



Together in Partnership Steering Committee

Meeting Report

Monday July 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Brevard County Government Center, Viera
Commissioners Room Building C

Members Present: Lisa Bradley, Traci Klinkbeil, Amanda Walker, Jean Bandish, Mackenzie Quirarte, Patricia Seibert, Phil Scarpelli, Beatrice Boursiquot, Leigh McElroy, Amber Padrick, Jennifer Floyd, Christie DeTorre, Doug Reynolds, Richard Acevedo, Karalyn Woulas

At-Large Members Present: Stanley Brizz, Jeanie Raciti, Jessica Miles, Abigail Jones, Verlese Pender

Guests Present: Talia Bryant, Lissette Knott, Carlos Bonilla, Milan Jockorich, Laura Mccarthy, Lily Fredrickson, Kevin Carraro, Mike Constantine, Christina McPherson, Meri Beth Misch, Jimmy McCarley, Dave Kneessy

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.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 22, 2023, minutes with corrections made by Jean Bandish and seconded by Jennifer Floyd. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Update: Ian Golden informed the board that the first part of the Abatement Plan process has been completed. The review committee came together and made recommendations for the Request for Proposal (RFP). There will be two RFP's. The first RFP is for a multi-year media education campaign plan. The second RFP is the enhancement or expansion of medication assisted treatment and to provide more training to get additional therapist who are certified to do Medication Assisted Treatment. The RFP's will come out within the next two to three weeks. Ian is requesting that the Together in Partnership board identify five additional members to serve on the recommendations committee. Doug Reynolds made the motion to except

the following agencies to serve on the recommendations committee: Department of Children's and Families, Department of Health, Lifetime Counseling, Court Administration and Career Source. The motion was seconded by Amber Padrick. 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 a few topics such as an increase in education awareness of the opioid epidemic and plan of safe care. They are having a community partner meeting on August 21, 2023. They are also doing a training with their team members. At the meeting, Jennifer shared that the Coalition was awarded the RFA for the Family Empowerment Project. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2023, at Brevard Family Partnership in Rockledge.
- 2. Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:** The next meeting will be on August 17, 2023, at 9am via Microsoft Teams. The guest speaker will be from Positive Behavioral Solutions. They will be voting for new leadership and looking for a co-chair.
- 3. Brevard Prevention Coalition (BPC):** BPC has a meeting today at 11:30am on the 3rd floor in the Atlantic Room. Circles of Care will give updates on Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORe). The "Better Without It" media campaign focus on the Gen Z. The campaign is funded by Central Florida Cares.
- 4. Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC):** The general membership meeting will be held on August 3, 2023, from 9:00am - 11:30am located at the Center for Collaboration in Rockledge.
- 5. Brevard Family Partnership (BFP):** They are having a golf tournament in September at Turtle Creek in Rockledge. The National Center for Innovation and Excellence is excited to have one of the location sights from the C.A.R.E.S. (Coordination, Advocacy, Resources, Education and Support) Model visiting from the San Diego.
- 6. Career Source:** They have the Crosswalk Agency Referral Portal for anyone that desires to refer clients to their agency. Caroline Joseph-Paul is the contact person. They have two special grant funding opportunities. The non-custodial parent employment program and a grant for individuals to certify as Information Technology, Aerospace/Aviation, Advanced Manufacturing and Cybersecurity. They are also part of the Brevard Recovery Festival. There will be a Second Chance Resource & Job Fair on October 26, 2023, via virtual and onsite in Rockledge.

7. Domestic Violence Task Force: No report given.

8. Regional Children’s Cabinet (5 Year Plan): The Child and Family Well-Being Council Meeting will be held on August 1, 2023. The Children’s and Family Services review is a federal child welfare quality review that is currently in round four, which will be held in October.

9. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ): They are going to create a sub-committee to look at data points.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comments: Kevin Carraro stated that Palm Point Behavioral Health is an acute care psychiatric hospital in Titusville. They recently opened a Substance Abuse Detox unit.

Lilly Fredrickson from Complementary Contraception gave an overview of her program. She is seeking partnerships and looking forward to working with the Together in Partnership board.

Laura McCarty, representing Brevard Recovery Fest gave comments on the Fentanyl Awareness Campaign. Suzy Pereira with the Blue Plaid Society will be putting together a fentanyl summit on August 21, 2023, along with the Space Coast Health Foundation in Rockledge. Laura McCarty also announced an open invitation to those interested in sponsoring the Brevard Recovery Fest on September 9, 2023.

Jeanie Raciti from the Children’s Advocacy Center is taking over the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program that was formally ran by the Florida Institute of Technology Family Learning Program. The Advocacy Center has a two-day training on October 25, 2023 through October 26, 2023. They are preparing the James Bond Gala at the Kennedy Space Center.

Motion to adjourn made by Beatrice Boursiquot, seconded by Leigh McElroy, meeting adjourned at 11:15am. Next meeting will be **September 18, 2023** at **10:00 am**, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, building C, first floor Commission Chambers.