



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes December 16, 2010

Attended by: David Alexander, Carolyn Appleyard, Tina Carpenter, Renae Cotton, Brunie Emmanuel, Tim Evans, Elizabeth Fayard, Bob Gerold, Phyllis Gonzalez, Linda Moultrie, Jean Norman, Lilia Oakey, David Powell, Haley Richards, Janice Thomas and Marsha Williams.

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest Tim Evans

II. Review and Approval of November Minutes Tim Evans
Minutes approved as submitted.

III. Support Team Updates

Training

David Powell

David reported that he submitted the Training teams goals for the next 3 yrs to Tim and appropriate leadership. The goals included expanded reach out into the community as well as developing a 1 hour version of modules that could be used for Staff Meeting venues. Also the Sacred Heart trainers will be presenting to the Catholic Healthcare Association in June of 2011. Jean Norman shared she will be conducting Bridges Training for new AmeriCorps VISTAs in 2011.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy sent her report via email. Email report stated that she had not received any new volunteers from the website or any other sources. Peggy reminded the board of a presentation given to the board of Kappa Delta Pi and was the week prior to the meeting presented to the membership. Bridges to Circles brochures were distributed and several members expressed an interest in becoming more involved.

Circles Leadership Team

Brunie Emmanuel

Brunie Emmanuel reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). Two issues that were brought to the board's attention were Ally attrition and lack of curriculum for children & youth. Support team is in the process of acquiring a donated vehicle from the Sherriff's office. Getting Ahead graduation will take place in January 2011 and should see some high number of graduates transition into Circles. Also an Ally has fully participated and observed this past Getting Ahead class which should yield valuable insight for training of future Allies. Haley shared that she and Estella will be attending the Circles Train the Trainer which will position Bridges to Circles to become a Circles training site.

Education

Angela McCorvey

Tim will contact this team and discuss some possible contributions for Circles youth development.

Exploitation

Bob Gerold

Bob reported a January 2011 start date for this team to start meeting again and has contacted several of the team members. Several projects are on the table for this team which includes financial literacy empowerment through court system, and 3-5 minute video vignettes done by teens of Chain Reaction for teens. Bob will report details at the next board meeting.

Faith Based**David Alexander**

David Alexander reported that the team met on December 2, 2010 and is working to put together a Faith & Justice poverty simulation that will be coordinated along with simulation event during National Circles training. Also the group is working with Scott Miller to have a faith-based event similar to Ruby Payne event from December 2009.

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

Phyllis reported for Kathy Kerr that the UWF grad students had completed their transportation assessment and would like to present their findings throughout the community. The board invited the students to make their presentation at a future board meeting.

Political/Economic Structures**Maren DeWeese**

No Report

Poverty Information Group**Haley Richards**

Haley reported that the team is working on the logistics and program for the January 26, 2011 community orientation session. The event is targeting the business community and will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church with Kathleen, Flack, and Bob Gerold as the presenters. The team will also be working on re-energizing the Poverty Costs Campaign as well as publishing another Newsletter in March/April 2011. Lilia Oakey, Unite Escambia VISTA, provided a summary of the Inspiration for Escambia grant program that will kick off in 2011.

Resources**Randy Fleming**

Haley reported that Bridges to Circles sent out a series of letters to local Rotary clubs asking for funds to support the weekly meeting and youth development.

Housing**Susan Senkarik**

No Report

Bay Area Works**Jean Norman**

Jean Norman reported that Bay Area Works is moving forward with becoming a 501(c)3 with the help of attorney Kevin Nelson, Emmanuel, Sheppard. The current 3 person board consists of Mort O'Sullivan, Pat Wyndham, and Bob Hart (needed for incorporation). The fundraising campaign will kick off in January 2011.

V. New Business and Announcements

Board Members

Presentation to Governor's transition team—Janice, Mark, and Tim

Janice provided a summary to the board of the events that lead up to Mark and Tim securing a presentation slot to the Governor's transition team. Tim reported on the presentation itself; a 5 person panel that was provided a packet of information, overview of the movement, Q&A, discussion, and overall had a very positive reception. Janice will keep us updated if anything develops from the presentation.

Next Meeting January 20, 2011 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Community Center