



# Together We Achieve More

## Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes July 15, 2010

**Attended by:** Carolyn Appleyard, Tina Carpenter, Denise Dean, Mark Dufva, Tim Evans, Elizabeth Fayard, Randy Fleming, Bob Gerold, Peggy Groves, Kathleen Logan, David Powell, Haley Richards, and Janice Thomas.

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest Tim Evans

II. Review and Approval of Minutes Tim Evans

**Kathleen Logan moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded and approved without objections.**

III. Community Poverty Awareness proclamations Mark Dufva  
City Council  
County Commission  
Cycling for Change event

Mark Dufva reported to the board along with Elizabeth Fayard regarding the proclamation issued by the City of Pensacola City Council. Team members were encouraged to attend the August 5<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting to show your support for the proclamation vote. Mark and Elizabeth both shared with the board the details for the Cycling for Change activities scheduled for August 17, 2010. Bob Gerold also shared with the board the plans to promote the newly established bike co-op at Cycling for Change.

IV. Support Team Updates

### **Training**

### **David Powell**

David reported to the board that he is working to call a meeting of all of the Bridges Certified trainers. Also David and Haley are working on putting together a 6 hour Bridges Training for the Escambia VISTA Coalition either August 23 or 24, 2010. The team plans to hold trainings once a quarter.

### **Volunteer Coordination**

### **Peggy Groves**

Peggy reported to the board that after reviewing the Unite Escambia website poverty section that the volunteer opportunities need to be evident to website visitors. Haley Richards offered to bring all suggested ideas to the next Unite Escambia Marketing Team meetings.

### **Circles Leadership Team**

### **Brunie Emmanuel**

Peggy Groves reported to the board that the Presentation request for the Bridges and Circles Community of Practice was approved. Peggy along with Brunie, Haley, and Estella are working together to put the presentation together for the conference in October.

**Education****Angela McCorvey**

No Report

**Exploitation****John Clark**

Tim Evans reported that John Clark is still seeking a new team chair. Ross Goodman was asked but was unable to take position. The team is focusing on community education materials in an effort to coordinate financial literacy opportunities throughout the community.

**Faith Based****David Alexander**

Peggy updated the board about inviting Scott Miller to visit Pensacola to re-energize the faith-based community like Ruby Payne did in December 2009. Brunie was asked to contact Scott about coming for a visit. Also David Alexander is in communication with Linda English in an effort to join in with ReImagine Brownsville.

**Human Social Capital****Kathy Kerr**

Kathleen suggested team members ride the bus in response to Kathy Kerr riding the bus for an entire week. Haley Richards shared that Kathy is working to put a focus group together to hear first hand experiences of people who ride the bus to get around the community.

**Political/Economic Structures****VACANT**

Tim Evans informed the board that this team needs a chair. **Mark Dufva moved to nominate Maren DeWeese; seconded by Janice Thomas and approved.** Tim will contact Maren to let her know.

**Poverty Information Group****Haley Richards**

Haley reported that the PIGs meet every two weeks and are currently working on several projects. The projects include a Poverty Simulation event and an Ally Recruitment tool to be used for presentations. Tim also reported about producing a 30 minute show to air on Public Access television.

**Resources****Randy Fleming**

Randy reported to the board that the team approached Connie Bookman to apply for the Weed-n-Seed grant the next time it becomes available. Mark Dufva shared with the board about a RFP for a Health field jobs grant.

**Housing****Susan Senkarik**

No Report

**Bay Area Works**

Janice reported that the planning teams along with community Champion Mort O'Sullivan are working on pulling people together to raise the funds to implement this initiative.

**V. New Business and Announcements****Board Members**

The PST board meeting is moving back to Dorrie Miller Center for the next meeting. Board members also shared different community events that were going on in case anyone wanted to participate.

**Next Meeting August 19, 2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Community Center**