



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes November 19, 2009

Attended by: David Alexander, Carolyn Appleyard, Denise Dean, Brunie Emanuel, Peggy Groves, Angela McCorvey, Linda Moultrie, Jean Norman, David Powell, Haley Richards, Janice Thomas, Lucie Wade, and Janet Westlake

Minutes approved without corrections.

II Support Team Updates and Setting Goals

Training

Tim Evans

Tim reported on two successful full day (6 hr) Bridges Out of Poverty trainings held during the month of November for a total of 47 people who are now trained. Also conducted was a 2 hr Bridges Out of Poverty session for a counseling class at Troy State for a total of 38 people. Discussion continued about the fee was a barrier for organizations to send staff to the National Certification scheduled for December 2009. Janet Westlake will contact Marcia Nowlin regarding specific details and email everyone what she finds out. It was suggested to compose a letter to Private foundations for scholarship money for National Certification but that was done already through Randy and Resource Team.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy, Haley, and Lucie reported on the status of the new Unite Escambia Website: content, volunteer opportunities, and VolunteerMatch connection was explained. The plan is for the website to go live in January 2010. Janet Westlake brought up the Hands On Network program that if someone volunteers for 1 project then they will receive a free ticket to Disney. Barrier there is \$500 membership fee and the United Way is already a member so will explore if it applies to United Way funded programs. This incentive would be used to recruit allies 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). Three Getting Ahead classes will be completed and graduation held in December 2009. There is the potential for 23 new Circle Leaders and no allies to match with them. Discussed forming a focus group to determine barriers to volunteer as an ally. IDA program was presented to current Circle Leaders and thus far no enrollments. Brunie, Janet, and Haley will come up with script for Poverty Minute. Special note that Ruby Payne will give out certificates to Getting Ahead Graduated on December 15, 2009.

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".

Exploitation

John Clark

No report

Faith Based

David Alexander

David reported that the flyer for the "What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty" event on December 15 has been distributed and received a positive response. The logistics for the event are complete. Commented that having the Getting Ahead graduation during event good tie in for ally recruitment.

Human Social Capital

Vacant

Political/Economic Structures

Susan Nelms

Jean Norman reported the Bay Area works completed 125 employer surveys. Results indicated that 85% of those surveyed do offer some form of insurance. Transportation was identified as a barrier and the employers felt they had little access to employees based on using internet to find and hire. Employee survey will be done in January 2010 and the team is reviewing draft survey questions. The Business Case is in the process of being written/developed. It was recommended to get Dave Philips, Cincinnati Works to visit in the spring.

Poverty Information Group

Kathleen Logan & Tim Evans

Tim reported that PIG is trying to recruit more members. Plan to roll out Poverty Costs campaign in Spring 2010.

Resources

Randy Fleming

No Report

III. Old Business—Weed and Seed Grant

Linda Moultrie reported that due to circumstances we were not able to submit the letter of intent for the Weed and Seed Grant. There continues to be an issue with identifying a nonprofit to be the fiscal agent and with anyone having the staff to write the grant application. Possible nonprofits who could apply are Community Action and CDAC. Linda stated that PST needs to start determining if we can develop interest when this grant is available in the future. The Resource Team will explore this issue.

IV. New Business

Carolyn Appleyard recommended a book *What a Difference Do it Make* by Denver Moore

Next Meeting: No December Meeting, **January 1/28/2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Center**