were introduced
 - Handouts were provided to all attendees including:
 1. Candidate Forum Flyer
 - Refer all questions or RSVP your attendance to jholcomb@pbcgov.org or 355-4717
 2. Sponsorship for Foster Kids
 3. Membership brochure/application
 - Copies of handouts are maintained in the PBCCC binder

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- There were no submitted corrections to August 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 24 agency and 14 individual memberships paid for the fiscal year.

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Year in Review 2007-2008

- President shared the PBCCC annual report from FY 07-08 including a highlight of activities and events.
- Copies of the Power Point presentation are kept in the PBCCC binder and accessible on the PBCCC website.

Action Plan for 2008-2009

- President reviewed the action plan for this fiscal year as determined during August meeting activity planning session and reviewed by the Board.
- Copies of the Power Point maintained in the PBCCC binder and accessible on the website.

Announcements/Agency Time:

- Resource Connections – New agency in WPB that will provide targeted case management. They need office furniture. Please contact Paula Brothers @ 386-7254 if you can help.
- The Spirit of Giving – A collaborative networking entity consisting of 17 member organizations looking to grow their network. They give away 2,000 gifts per year for the Holiday Gift Drive and have monthly speakers. Their meeting location in Boca is available to host events. You can access www.jlbr.org to access funds.
- United Way – United Way's 2nd Annual Character Counts Breakfast will be held 10/14 at Quail Ridge Country Club and the theme is Businesses of Character.
- Tourette's Association - PBCCC is partnering with TA to provide training on this disorder at the Kravis Center on 11/6. 6 CEU's. The event is free and includes breakfast and lunch. Flyers will be available next week. They are looking for an agency to volunteer their computer system for the registration process. PBCCC will look into feasibility of this.
- DV Council – Domestic Violence Awareness month is October. Distributed a calendar of events. They are looking for donations of professional business clothes for women – particularly plus sizes. PBCCC will discuss possible donation.
- PBC Head Start – Need someone who can volunteer to help in classroom with special needs children. Call Ruth 845-4674 x 146.
- Chrysalis – Open for referrals. Serve Broward, Dade, and Palm Beach counties.
- AVDA– Annual 5K run/walk for DV month on 10/11 at Anchor Park in Delray
- All 'Bout Children – Operate 5 childcare centers that serve at risk populations. Provide counseling services for children, teachers, and their families.
- Hearts & Hope– Offer grief and loss trainings tailored to your agency needs. Also offer tours of the facility. Call 832-1913.
- Barry – If you can use student interns, please call Eva 622-2732
- The raffle prize for being on-time was won by Barbara Woodmore.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 15 @ 9-11 at Boys Town