



Together We Achieve More

**Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes
April 22, 2010**

Attended by: David Alexander, Brunie Emmanuel, Elizabeth Fayard, Randy Fleming, Peggy Groves, Flack and Kathleen Logan, Linda Moultrie, Haley Richards, Susan Senkarik, Janice Thomas, Lucie Wade, and

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest

Lucie Wade introduced Frank Giammaria as the interim Unite Escambia VISTA until July 2010.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections.

- 1. Add UE Breakfast information**
- 2. Typo—Lucie will identify**

III. Poverty Cost Minutes

Randy Fleming

Randy Fleming playing the 3 PSAs developed by the Poverty Information Group (PIG) that are now airing on WUWF radio. Content related to education issues, business issues and ally recruitment. This served as the inspirational moment for the meeting and everything the Poverty Solutions Team is working to accomplish.

IV. Unite Escambia Sustaining Plan

Janice Thomas

Unite Escambia Leadership (Community Champion+ Chairs of Solutions Team) now have written guidelines to provide structure and sustainability. The Poverty Solutions Team already has bylaws. Janice will email out both the new Unite Escambia Guidelines and Poverty Solutions bylaws to review for next meeting,

V. Nominating Committee Recommendations

Janice Thomas

The nominating committee was made up of Jean Norman, Janice Thomas, and Tim Evans. The following are the committee recommendations:

- Team Chair—Tim Evans (serve 2 year term)
- Next Team Chair—Randy Fleming
- Secretary—Haley Richards
- Training—David Powell
- Volunteer—Peggy Groves
- Education—Angela McCorvey (focus on post secondary)
- Circles Leadership Team—Brunie Emmanuel
- Exploitation—John Clark is working to choose someone
- Human Social Capital—Kathy Kerr
- Faith-Based—David Alexander
- Political & Economic Structures—Looking for Someone
- Poverty Information Group (PIG)—Haley Richards
- Resources—Randy Fleming

Flack Logan moved to approve the slate of nominations as presented, Brunie Emmanuel seconded; approved.

VI. Early Education Committee

Janice Thomas

Janice Thomas presented to the board the newly formed Early Education action team which will focus on early childhood education (PreK) and will be chaired by Mary Anderson. This position may serve as a liaison to Unite Escambia’s Education Solutions Team.

VII. PST Presentation/Speech

PIG Member

Kathleen and Flack Logan will present their Poverty Costs speech which focuses on how poverty costs businesses in our community at the next board meeting.

VIII. Getting Ahead Fair Discussion

Randy Fleming

The board continued to discuss the possibilities holding a Getting Ahead fair sometime this year. Topics discussed included: continued participation, incentive for participants (food boxes, door prizes), move locations or neighborhoods, or collaborate with another event (National Night Out, ReImagine Warrington/Brownsville).

IX. Support Team Updates and Setting Goals

Training

Tim Evans

No Report

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy reported that she has been asked to speak to the Democratic Women on May 13 by Judy Coe. Judy got Peggy’s name from the PST newsletter. Email for the Unite Escambia website is not up yet.

Circles Leadership Team

Brunie Emmanuel

Brunie reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). Brunie participated in the Pathways for Change Getting Ahead community assessment. Their graduation for the Pathways for Change class was held on April 17th. The Bridges to Circles Getting Ahead graduation will be May 4th. Weekly Community Meeting is solid and now a couple of the Circle Leaders are doing the cooking of the meals. Ally recruitment is still very active. Resources team is active with IDA program (2 Circle Leaders enrolled) and working with the City of Pensacola regarding donating some of their fleet.

Education

Angela McCorvey

No Report

Exploitation

John Clark

Susan Senkarik reported to the board the preliminary results of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. The results included 1,104 returns that were e-filed (does not include paper returns) which will be very close to their goal of 1,500 returns. The efforts did target the 32505 zip code (T&W Flea Market, Door Canvassing) and the economic impact is approximately \$1.7 million dollars. Peggy shared an example of a mental model for Exploitation drawn by one of the Getting Ahead participants at Pathways.

Faith Based

David Alexander

David reported the impact of the Teen Summit which hosted Sports World pro-Athlete Don McNeal. The presentations were held at a total of 5 schools including 2 public schools (Warrington Middle & Judy Andrews). The presentation did include poverty and reached 1,600 students. Also the team is continuing to reach out to the December 15th event participants. This may be a good connection for the Strengthening Families initiative being led by Randy Fleming.

Human Social Capital**Kathy Kerr**

Janice Thomas reported that Kathy is working with some professors at UWF and may have a grad student do some of the research.

Political/Economic Structures**Susan Nelms**

Dave Philips of Cincinnati Works is in town for Bay Area Works breakfast being held at Navy Federal, April 23, 2010. 56 area businesses have agreed to come and listen to Dave Philips speak plus hear the Bay Area Works business case. PST members were invited to come to the event.

Poverty Information Group**Kathleen Logan & Tim Evans**

Kathleen Logan reported that the UE breakfast event received keen interest from the community. Thus the PIG members are discussing the possibility of hosting community informational events for 6 months. Also Elizabeth reported that Catholic Charities is working to promote the “cycling for change” event that will be taking place in mid-August. Promoting this event will also build up Bridges to Circles and Poverty Solutions Team.

Resources**Randy Fleming**

Randy Fleming reported that the team is currently working on an AmeriCorps Planning grant. There has been no response yet from the Sheriff's office yet. Catholic Charities did submit an award application that could result in \$25,000 from Catholic Charities USA for Bridges to Circles.

VII. New Business**Unite Escambia's Housing Solutions Team**

Susan Senkarik gave a summary of the reasons why the Housing Solutions Team has merged with Poverty Solutions Team. This is the new home meeting for Susan's team.

New meeting dates & times

PST board meeting will move to the 3rd Thursday of the month with the same time of 3:30pm. Dorrie Miller community center is undergoing some construction thus the next meeting will again be at the Chappie James building, 1st floor conference room. Janice will send out some suggested new meeting dates & times.

Partner Agreements

Janice asked the action team chairs to make a point of at their next meeting to define partnership (what will they do, what boxes they check, do some follow-up, levels of involvement, what they are already doing). Lucie reported that efforts are being made to re-energize the Unite Escambia marketing team (smaller palm card type handout for each team, rep from each solutions team). The chair of this team will be the UE VISTA.

Bridges and Circles™ Community of Practice

Peggy Groves presented to the board about this upcoming event to be held in October 2010 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Conduct a presentation at this event to share what we are doing in our community with others from around the country. A presentation is a way of giving back. Peggy asked the board to approve sponsorship for Brunie Emmanuel to attend and be one of the presenters along with Peggy, Estella, and Haley. This is a way to spend some of the PST money.

Flack Logan moved to sponsor Brunie's travel expenses using Poverty Solutions Team funds, seconded by Elizabeth Fayard; approved.

Next Meeting May 20, 2010 at 3:30pm Chappie James Building