



Together We Achieve More

**Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes
March 25, 2010**

Attended by: Carolyn Appleyard, Linda Renae Cotton, Charlotte Crane, Brunie Emanuel, Tim Evans, Elizabeth Fayard, Randy Fleming, Peggy Groves, Kathy Kerr, Linda Moultrie, Haley Richards, Lucie Wade, and Marilyn Wesley

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. Defining Human/Social Capital

Kathy Kerr provided a handout for everyone present in order to discuss the definitions of Human/Social Capital. The board discussed the definitions of Human Capital, Social Capital, and new coined term of Social Infrastructure. The board agreed to review definitions and send feedback to Kathy. Haley will send handout to Janice for distribution to the entire board.

IV. Bridges to Court

No Report

Judge Ross Goodman

V. PST Presentation/Speech

Poverty Information Group (PIG) member Charlotte Crane gave her Poverty Costs speech centered on the cost of incarceration. The speech was very well received by the board members present and feedback included having a slideshow for the quotes and statistics. Also could add some information about becoming an ally. The speech will be sent to Janice for distribution to the entire board.

Charlotte Crane

VI. Getting Ahead Fair Discussion

Added to next months agenda.

Randy Fleming

VII. Nominating Committee

Randy reported to the board that a nominating committee will be set-up to determine the new co-chair for next year. The committee will include Jean Norman, past PST Chair, Janice Thomas, current PST Chair, and Tim Evans, next PST Chair starting in summer 2010.

Randy Fleming

VIII. Support Team Updates and Setting Goals

Training

Tim reported that his goal is to seek new leadership for this team due to his becoming PST Chair.

Tim Evans

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy reported on the status of the website. Haley reported about the March Ally Training and the status of the new Bridges to Circles VISTA who will start in May 2010.

Peggy Groves

Circles Leadership Team**Brunie Emmanuel**

Brunie reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). The Circles initiative has had their 1 year mark with very positive things happening. Peggy reported that the Getting Ahead class has bonded and has a high trust level. Brunie shared that we are at the tipping point for ally recruitment. Some Circle Leaders are making the transition to becoming allies. Lastly, Brunie reported some updates on the car donation and IDA programs.

Education**Angela McCorvey**

No Report

Exploitation**John Clark**

Haley reported that the Exploitation team met earlier today and discussed the results of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites.

Faith Based**David Alexander**

Randy reported that the team is continuing to follow up with people who attended the December 15 event and exploring ways to engage them in our work.

Human Social Capital**Kathy Kerr**

Kathy is scheduling a meeting next week with Dr. Roar from UWF Department of Criminal Justice. Refer to handout and top of agenda.

Political/Economic Structures**Susan Nelms**

Randy reported that the Bay Area Works Employee will meet March 29 to review the draft of the Business case. Plans are in the works for an April event to present business case to business leaders and Dave Philips will be in town for this event.

Poverty Information Group**Kathleen Logan & Tim Evans**

The board gave evaluation of Charlotte's speech and recommended using PowerPoint slides or a quick fact handout. Tim reported that the Poverty Costs campaign is moving along with PSAs airing on WUWF the first week of April. Also working on having some billboards and television PSAs emphasizing poverty costs.

Resources**Randy Fleming**

Randy Fleming reported that the team is currently working on an AmeriCorps Planning grant. Also Randy will submit a letter requesting money from the Sheriff's office. McMillan gave no additional funding to Circles but there are plans to revisit soon. Catholic Charities did receive funding from Baroco Foundation.

VII. New Business

Board members were urged to vote to bring 211 to our area by voting for First Call for Help to receive a grant from Pepsi. Marilyn handed out flyers for a community event. Peggy shared that Michael Collins has offered the use of his church facilities if they are needed.

Lucie Wade reported to the board about the upcoming UE VISTA transition regarding the VISTA Assignment descriptions and the UE Leadership Team. She also provided information about the April 7th UE event which is bringing together the beginning group in a forum style event.

Next Meeting April 22, 2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Center