



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes August 19, 2010

Attended by: David Alexander, Tina Carpenter, Brunie Emmanuel, Tim Evans, Elizabeth Fayard, Phyllis Gonzalez, Peggy Groves, Cate Jordan, Flack & Kathleen Logan, Jean Norman, Lilia Oakey, Haley Richards, Susan Senkarik, and Janice Thomas.

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest

Tim Evans

Phyllis Gonzalez, Families Count, Co-chair of Human Social Capital team with Kathy Kerr

Cate Jordan, Executive Director, Families Count

State Representative Dave Murzin—Thank You for donating computers & printers for Slick VISTAs

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Tim Evans

Flack Logan moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded and approved without objections.

III. Support Team Updates

Training

David Powell

David reported that final preparations for the August 24th Bridges Out of Poverty were coming together with the aid of Haley Richards. The 6 hour Bridges Training is being conducted for the new members of the Escambia VISTA Coalition at Sacred heart Hospital.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy reported attending a Volunteer Management training sponsored by BRACE and United Way of Escambia County. Based on ideas presented at the training she is putting together some volunteer materials to be used for future Poverty Solutions Volunteers.

Circles Leadership Team

Brunie Emmanuel

Peggy Groves reported that the Getting Ahead Orientation will be August 31, 2010 with the actual class starting on September 14th. Peggy further explained the process and shared with the board about the Getting Ahead Orientation booklet. Haley Richards reported that Bridges to Circles is preparing for their annual site visit from Move the Mountain. Lastly, Brunie Emmanuel did contact Scott Miller regarding coming for a community event and shared the dates.

Education

Angela McCorvey

No Report

Exploitation

John Clark

Tim Evans reported that John Clark is out of town and that a team chair replacement may have been found. Tim will make the announcement at next month.

Faith Based**David Alexander**

David reported that the team is trying to coordinate a date for Scott Miller's visit to Pensacola to re-energize the faith-based community like Ruby Payne did in December 2009. Brunie did contact Scott about coming for a visit and the dates were around the week of Thanksgiving. Details and cost of the visit are still being negotiated with Scott. David also shared that a team representative will be attending the September 1st planning meeting for the Reimagine Brownsville event. Lastly, David gave a great recap of National Night Out held on August 3rd.

Human Social Capital**Kathy Kerr/Phyllis Gonzalez**

Phyllis Gonzalez reported for Kathy Kerr on her experience of riding the bus for a 7 day period of time. Phyllis provided copies of the Public Transportation Advocacy Pilot Project which has two main objectives: research/focus group and advocate for ECAT. The board discussed several ideas and approaches for this team to continue working on their pilot project. *Special Note:* Board members Janice Thomas, Jean Norman, and guest Cate Jordan rode the bus to the board meeting today.

Political/Economic Structures**Maren DeWeese**

Tim Evans reported that Councilwoman Maren DeWeese will chair this team on a consulting basis for the time being. She will offer Poverty Solutions information on how to advocate for issues within local government. Additional team members will be added at a later date.

Poverty Information Group**Haley Richards**

Haley reported that the PIGs are currently looking for a location to hold the Poverty Simulation scheduled for October 2010. Also the team is putting together the Bridges Newsletter for a September edition. Tim added that Mark Dufva and he made presentations to both the City Council and County Commission to update them on our activities. Lastly, the radio PSAs will be redone and will be formatted like myth busters with our topic being poverty.

Resources**Randy Fleming**

No Report

Housing**Susan Senkarik**

Susan reported several exciting things taking place in our community: VITA sites will be offered for credit at UWF, July 2 Train the Trainer for local agencies focused on basic money management, and a AmeriCorps Planning Grant submitted by DCF was approved with Randy Fleming being the Project Director. This means we could have AmeriCorps members on the ground by May 2011. Lastly, Susan mentioned about a workshop being held on September 25th at the Civic center geared toward obtaining/maintaining affordable housing as well as foreclosure prevention.

Bay Area Works**Jean Norman**

Jean reported that Mort O'Sullivan is working on setting a date with key players in an effort to raise the funds to implement the initiative.

IV. New Business and Announcements**Board Members**

Brunie shared about a discussion with Carolyn Appleyard about using reclaimed Habitat Houses as transitional housing. Carolyn was going to take this idea to the Habitat Board.

Community Events—Children's Movement of Florida Milk Party on Labor Day at Pensacola High
Annual Gala for Catholic Charities of Northwest FL Pensacola Regional Office is
October 16 at Sacred Heart Cancer Center
Community Garden in the works for Sacred Heart Hospital

Next Meeting September 16, 2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Community Center