



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes October 21, 2010

Attended by: David Alexander, Tina Carpenter, Denise Dean, Brunie Emmanuel, Tim Evans, Bob Gerold, Peggy Groves, David Powell, Haley Richards, and Janice Thomas.

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest

Tim Evans

Tim introduced Bob Gerold as new chair of Eliminating Exploitation Team. Bob provided to the board members present a summary of future plans and current projects.

II. Review and Approval of September Minutes

Tim Evans

Brunie Emmanuel moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded and approved without objections.

III. Support Team Updates

Training

David Powell

David Powell reported holding two more training sessions since August 6 hr session: Destin Site and Port St. Joe. Currently developing a 1-2 hour version for staff personnel, Video Department developing vignettes, and planning to host trainings at least once a quarter.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

No new contacts/Volunteers from other sources.

Circles Leadership Team

Brunie Emmanuel

Brunie Emmanuel reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). Brunie reported that he is stepping down as chair of the Circles Leadership Team due to changing job requirements effective Jan 2011. His focus will be shifting to Housing Solutions. An ally has been observing the current Getting Ahead class and will be providing input for training future allies. Ally Recruitment is up! Resource Team has received a car donation from the Sherriff's Office and 3 IDA participants. Brunie had a good conversation with Monique and she is planning to continue as Weekly Meeting chair. Lastly, a new volunteer with Youth Development is working on performance Expression therapy for both age groups. A succession plan will be developed for transition period.

Education

Angela McCorvey

No Report

Exploitation

Bob Gerold

Bob will be along with Tim scheduling a "What's been done?" brainstorming session with current and past action team members. Tim will contact John Clark to set up a time to meet.

Faith Based**David Alexander**

David Alexander reported that a Scott Miller event is in the works for February 2011. Reimagine Brownsville event provided good contacts and future participations is very likely. David also shared some ideas about a future poverty simulation targeting law enforcement as well as Judge Goodman's 1st Circuit Poverty solutions Taskforce. The board discussed offering the Bridges Training to this taskforce. Training options were mentioned.

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

Janice reported that an Applied Psychology class at UWF will be conducting focus groups and drafting a survey. More information will be reported in the future. The board discussed a connection with Unite Escambia's Environment Team.

Political/Economic Structures**Maren DeWeese**

No Report

Poverty Information Group**Haley Richards**

Haley Richards reported that the Poverty Simulation held on October 13, 2010 at Trinity was a big success. Also Haley reported on the work of Unite Escambia's Marketing Team and the upcoming Inspiration for Escambia project. Tim reported on PIG has discussed potential revenue streams for Poverty Solutions Team: selling DVD clips or Getting Ahead Documentary for communities who are new to this work. Tim informed the board that Bob Gerold is willing to work on needed editing but requires specific software. **Janice Thomas moved to purchase for \$150,000 the Adobe Productions software; seconded and approved.**

Resources**Randy Fleming**

Tim reported that Randy is working on end of the year money for Poverty Solutions Team

Housing**Susan Senkarik**

No Report

Bay Area Works**Jean Norman**

Jean Norman provided Tim with a report via email. Haley will obtain report from Tim and add to these minutes.

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

Brunie Emmanuel, Peggy Groves, and Haley Richards provided the board a National Bridges and Circles Community Building conference report. Additional items discussed were chamber meeting (2015 plan), Health Professions Opportunity Grant and relationship with Bay Area Works and Bridges to Circles, and Circles Data.

Next Meeting November 18, 2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Community Center