



Together in Partnership Steering Committee

Meeting Report

Monday January 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Brevard County Government Center, Viera
Commissioners Room Building C

Members Present: Lisa Bradley, Lisa Elam, Mackenzie Quirarte, Patricia Seibert, Phil Scarpelli, Leigh McElroy, Traci Klinkbeil, Jennifer Floyd, Amanda Walker, Maria Bledsoe, Carol Jewell, Christie DeTorre, Doug Reynolds, Beatrice Boursiquot

At-Large Members Present: Jeanie Raciti, Debbie Lyons, Abigail Jones

Guests Present: Heather Howlett, Deanne Dawkins, Stanley Brizz, Rebecca Melick, Laura Ramos, Jaeden Huhk, Dina Mezza, Verlese Pender, Meri Beth Misch, Shenieka Brothers

Staff: Natasha Jones and Ian Golden

Call to Order/Introductions: Meeting was called to order by Phil Scarpelli at 10:06 am. Introductions were made by everyone present. Phil Scarpelli gave a brief synopsis of the Together in Partnership board (TIP).

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November 28, 2022, minutes with corrections made by Doug Reynolds and seconded by Lisa Elam. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Update: Ian Golden informed the board that the County received the Opioid Settlement Funds. The first batch of funding was received, and it is anticipated that the second batch of funding will be received within the next 3-6 months. There are two committees that were added to the TIP board to review the Abatement Plan. The first committee will review the Abatement Plan and prioritize 2-4 items through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process and will be made up of nine TIP members. The second committee will make recommendations for funding to the Board of County Commissioners and will be made up of four TIP members and five additional members will be

selected by the TIP board. Ian Golden anticipates about \$3 million dollars in the first year RFP.

Together in Partnership Reports:

- 1. Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Task Force/Healthy Start Coalition:** The 525 Foundation offered the school-based presentations to Viera High School and Satellite High School and a parent night to educate teens and parents about the dangers of alcohol and prescription drugs. The Department of Health are giving out Narcan kits. The Brevard Public Schools continue to offer the source of the strength program. Healthy Start continues to provide folders of information that goes to the OB and birthing hospitals. They have a new app that contains post and prenatal information. Healthy families will no longer serve families under the CAPTA grant. Healthy Start is getting ready to start a fetal infantility review. They also received funding for fatherhood engagement project. Lisa Elam shared that on February 7, 2023, Becky Savage will be speaking to the students and at the parent night. Heather Howlett stated that she is stepping down as the co-chair of Family Strengthening Committee.
- 2. Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:** Rebecca Melick reported they are planning the Child Abuse Prevention pinwheel planting event in April. The Child Abuse Prevention Task Force Banquet will be held on April 28, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Viera. The next Child Abuse Prevention Task Force meeting will be held on February 16, 2023, at 9:00 am. If anyone is interested in joining the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, please contact Jessica Miles.
- 3. Brevard Prevention Coalition (BPC):** The "Move into Light" event will be partnered with the Hassell Foundation to present Smile From Within event at the Gibson Center on March 11, 2023 from 1:00-5:00 pm. The guest speaker is Lucas Boyce. The basketball game with the Professor and the Brevard County Sherriff's office went well. The Rx and Illicit Drug Summit will be held in Atlanta from April 10, 2023 - April 13, 2023. The focus will be on the "Better Without It" media campaign which target Gen Z and "I Choose Me" campaign, which target younger kids and families. BPC met with the School District and Cocoa High School about implementing the campaign "Better Without It". BPC is doing an outreach with the local pharmacies to receive information on how to help people dispose of medication. April 22, 2023, is National Prescription Take Back Day sponsored by the DEA and local Law Enforcement. On September 9, 2023, the Brevard Recovery Fest will be held at Wickham Park. BPC has a meeting today at 11:30am in the Atlantic Room.
- 4. Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC):** The Point in Time count is today. A general membership meeting will be held on February 2,

2023, from 9:00 am -11:30 am at the Center for Collaboration in Rockledge. Maria Bledsoe made the motion to move next year's TIP meeting to a different date so the members can participate in the Point in Time count. It was seconded by Beatrice Boursiquot. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Brevard Family Partnership (BFP): They are working on getting a fatherhood engagement position. They also have a pre-service class getting ready to start. They had a successful Over the Edge event.

6. Career Source: They have individuals in all entities finding employment and training opportunities. They received a \$3 million grant to focus on manufacturing, construction and information technology. There will be a Fair Chance and Resource Job Fair on April 13, 2023. They have partnered with the City of Cocoa, and they are continuing to work with other local partners to help individuals gain stable employment. They are also working with employers on focusing on a recovery friendly workplace.

Based on the Work Place Drug Abuse Study (co-authored by American Addiction Center, May 9,2022), The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reported 70% of drug users are employed and actively in the work place.

7. Domestic Violence Task Force: No report given.

8. Regional Children's Cabinet (5 Year Plan): They have a monthly child and family well-being meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at either 10 am or 6 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2023, at 10am. They have a five-year Family First Prevention Services plan for review, and they are waiting on a response. They are going forward with the local Brevard plan.

9. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ): No report given.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: TIP meeting schedule has two dates that fall on a holiday. Leigh McElroy made a motion to change the conflicting dates to the prior Monday for May and September. Seconded by Lisa Elam. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Update: Doug Reynolds made a motion to approve National Center for Innovation and Excellence as a At Large Member. Seconded by Carol Jewell. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Leigh McElroy thanked Lisa Elam and Brevard Public Schools for their partnership and support for funding. Lisa Elam asked Phil Scarpelli to write a few paragraphs about the Together in Partnership board

to send out with the revised schedule. Phil Scarpelli agreed to get the information together to send out to everyone that is in attendance. Healthy Start has issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for Care Coordination Services, and it can be located at healthystartbrevard.com.

Without further comment, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be **March 27, 2023, at 10:00 am**, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, building C, first floor Commission Chambers.