

Unite Escambia Poverty Solutions Team Board of Directors Minutes
October 22, 2009

Attended by: **Allie Alden, David Alexander, Mary Anderson, Carolyn Appleyard, Denise Dean, Mark Dufva, Brunie Emanuel, Randy Fleming, Judge Ross Goodman, Peggy Groves, Dena Le, Kathleen Logan, Angela McCorvey, Jean Norman, David Powell, Haley Richards, Janice Thomas, Lucie Wade, Janet Westlake, Estelle Lee, Brandy Gottlieb**

Review and Approval of Minutes
No changes to minutes requested

Presentations:

Estella Lee provided information from the Southern Regional Assets Building Conference which she attended. She provided information on the Policy Priority Rating Across States and Florida is a low performer in most categories. Mark Dufva pointed out that since Pensacola is now a IDA location CIRCLES Leaders will be able to participate.

Brandy Gottlieb provided information from the Engaging Youth Conference she attended. She reported the middle class is shrinking and now is the first time since WWII that children will be worse off than their parents. Education breaks the cycle of poverty. Experts at conference were recommending public investment in green collar jobs and making higher education more affordable.

II Support Team Updates and Setting Goals

Training

Tim Evans

Janet Westlake provided information on training opportunities including the Bridges National Certification that is scheduled for 12/14- 12/17.

Volunteer Coordination

Peggy Groves

Peggy Groves reported that she along with Janet, Haley and Kelly attended new UE Website training. Haley, Peggy, and Kelly will represent PST. Haley is working on group that will determine how volunteers will register on website. Lucie reported that 11/3 there will be meeting for volunteers from all UE Teams.

Circles Planning

Brunie Emmanuel

Peggy reported that the current Getting Ahead class was going well and members were bonding. New classes will be Title I and Poverty training is planned for school employees. Need more Allies as they are key to successful program. It is a challenge to arrange coordinators' meeting.

Education

Angela McCorvey

Angela McCoverly reported that they are working on white paper regarding the "Cost of Poverty to Higher Education in Escambia County". They are also developing plans to connect with any Getting Ahead training grad that is attending PJC to assist with resource connection.

Exploitation

John Clark

No report

Faith Based

David Alexander

Discussed Team Goals. They also want to identify needs of congregations who are trying to bring worth issues of poverty. They are trying to schedule meeting with

Ruby Payne while in town for National Training. There will be TV show on Faith Based Channel.

Human Social Capital

Vacant

Janice to contact Scott Miller.

Political/Economic Structures

Susan Nelms

Randy Fleming discussed plans for Employee Survey. 125 businesses replied to Employer Survey. Team is meeting to review.

Poverty Information Group

Vacant

Kathleen reported they are in transition and have decided to try and lead by shared leadership. Team needs a scheduler and Newsletter Publisher. Escarosa Homeless Coalition is developing 1 minute spots for public information announcements.

Resources

Randy Fleming

Randy Fleming is applying for grants. Did not get Capacity Building Grant. McMillian Foundation agreed to allow Catholic Charities to use funds for CIRCLES. Still no interested party for Weed and Seed Grant. Homeless Coalition is applying for HUD grant for youth aging out of foster care.

III. Initiatives and Accomplishment Handout for Review

Received no additional recommendations for handout.

IV. Publishing Newsletter

Janice and Randy need to determine amount to pay for publication of newsletter.

V. Old or New Business

Carolyn Appleyard advised Irvin Stallworth is going to work as credit counselor for Habitat.

Janet stated that CIRCLE Leaders had discussed that due to cost some parents were not able to attend school events to watch their children participate. Group recommended that we contact Linda Moultrie.

Haley advised that Independent News had article about poverty.

Denise advised that CIRCLE Leaders had put together a social event at Bay View Park.

Next Meeting: **November 11/19/200 at 3::30 Dorrie Miller Center**