



Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2013
Time: 8:45-10:00am
Location: Citrus County Extension Office
 Lecanto, Fl

Attendees: (Only attendees listed on the sign-in sheet are recorded)

Blaire Peterson—Healthy Start, Elizabeth Wood—FDOH, Sharise Eldredge-The Centers, Shalay Jackson-CCSB, Laura Nessola-The Centers, Jim Lightbody- DJJ, Kari Peters- Aspire, Bonnie McMullen-NCM, Terri Cooper-SEDNET, Elaine Bakle – Daystar, Melanie Harkovich – The Centers, Paul Zukowski-Healthy Families, Jessica Leach—The Spot, Kimberly Morris-Hospice of Citrus Co., Aileen David-Eckerd Hi-Five, Joe Papp-NCM, Barbara Wheeler -MFHC, Chris Thompson-DCF, Nancy Wood – St. Leo, Tiffany Coffin-The Centers, Rebecca Schmalstig-Eckerd Camp E-Nini Hassee, George Schmalstig-Filter, Lisa Darling-CCSB, Melissa Bowermaster-Jessie’s Place, Kim Avera –KCI, Miguel Velazquez, Mike Awe- The Sanctuary, Scott Baggerly-Faith Haven/Soquili Stables, Sue Littnan-ELC, Kathy Davis-Life Choice, Joelle Aboytes—DCF, Phillip Irish-Salvation Army, Richard Patterson-DCF, Judy Shelton-CASA, Edith Ramlow-CF, Rebecca Martin, Renea Teaster-Alliance.

Topic	Discussion
I. Networking	
II. Call to Order	Vice-Chair Melissa Bowermaster called the meeting to order.
III. Review of Minutes	Melissa asked for everyone to look over the minutes from the November meeting, and then asked for a formal approval. The motion was made by Sue Littnan, and seconded by Barbara Wheeler.
IV. Introductions & Service Updates	Melissa asked everyone to introduce themselves and give any services updates when they gave their name and agency/organization.
V. Old Business <i>Refresh/Refocus</i>	Renea gave an update that the event would be an Appreciation Breakfast that would be held on Friday, January 10 th at the Salvation Army. This meeting would replace the meeting for the month and there would be no meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 th . Invitations to the breakfast will be sent via email with an online registration.
<i>Community Expo</i>	Renea acknowledged that we were still undecided on a location (possibly Citrus Auditorium or Renaissance School) a date for the Community Expo, and that the focus was currently on the Breakfast event.
<i>Open Your Heart</i>	Renea reported on the Open Your Heart Event that was held on Nov. 16 th at the Crystal River Mall. The event was successful in many ways, however the turnout was still small. There was much media coverage leading up to the event creating awareness, but only about 6 families expressed interest in becoming foster/adoptive parents. The result was that we may need to pursue other avenues such as churches, etc to get better attendance.
<i>Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance</i>	Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance Members that were in attendance shared thoughts on the success of the event and Barbara confirmed that there were around 1000 families served in the county that received the turkey/food.
VI. New Business <i>Children’s Week</i>	Renea reported that Cara had already begun making plans for Children’s Week and that a committee meeting would be held soon to put plans into motion.
<i>Events & News</i>	Members shared announcements regarding their upcoming events, fundraisers, and other news.
VII. Citrus Connection Presentation	Everyone in attendance watched the video presentation of the Citrus Connection that was presented by Judge Thomas at Fire-Up Citrus in October.
VII. Discussion on Citrus Connection	Rebecca Martin led a brief discussion on the Citrus Connection. Questions were raised about how the Citrus Connection would work, and Renea and Rebecca informed members that it was a network of information and referral system, not a bureaucracy that would police efforts of agencies. Rebecca referenced the Martin County Whole Child Connection and that ours could be patterned after theirs so that we would not be starting from scratch, but have a system that is already in place in another Florida county.
VIII. Adjourn	Gift cards were drawn and 3 Applebees cards were given to winners. Melissa called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:05.