

**Unite Escambia Poverty Solutions Team Board of Directors
July 9, 2009 Minutes**

I. Goals/Strategies 2009/2010 for Support Teams

For Goal #1 changed from 48 to 25 the number of Circle Leaders to train.

Goal discussion included who would be responsible for championing the goals and the following was decided:

Circle Planning Team will champion:

- Identify and train 25 Circle Leaders and 150 allies
- Establish an IDA (Individual Development Account) with 10 participants

Exploitation Team will champion:

- Financial Stability Coalition to complete 1200 tax returns for low income

Human Social Capital will champion:

- Coordinate advocacy efforts addressing minimum of two barriers to self-sufficiency as identified by Circle Leaders

Political/Economic Structures will champion:

- Implement Bay Area Works

Poverty Solution Team Board will champion:

- Develop a sustainability plan
- Keep the Community Sustainability Grid and barriers to self-sufficiency as a focus
- Develop communications process so the Board of Directors is informed of work being done by the PST

Janice requested that each Support Team develop long term and short term goals by September. Also requested that Support Team Leaders let Janice Thomas, new chair, know when their meetings take place so she can attend.

II. Support Team Issues/Discussion

Training

Tim Evans

Tim reported:

- 1 Day training set July 21st 9AM to 4PM.
- Certification Training has been postponed

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy reported:

- Discussed development of the volunteer page on the UE website and putting it to music “Lean on Me”

Circles Planning

Brunie Emmanuel

Brunie reported:

- Provided update on work of community regarding Heritage Oaks Trailer park.

- It is exciting to watch as the Circle Leaders are beginning to be in the role of Allies for others,
- The Circles Planning Support Team has developed into 5 Functions. 1) Getting Ahead led by Peggy Groves works to prepare potential Circle Leaders to move into the Circles Program. 2) Allies Team led by Kelly Richards works with Allies to help meet their needs. 3) Committee Meeting Team led Monique Hrabak concentrating on weekly meetings regarding meals, child care and wants a strong curriculum. 4) Youth Development Team led by Iris Lloyd looking at developing programs for 3 levels, under grade school, grade school, and middle/high school. 5) Support Team led by Bryan Bell trying to find resources for Circle leaders for their individual plans.

Education

Angela McCorvey

Angela had no report but Janet Pilcher reported:

- UWF has signed Contract for Web development of first 7 modules for Ah Ha Process for Continuing and Training Credit for target audience of K-12 educators. Revenue sharing with Ruby Payne.

Exploitation

John Clark

Tim Evans reported:

- Team is working with Representative Clay Ford to see if he will sponsor legislation regarding pay day lenders

Faith Based

Oliver Jones

David Alexander reported:

- Getting Ahead Fair is 7/25
- We need to circulate Data Base of Churches to contact to increase their awareness of PST
- National Night Out is 8/4 and Circles group will be attending and PST will have a table.

Human Social Capital

Vacant

- Denise Dean agreed to chair this Support Team. Building advocacy skills might be appropriate goal.

Political/Economic Structures

Susan Nelms

Jean Norman provided update on Bay Area Works.

Poverty Information Group

Carolyn Appleyard

Carolyn reported:

- PST members will be doing a 30 BLAB Talk Show

Resources

Randy Fleming

Randy reported:

- Poverty Simulation Kits obtained by DCF and can be used by community.
- Working on application for small grants
- 2 Grants submitted for Community Capacity Building one by Department of Elder Affairs and one by DCF.
- Catholic Charities received grant of 60,000 plus matching 60,000 for Individual Development Accounts. Savings can be used for purchase of a

home, for education or developing business. Circle Leaders will have access to IDAs.

III. Determine new Meeting Day/Time

Due to Janice Thomas' schedule beginning in September we will need to find new time to meet. Please consider and bring suggestions to next meeting

IV. Other Business

David Powell with Sacred Heart Hospital will join Board.
Youth from Chain Reaction will join Board.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 13 at 3:30