



## **Together in Partnership Steering Committee**

### **Meeting Report**

Monday March 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
Brevard County Government Center, Viera  
Commissioners Room Building C

**Members Present:** Lisa Bradley, Lisa Elam, Mackenzie Quirarte, Phil Scarpelli, Beatrice Boursiquot, Leigh McElroy, Traci Olson, Carol Jewell, Christie De Torre, Traci Klinkbeil, Amanda Walker, Jean Bandish, Doug Reynolds, Leslie Hoog

**At-Large Members Present:** Amber Carroll, Jeanie Raciti, Jessica Miles, Sherri Gonzales, Abigail Jones, Kathryrn Parker

**Guests Present:** Heather Howlett, Vanessa Skyrmes, Jeannie Doyle, Michelle Auclar, Laura McCarthy, Jeremy Weiss, Rachael Cuculino, Molly Duerig, Haley Gordon, Dina Mezza, Stanley Brizz, Maureen Kelly, Shenieka Brothers

**Staff:** Natasha Jones

**Call to Order/Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by Phil Scarpelli at 10:09 am. Introductions were made by everyone present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve January 30, 2023, minutes with corrections made by Doug Reynolds and seconded by Lisa Elam. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Together in Partnership Reports:**

- 1. Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Task Force/Healthy Start Coalition:** Family Start Task Force meeting was last Monday. There was discussion around several topics such as the increase education awareness of opioid epidemic, the school system, the plan of safe care and the availability of the Narcan kits through the Health Department. The Healthy Start Coalition funding allocation plan was

approved. Heather Howlett gave a brief synopsis of the history of the Together in Partnership board (TIP). Traci Klinkbeil is the new Chair.

- 2. Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:** The official day to wear blue is March 31, 2023. On April 3, 2023, the pinwheel planting with Sheriff Ivey will be located at the Sherriff's Office in Rockledge at 10:30am. Commissioner Rita Pritchett will be reading the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation at the Commissioner's meeting on April 4, 2023, at 5:00 pm. The Dine out event will be held on April 5, 2023, at Texas Roadhouse in Viera from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. On April 18, 2023, Judge Kelly McKibben will be reading a Proclamation at the Brevard County Courthouse at 12:00 pm. The Child Abuse Prevention Task Force Banquet will be held on April 28, 2023, at 12:00 pm, located in Viera at the Holiday Inn. If anyone is interested in joining the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, the next meeting will be held on May 18, 2023, at 9:00 am via Teams.
- 3. Brevard Prevention Coalition (BPC):** On April 22, 2023, the National Prescription Take Back Day is sponsored by the DEA and local Law Enforcement. On September 9, 2023, the Brevard Recovery Fest will be held at Wickham Park. BPC applied for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant. The focus will be on the "Better Without It" media campaign. The Smile from Within event was a success. The next Brevard Opioid Misuse Task Force meeting is today. Jeremy Weiss from Circles of Care will give an update on the Coordinated Opioid Recovery efforts. Michelle Auclair from Volunteers of America of Florida, will give a presentation on how to reduce homelessness and their case management program. The Rx and Illicit Drug Summit will be held in Atlanta from April 10, 2023 - April 13, 2023. BPC is relaunching a new website Ichooseme.com family and children focus prevention campaign.
- 4. Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC):** The Point in Time count was held on January 30, 2023. The results will be available on April 6, 2023. BHC had a groundbreaking for Housing for Homeless at Orchid Lakes in Cocoa for 80 units. On April 1, 2023, there will be a ribbon cutting for Promise of Brevard emergency shelter. The Brevard County HOME Consortium and the Community of Hope is hosting an Affordable Housing Summit on May 18, 2023, from 9am-4pm. On April 25, 2023, the Florida Housing Coalition is coming to Brevard County to provide training on best practices in low-barrier shelters.
- 5. Brevard Family Partnership (BFP):** BFP is working with local law enforcement in Palm Bay. They are pursuing a grant to build a pilot program in Palm Bay to address issues with human and drug trafficking.

**6. Career Source:** There will be a Second Chance Resource & Job Fair on April 13, 2023. They are continuing to work with local partners to help individuals gain stable employment. They applied for a non-custodial grant that was issued in January and will end in June. They have helped individuals in all entities finding employment and training opportunities. They have the Crosswalk Referral System for anyone that desires to refer clients to their agency. The Empowerment Summit was held on March 25, 2023, with the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

**7. Domestic Violence Task Force:** No report given.

**8. Regional Children’s Cabinet (5 Year Plan):** They have a five-year Family First Prevention Services plan for review, and they are waiting on a response. The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2023, at 10:00 am. The Space Coast Human Trafficking Task Force has two new co-chairs, Kim Curry and Mikala Klein.

**9. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ):** They have implemented the Intensive Supervision Program. If a youth is placed on probation with a firearm offense, they be seen five times a week. There will be contact with the school and the family.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Membership Update:** Leigh McElroy made a motion to approve Brevard Prevention Coalition as a At Large Member. Seconded by Beatrice Boursiquot. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

Without further comment, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be **May 22, 2023, at 10:00 am**, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, First Floor, Commission Chambers.