



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes February 17, 2011

Attended by: David Alexander, Tina Carpenter, Mark Dufva, Tim Evans, Bob Gerold, Peggy Groves, David Powell, Haley Richards, Janice Thomas and Marsha Williams.

I. Introductions and Welcome

Tim Evans

II. Review and Approval of January Minutes

Tim Evans

Minutes approved as corrected:

1. Delete word "Interim" next to Bob Gerold's name for Circles Leadership Team.

III. Public Transportation Presentation

UWF Grad Students

Re-schedule this presentation.

IV. Support Team Updates

Training

David Powell

David reported that on February 22, 2011 a Bridges Out of Poverty training will be conducted at the Sacred Heart Facility in Port St. Joe, FL. Discussions with Vicki Abrams have taken place about developing Bridges Training for this area. Also the Sacred Heart Health Systems Bridges trainers will be making a presentation in June for the Catholic Health Care Assembly.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy reported no new volunteers had made contact in the last month. Peggy also provided a review of her job description which is to recommend the appropriate team for volunteers and follow up with the team chairs. At this time Tim shared with the board that due to the recent changes at United Way the future of Unite Escambia and the fiscal agent status is unknown. Board members would encouraged to start thinking about plan B. Lastly, Haley will contact Lilia about the most recent Google analytics for the Unite Escambia website.

Circles Leadership Team

Bob Gerold, Interim Chair

Bob Gerold reported that he attended the 4 day Circles Hands-On Training and received some materials to improve our Youth Development curriculum. The 5 week transition session for Getting Ahead Graduated moving into Circles is going very well and will end with a brand new Circle Leader training. Another exciting weekly meeting program in development will be all about decision making which Bob will facilitate. Lastly, Bob has been contracted with Move the Mountain to develop national training materials and a Circle Leader video and the Getting Ahead documentary is still in production.

Education

Angela McCorvey

No Report and Tim will contact the team chair for an update.

Exploitation

Bob Gerold

Bob reported that the team will have a meeting on February 25, 2011 to brain storm ideas. Also the Financial Stability Coalition is beginning to work with the Court System to provide financial literacy for the Family law population.

Faith Based

David Alexander

David Alexander that he had received very positive feedback from ministers who attended the Leadership Luncheon. He also shared the February 3rd Scott Miller event was well attended and provided motivation for people in attendance to take action. The question was raised if Bob's presentation from the Leadership Luncheon was available for another time.

Human Social Capital

Kathy Kerr/Phyllis Gonzalez

No Report

Political/Economic Structures

Maren DeWeese

No Report

Poverty Information Group

Haley Richards

Haley reported the Bridges newsletter will have a March edition highlighting past and upcoming events. Also the team is working on developing a sponsorship letter for local print shops. The Myths of Poverty radio PSAs are in development. Lastly, Bob Gerold is in the process of scheduling his Myths of Poverty presentation for the Chamber.

Resources

OPEN

Tim reported that fundraising is now everyone's responsibility.

Housing

Brunie Emmanuel

No Report

Bay Area Works

Jean Norman

No Report

V. New Business and Announcements

Board Members

Reimagine Warrington

The board discussed whether to host a Getting Ahead fair at Reimagine or not due to the Teen Summit being held the same weekend. **Peggy moved to send the information to Lilia who will promote Reimagine participation for all of Unite Escambia, Janice seconded; approved.**

Mark moved for the board to thank Jean Norman for her work and continued participation as the representative for Bay Area Works, Bob seconded; approved.

David Alexander shared information about the Trauma Informed Care event on March 4th at Wesley Abbey.

Marsha Williams shared that Habitat for Humanity received an NSP grant to build 109 homes in a sub-division off Gulf Beach Hwy. Also May is National Build-a-thon and a team will be in the area building homes.

Next Meeting March 17, 2011 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Community Center

