



Together We Achieve More

**Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes
January 20, 2011**

Attended by: Allie Alden, David Alexander, Tina Carpenter, Mark Dufva, Tim Evans, Bob Gerold, Peggy Groves, Jean Norman, Lilia Oakey, Haley Richards, Catherine Romero, Janice Thomas and Marsha Williams.

I. Introductions, New Year's Comments and Welcome Guest Tim Evans

New Year's comments included a call for board members to continue our work with gusto and that our small steps will lead to success and forward progress. The Poverty Solutions Team has made great community contributions and has impacted the lives of the poor. Tim conveyed a special thank you to the board members present for their continued perseverance.

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

III. Support Team Updates

Training David Powell
No Report

Volunteer Coordination Peggy Groves
Peggy reported that a recent college graduate named Brett Hutchins had contacted her via email. She had referred him to several volunteer opportunities and he wanted to get involved with the Eliminating Exploitation team. Peggy sent his contact information to Bob Gerold.

Circles Leadership Team Bob Gerold, Interim Chair
Bob Gerold reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). Getting Ahead graduation was held on January 18, 2011 and there were 12 graduates. This group of potential Circle Leaders will participate in a 5 week transition session before being matched with allies. Bridges to Circles will be hosting the National Circles Hands-On Training the first week of February and is making strides to become a regional training center. Peggy Groves encouraged board members to attend the weekly meeting from time to time.

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

Exploitation Bob Gerold
Bob reported that the Financial Literacy through the judicial system will be started in Family Court and several investigators are set to be trained to encourage participation in workshops. Also Bob is waiting for a follow-up meeting about working with the Chain Reaction teens.

Faith Based**David Alexander**

David Alexander offered a recap of upcoming community events such as the Leadership Luncheon, Poverty Simulation (need to have more often in the community) during Hands-On Training and Scott Miller event. David passed around the event flyer for Scott Miller on February 3, 2011.

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

Tim reported that a presentation of the white paper done by the UWF grad students would be taking place at next months board meeting. Lilia mentioned connecting this work with the Environment Solutions Team members Enid Sisskin and Dee Dee Green.

Political/Economic Structures**Maren DeWeese**

No Report

Poverty Information Group**Haley Richards**

Haley moved for payment in the amount of \$345 to Appetite for Life for the Leadership Luncheon boxed lunches (\$200 donation leaving the remaining balance of \$145), seconded by Peggy Groves; approved.

Leadership Luncheon flyers were available for board members to take and distribute. Bob Gerold shared an overview of his presentation titled "Myths of Poverty" to be given at the luncheon. A series of radio PSAs and video maybe developed using these myths during a community education campaign.

Resources**Randy Fleming**

Tim reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Randy Fleming as chair of the Resources team. Fundraising is now a Board responsibility and members were encouraged if they believe in the cause to donate.

Housing**Susan Senkarik**

Jean reported that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is kicking off Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Town & country Plaza.

Bay Area Works**Jean Norman**

Jean Norman moved for payment in the amount of \$750 to complete the incorporation of Bay Area Works, seconded by David Alexander; approved. Jean also reported that a brochure had been created by Ellis Bullock and she will send it to Tim for distribution to the board.

V. New Business and Announcements

Board Members

Inspiration for Escambia

Lilia Oakey

Lilia reported that Inspiration for Escambia was moving along and the first priority area is Education sponsored by Landrium. Grant submissions would open on February 1, 2011 and public voting would start on February 15, 2011.

Cycling for Change

Mark Dufva

Mark reported a Cycling for Change event would be taking place tentatively on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Pensacola Beach. Activities to include rally at City Hall with food drive, Radio Live coverage, and route options from Ft. Pickens to Navarre. Also Mark is planning to continue on to Tallahassee. More details to come!

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