

# Community Alliance



## Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 5, 2014  
**Time:** 8:45-10:00am  
**Location:** Citrus County Extension Office  
 Lecanto, FL

**Attendees**—Scott Baggerly-Faith Haven, Rachel Mathew-On-TrackKids, Rick Mathew-On Track Kids, Shalay Jackson-Citrus County Schools, Angelique Howland-Salvation Army, Cara Meeks-Wellcare/Staywell, Kristy Lindke-The Path, Blaire Peterson-Healthy Start, Barbara Wheeler-Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition, Robert Mann-The Centers, Morgan Mills-The Centers, Lysie Cahela-The Centers, Jim Lightbody-DJJ, Sue Littnan-Early Learning Coalition, Renee O’Connor-CCSO, Kari Peters-Aspire, Michele Tewell-CCSO, Kathy Davis-LifeChoice, Diane Toto-We Care Food Pantry, Charles Locasto-Catholic Charities, Kimberly Morris-Hospice of Citrus & Nature Coast, Rebecca York-Alcorn-College of Central Florida, Ysland Baggett-New Hope Outreach, Lisa Sickels-St. Leo, Jessie Lubotsky-Youth & Family Alternatives, Kevin Maloney-Kids Central, Melissa Bowermaster-Jessie’s Place, Jo Darling-Citizens for Informed Teens, Helen Dalbow-We Care Food Pantry, Diana Popovich-Mid-Florida Community Services, Bob Spaulding-Sanctuary, Mary Lee Cubbison-Anti-Drug Coalition, Judy Shelton-CASA, Tom Chancey-Community Food Bank, Debbie Lattin-Citrus County Blessings, Walt Engelken-Community Housing Partners, Sandy Doughmen-Mission in Citrus, Angela Kahan-Haven of Lake & Sumter, Stephanie Adames-Devereux, Patricia Keelean-Mid-Florida Community Services, Veronica Agle-Mid Florida Community Services, Melanie Harkovich-The Centers, Dee Dixon-Healthy Families, Carol Scroggie-The Vines Hospital, Anthony Kopka-Daystar Life Center, Ashleigh Simon-Dept. of Health, Makayla Stewart, Soquili Stables, Danielle Flynn-The Centers, Phillip Irish-The Salvation Army.

| <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>  |
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| <b>I. Networking &amp; Sign-In</b>  |  |
| <b>II. Review of Minutes</b>  | Chair Cara Meeks called the meeting to order. She announced that there were no minutes from July because there was no meeting and the Vendor Fair was in June.   |
| <b>III. Introductions &amp; Service Updates</b>   | Members went around the table and introduced themselves.   |
| <b>IV. Old Business</b>   | Cara and Renea reviewed the two summer events, the Vendor Fair and the Back to School Bash. They reported that the Vendor Fair had 47 booths this year with approximately 90 attending. The survey regarding the Vendor Fair generated feedback that will be taken into consideration for next year’s event. The Back to School Bash events were held on Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup> at First Baptist in Inverness, and Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup> at Crystal River Church of God. The Inverness event had around 350 in attendance, and the Crystal River event had around 430. Both events were a huge success, especially since they were put together in a short time.  |
| <b>V. New Business</b><br><i>Alliance Review &amp; Refocus</i><br><br><i>News &amp; Updates</i> | Review on Alliance – Renea and Cara reported that the Alliance has continued to grow in both attendance and participation over the last year. We have implemented more projects, shared more information, and communication continues to improve. However we should also consider that we need to revisit issues like social security and make sure we are filling the gaps in services. Barbara updated on possibly computer interaction, and how the system navigation may be a challenge, but that we made a significant impact on youth this year. Debbie Lattin inquired about CEO Roundtable. Cara shared about the Strategic Planning from 2013. It was also suggested by Kari Peters that we have a Community Calendar maybe for the Alliance that can appear on our website. Renea is to investigate what might work best. Members made announcements regarding upcoming events. One highlighted was Parent University, a joint project between The Centers, Staywell, The Community Alliance, United Way, Jessie’s Place, and the Guardian Ad Litem’s office. The event will be at CF on Saturday, Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> and is free to all who attend. Classes offered will be various topics such as ADD, Safety(Drug, Cyber, etc.) Helping Your Child With Homework, and many others. |
| <b>VI. Agency Presentation</b>  | Tom Chancey, Executive Director of the Community Food Bank spoke briefly and then played a video about how the Community Food Bank operates. He then introduced Debbie Lattin of Citrus County Blessings, who updated on how they have partnered with the Food Bank on feeding children here in the county.  |
| <b>VIII. Adjourn</b>  | After the presentation, Cara adjourned the meeting.  |