



Together We Achieve More

Poverty Solutions Team Board Minutes September 16, 2010

Attended by: Tina Carpenter, Renae Cotton, Mark Dufva, Brunie Emmanuel, Tim Evans, Chrisandra Nash, Jean Norman, Lilia Oakey, Haley Richards, Janice Thomas, and Marsha Williams.

I. Introductions and Welcome Guest Tim Evans

II. Review and Approval of Minutes Tim Evans

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

III. Community of Practice Presentation Haley Richards & Brunie Emmanuel

Tim Evans provided the board members some background information on this agenda item. Haley Richards summarized the presentation to be given in October 2010 at the National Bridges & Circles Community Building Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana for the board members. Tim will request funds to pay for Brunie's expenses per the board's request.

IV. Support Team Updates

Training **David Powell**
No Report—Haley Richards will email list of Trainers to David Powell.

Volunteer Coordination **Peggy Groves**
No Report

Circles Leadership Team **Brunie Emmanuel**
Brunie Emmanuel reported on the activities of the 5 sub-teams (Getting Ahead, Ally, Youth, Resources, Weekly Meeting). The Pathways for Change Getting Ahead Class has been postponed due to scheduling. The Sacred Heart group currently has 15 participants. Ally recruitment has picked up with strong attendance at the monthly trainings as well as many visitors to the weekly community meeting. Also the Pensacola Young Professional Quality of Life committee has agreed to serve/sponsor the 5th Tuesday weekly meal in November. Currently, 3 IDA participants and the donated cars from the City are in the process of being transferred to qualified Circle Leaders. This team is also in the process of aggregating the Community Assessment results from the past Getting Ahead classes. Finally, the board members discussed Circle Leader data and will receive timely data reports indicating Circle Leader progress. Special Note: Bridges to Circles maybe hosting the National Circles Hands on Training in February 2011.

Education **Angela McCorvey**
Tim Evans will contact Mary Anderson, Education Solutions Team liaison, regarding hearing from her once a quarter. Mary would report to this board how the teams work overlaps and how resources can be shared. Also Lilia Oakey, Unite Escambia AmeriCorps VISTA, shared some information about the Early Learning Summit that is being planned for the early next year.

Exploitation**New Chair**

Tim Evans announced Bob Gerold as the new chair for this action team. Bob is planning to still focus on predatory lending but from a different angle. Also mentioned at this time was the work of Judge Ross Goodman and his efforts to form a group to bring Bridges concepts to our judicial system. Tim will work on having a member of this new action team report to the board.

Faith Based**David Alexander**

Jean Norman reported that the Getting Ahead Fair will be held at the ReImagine Brownsville event. Tina Carpenter, PST/Bridges to Circles AmeriCorps VISTA, coordinated/invited the agencies to attend. She also provided the board with a summary of who was signed up to participate. Also since the National Circles event maybe happening in February, an event with Scott Miller is still possible without the cost.

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

Janice Thomas reported that a master's level student group at UWF will be organizing a survey/focus group of bus riders and plan to ride the bus themselves. Janice will check on the status of Kathy Kerr's bus ride log and when it could be distributed amongst the board members.

Political/Economic Structures**Maren DeWeese**

No Report

Poverty Information Group**Haley Richards**

Haley Richards reported that the PIGs have scheduled their Poverty Simulation for October 13, 2010 and are in the process of finalizing a location. Bob Gerold along with Matthew Maes are working on a documentary of the Sacred Heart Getting Ahead class. Other projects in the works are an ally recruitment presentation, poverty myth buster radio PSAs.

Resources**Randy Fleming**

No Report

Housing**Susan Senkarik**

No Report

Bay Area Works**Jean Norman**

Jean Norman reported that two Orientation sessions were scheduled one of which was held on September 13, 2010 and 4 donors were in attendance. The second session is set for October 6, 2010 and has 20 donors agreed to attend. The session will present the budget, staffing needs and donors will be asked for more potential funding ideas. Jean also mentioned that Pat Windham has agreed to co-chair this effort with Mort O'Sullivan and new member is working on a fund development plan.

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

Chrisandra Nash, AmeriCorps VISTA for Pathways for Change/Re-Entry Task force shared some upcoming community events and distributed flyers/brochures.

Tim Evans shared information about Gallery Night and the can food exhibit that will benefit Manna.

Next Meeting October 21, 2010 at 3:30pm Dorrie Miller Community Center