



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes February 25, 2010

Attended by: David Alexander, Denise Dean, Mark Dufva Brunie Emanuel, Randy Fleming, Peggy Groves, Kathy Kerr, Kathleen & Flack Logan, Jean Norman, John Clark, Haley Richards, Don Suarez, Lucie Wade, and Janet Westlake

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest

Randy Fleming served as chair today in place of Janice Thomas.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved without corrections.

III. Human Social Capital Plan

Kathy Kerr distributed a proposed plan for this group to undertake in 2010. Kathy stressed making sure every has the same definition of human social capital. She shared her observations from the recent FL-AL Transportation Planning Organization focus group she attended. Jean Norman will send Kathy the comprehensive study from the initial work of Escambia Community Collaborative. Also suggested to use was the results of the Bay Area Works Employee Survey and the Community Assessment from the Getting Ahead classes. Kathy Kerr will contact Brenda Trimble to ask if she will be involved with this team.

IV. Sharing of minutes from sub-teams

Randy asked the sub-team chairs and members to start sending Janice copies of their monthly meeting minutes. If the sub-teams were not taking minutes at their monthly meetings then the team chairs were asked to start.

Special Presentation from the Poverty Information Group (PIG) rescheduled for next month.

V. Budget

The PST Board in attendance received a copy of the Poverty solutions Team budget which included income and expenses beginning in July 2008 until February 2010. ***The board decided to see a copy of the team budget once a quarter. Poverty Solutions Team funds available are \$3,864.89.***

VI. Support Team Updates and Setting Goals

Training

No Report

Tim Evans

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy reported receiving no emails this month. The Catholic Compass, magazine of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, featured a Bridges to Circles family. Janet is going to ask author, Peggy Dekeyser for permission to make copies of the article for distribution. Brunie reported that after his presentation 8 people asked for information about being allies.

Circles Leadership Team

Brunie Emmanuel

Brunie reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). Getting Ahead class has 15 people enrolled and this group is trying out the information in the workbook earlier than previous classes. The 4 churches who serve once a month at the Weekly Community Meeting are invested in the initiative. The Youth Development team responsibilities have been passed on to Patricia Parker. On-going recruitment efforts for allies and Circles Campaign are interested in our hybrid model with 2 Circle Leaders in a Circle. Support team is working on a Car Donation program. Lastly, the community garden is moving along. The board also discussed the Bridges to Circles Community Organizer position. Refer anyone interested in the position to Mark Dufva.

Education

Angela McCorvey

No Report

Exploitation

John Clark

John reported the team will pursue the State-wide legislation during the next legislative session. Also they make take someone who has experienced a payday loan like Kevin Megill with them to talk with State Legislators.

Faith Based

David Alexander

David reported that the surveys from the December 15 event were divided up and team members are contacting people who attended the event. This will help determine who wants to have trainings, presentations, book study, etc. David also shared about Sports World coming to town and already there are 9 scheduled assemblies impacting 1, 600 school children grades K-12. Sponsorship is still being secured. Special Note: David asked the Board to remove "Capt." from any of our information due to recent events.

Human Social Capital

Kathy Kerr

Kathy presented the Human Social Capital proposed plan to the board. Refer to handout and top of the agenda.

Political/Economic Structures

Susan Nelms

Randy Fleming reported that the Bay Area Works Employee survey is complete. 320 total surveys completed at Workforce Escarosa in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, First Call for Help, and Families Count. Some main barriers to employment the survey revealed were transportation and self-esteem issues. Bay Area Works is now writing the business case and has an event planned for Dave Philips visit on April 23, 2010.

Poverty Information Group

Kathleen Logan & Tim Evans

Kathleen reported that Monique Hrabak is now the editor of the Bridges Newsletter. The deadline for submission is March 15, 2010. Also Kathleen stated they have 3 95% completed speeches and would like to practice them during the board meetings. The group is also working on some PSAs that will air during the late spring.

Resources

Randy Fleming

Randy Fleming reported that the last meeting was cancelled during the "No Snow". They team is currently working on an AmeriCorps Planning grant. The grant would bring a team of 20 AmeriCorps Direct volunteers to the area. A Lead Agency and full time coordinator are needed for this project.

VII. New Business

The board discussed different options regarding the Getting Ahead fair. This topic will be added to the next meetings agenda for further discussion.

Next Meeting March 25, 2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Center