



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes June 17, 2010

Attended by: Carolyn Appleyard, Tina Carpenter, John Clark, Mark Dufva, Brunie Emmanuel, Tim Evans, Elizabeth Fayard, Allie Foster, Frank Giammaria, Peggy Groves, April Hammons, Kathleen & Flack Logan, Angela McCorvey, Jean Norman, Haley Richards, and Susan Senkarik.

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest Tim Evans
Peggy Groves introduced April Hammons, ReImagine.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes Tim Evans
Flack Logan moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded and approved without objections.

III. PIG Presentation—Poverty Costs Businesses Kathleen & Flack Logan
Brunie Emmanuel introduced the speakers to all in attendance. Kathleen & Flack Logan practiced their speech titled “Poverty Costs Business”. The speech provided the audience with statistics both national and local, stated specific examples of how poverty affects businesses, included the vision and goal of PST, and call to action. Also the speakers listed some specific ways to get involved with PST. Kathleen & Flack received feedback from the audience which included suggestions (visual aids, use of current examples, local facts/numbers) of how to make the speech/presentation more impactful.

IV. Strategic Plan Tim Evans
Topic was tabled until the next meeting.

V. Support Team Updates

Training **Tim Evans**

Tim reported a smooth transition as David Powell has assumed the chair position for this action team. David is in the process of contacting those who were recently trained in December 2009 to determine their level of involvement. Upcoming training sessions include one for the Escambia VISTA Coalition set for end of July..

Volunteer Coordination **Peggy Groves**

Peggy reported that April Hammons found out about Unite Escambia’s Poverty Solutions Team from the website. There were no additional volunteer inquiries to report at this time. However, Peggy has been in contact with Judy Coe, Democratic Women, since her presentation and they are busy with political activities at this point in time. Allies still are still greatly needed for 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). The next Getting Ahead orientation session will be at the end of August and the class will actually start in September. The process and curriculum that have been established by this sub-team is tremendous. Our Circles initiative is evolving into a hybrid model with 3-4 Circle Leaders and 2-3 allies working in a group together. The Circle Leader and ally support night will be another tool used to build culture within the Circles community. We are looking into some new curriculum to use

with the children and youth. The logistics of the Weekly Community Meeting are solid in terms of food preparation and serving. However, in the near future the community may outgrow the space at the Cathedral. Finally, resources are also going very well with the car donation with the city being finalized and potentially 6 new IDA participants.

Education

Angela McCorvey

Tim explained the role of Mary Anderson as the liaison to Unite Escambia's Education Solutions Team with her focus on early childhood education. The current UE PST Education action team is focusing on the effects of poverty on post-secondary education.

Exploitation

John Clark

John reported that they are working on developing their goals for the coming year. Also John is in the process of identifying a new team chair. John asked Haley to provide him with the contact information for the Circle Leader who attended their meeting a while back. Haley agreed to send the information to John.

Faith Based

David Alexander

Jean Norman reported that the team is going to partner with ReImagine at their next event planned for October 2, 2010 in Brownsville. This partnership would then take the place of the PST's Getting Ahead fair. The PST relationships with area social service agencies will be an addition to the ReImagine faith based participants. Also Olive Baptist Church will be conducting a book study this fall.

Human Social Capital

Kathy Kerr

No Report

Political/Economic Structures

Susan Nelms

Jean Norman reported that the Bay Area Works planning team has developed a 3 year Budget, job descriptions, and a 1 page overview (handouts were provided to the board). The team, led by Champion Mort O'Sullivan, is in the process of assembling people to formulate a fund development plan within 30 days.

Poverty Information Group

Kathleen Logan & Tim Evans

Tim reported how PIG will be helping to promote the Cycling for Change event which should generate some formal recognition for the work of UE PST. The plan includes a poverty proclamation from the City and County declaring that week, Poverty Solutions week in an effort to have future annual events. The team goals were also announced to those present; poverty simulation, presentations, increase newsletter recipients, and obtain fee publicity.

Resources

Randy Fleming

No Report

Housing

Susan Senkarik

Susan reported that jobs and current economic conditions are greatly effecting our housing situation. She specifically mentioned the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, housing bonds from across the state, and mixed use housing options. Other topics discussed by the board included referrals to Habitat for Humanity and the need for home repair for elderly in our community.

VI. New Business and Announcements

Board Members

Tim reported some new members to the board; Brenda Trimble designated Renae Cotton, Hazel Browning, Eunice Sellers, and Maren DeWeese. All other board members up for renewal did renew for another year. Haley invited the PST board to attend the Weekly Community Meeting on July 13, 2010 to give the Bridges to Circles community an update on the team's work. Finally, the new leadership will come on board July 1, 2010.

Next Meeting July 15, 2010 at 3:30pm Chappie James Building