



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes January 28, 2010

Attended by: David Alexander, Denise Dean, Brunie Emanuel, Tim Evans, Randy Fleming, Ross Goodman, Peggy Groves, Angela McCorvey, Jean Norman, John Clark, Haley Richards, Janice Thomas, Lucie Wade, Marilyn Wesley, and Janet Westlake

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest

Kathy Kerr is considering becoming the Chair of the Human and Social Capital action Team.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved without corrections.

III. 5K Run Pat Kozma from First United Methodist Church

20th Anniversary of the Run for Missions to be held April 17, 2010 with 5K Run beginning at 8:00am with a Fun Run at 9:00am. The family friendly event includes breakfast and prizes for participants. Proceeds will benefit the PST Bridges to Circles Initiative. Online registration at www.active.com. Brochures will be distributed to PST board and community.

IV. Speakers for Events and Standard Presentations

Lucie Wade, Unite Escambia VISTA has scheduled several presentations for PST members. Brunie Emmanuel, Janice Thomas, Mark Dufva, and Marcia Nowlin have all agreed to make a presentation during February or March 2010. The board discussed the Unite Escambia Messaging Guide and the speech format of the Poverty Information Group. The speakers will follow the format a specific format when making a presentation: the work of Unite Escambia, Poverty Solutions, and how people can get involved.

V. Budget

Team Chair, Janice Thomas, put before the board to add the "Budget" as a standard item on the agenda from this meeting forward. Tom Hilton at United Way (PST Fiscal Agent) will provide Janice all necessary materials. The board agreed to this suggestion.

VI. Support Team Updates and Setting Goals

Training

Tim Evans

Tim reported that he is waiting to receive a list of the new trainers in our community (25 attended December Training). After he has this list a meeting will be scheduled to determine who will be willing to do Bridges Out of Poverty workshops.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy reported that she received 4 emails from potential volunteers. 2 of those 4 attended Ally Training. The new Unite Escambia website could be live any day now and is waiting on some technical things to be worked out. Currently, the featured volunteer opportunity on the new website is to become an ally with Bridges to Circles.

Circles Leadership Team

Brunie Emmanuel

Brunie reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). New Getting Ahead class started January 19, 2009 with 17 co-investigators enrolled. 2 Circle Leaders are moving to become allies. Circles Leadership Team is working to address the Spanish population. The need for allies will be included in upcoming PST presentations. Youth Development team developed a discipline policy signed by parents and is also working on developing curriculum. Resource team is in the process of working on a Car Donation program (direct transaction between donor & recipient). Also 2 Circle Leaders have enrolled in the IDA program with 1 more who may also enroll. Finally, Santa Rosa County is talking about starting Circles™.

Education

Angela McCorvey

Angela reported that they are continuing to work on white paper regarding the “Cost of Poverty to Higher Education in Escambia County”. Haas Center at UWF is assisting with data collection.

Exploitation

John Clark

John reported an update on the state-wide legislation. The legislation was written to educate the individuals how much their payday loan or another type of predatory lending will ultimately cost them. Representative Ford and Senator Gaetz declined to propose the legislation. Judge Goodman will forward this legislation on to the Florida Bar to see if they will want to sponsor/propose. Kevin Megill attended meeting and shared his personal experience with a payday loan. Finally, an announcement was made about the Financial Fitness Bazaar. Next meeting is February 23, 2010, 12:00pm at Department of Juvenile Justice.

Faith Based

David Alexander

David reported that the “*What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*” event on December 15 was a big success. Approximately 175 people signed in at the event. Taped version of event will air February 4th and 11 at 7:30pm on WSRE. Next meeting will be held February 4th at Olive Baptist Church.

Human Social Capital

Vacant

Kathy Kerr maybe the new chair of this action team. February 18, 2010 there will be a long range planning of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), 1:30pm at Tryon Library.

Political/Economic Structures

Susan Nelms

Randy Fleming reported that the employee surveys are being conducted at Workforce Escarosa sites on “L” street and Santa Rosa County, Families Count, and First Call for Help. The 300-350 surveys will be completed by January 29, 2010 with results available in the second week of February 2010. In addition Thank You letters have been sent out to all employers who participated in the previous survey. Dave Philips will be in town on April 22, 2010.

Poverty Information Group

Kathleen Logan & Tim Evans

Tim reported Poverty Costs campaign will be a multi-media approach. The speeches are in development. PIG members have discussed re-vamping the TV Show and will have 30 sec PSA on WUWF in late spring 2010. The group gladly will welcome any new members.

Resources

Randy Fleming

Randy Fleming reported that the Baroco Foundation donated \$50,000 to Bridges to Circles. Weed-n-Seed grant is being polished and Community Action

VII. Focus on Partners

Janice provided copies of the partner spreadsheet to everyone present. The board discussed the need for business partners which may become easier with Bay Area Works. Janice Thomas shared a recent event facilitated by Elena Aldridge, Families First Network Trainer, with 130 in attendance. Also the training event was written up in the Lakeview Employee publication.

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