

Community Alliance



Meeting Minutes

Meeting of: Membership

Date: March 5, 2013

Time: 8:45-10:00am

Location: Citrus County Extension Office
Lecanto, FL

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

Dale Benefield, Partners for Substance Free Citrus
Cindy Ferguson, County Sheriff's Office
Diane Baggerly, Faith Haven/Soquili Stables
Renna Jablonskis, Partners for Substance Free Citrus
Andrea Bankhead, The Vines Hospital
Shalay Jackson, Citrus County School Board
Sue Littnan, Early Learning Coalition
Scott Baggerly, Faith Haven
Bonnie McMullen, Nature Coast Ministries
Stacey O'Rourke, Devereux Kids
Laura Nessola, Crisis Response
Richard Patterson, Dept. of Children & Families
Jim Lightbody, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Ginger West, Citrus County Resource Center
Channing Heater, Citrus County Resource Center
Lorrie Van VoorThuijsen, Partners for Substance Free Citrus
Kari Peters, Aspire – Home of "The River" Project
Merlyn Lewis, Faith Haven/Soquili Stables
Ingrid Ellis, Early Learning Coalition
Edith Ramlow, College of Central Florida
George Schmalstig, Filter Youth Development
Karl Amundson, Citrus County School Board –ESE
Danielle Damato Doty, Kids Central, Inc.
Cara Meeks, Devereux Kids Neighborhood Project, Membership Chair
Renea Teaster, Community Alliance Facilitator

Topic	Discussion
I. Networking & Sign In	
II. Call to Order/Introductions	Mrs. Cara Meeks called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves.

<p>II. Old Business</p> <p><i>Children's Week/April Events</i></p> <p><i>Trauma Informed Care</i></p> <p><i>Healthy Development, Healthy Youth</i></p> <p><i>Agency Profile</i></p> <p><i>Website/Logo/Social Media</i></p>	<p>Mrs. Meeks(Cara) opened the floor to committee updates.</p> <p>Cara announced that there would be a meeting afterwards for the Children's Week Committee. She announced proclamations that she was working on with the City of Crystal River, Inverness, and the County. She updated everyone on the pin-wheel gardens that would be going up in conjunction with Pinwheels for Prevention. Pups in the Park will be on same day as Family Fun Day, but on the other side of the county. All plans for Family Fun Day and Children's Week events are going well.</p> <p>Neither Jan O'Brien or Terri Cooper were present, so Cara provided a short update on this. The changes were implemented roughly a year ago, and there was a summit with each county developing a steering group. This initiative will end in April, and there will be a special meeting on April 19th. Cara asked Richard Patterson for input, and he indicated that there would be coverage most likely at the state-wide summit in August.</p> <p>Healthy Development, Healthy Youth—we are still moving forward with that. The name was changed from the 40 Developmental Assets, but this is the material we will be using. We want to actually do things in the community. We want to see things move forward, and there is discussion with some groups for training like the YMCA that can use this in their camps this summer.</p> <p>Renea updated everyone on the information being collected from the Agency/Organization Profile, and how important it was to share this information with the CEO Roundtable. The agencies were called out and thanked for those that had completed the survey.</p> <p>Renea gave an update that the new logo had been chosen and would appear on all materials going forward. The website is scheduled to be up by the next meeting and a new FB page is up.</p>
<p>IV. New Business</p> <p><i>CEO Roundtable Update/Members</i></p> <p><i>Future Subcommittees</i></p> <p><i>Agency Presentation</i></p>	<p>Renea and Cara talked briefly about the role of the CEO Roundtable and what it means to have their support. It was made known the members of the Roundtable, which presently are: Judge Patricia Thomas(Chair), Sandra Himmel, Jimmie Smith, Sheriff Jeff Dawsy, Brad Thorpe, Joelle Aboytes, Dr. Vernon Lawter, and Rev. Greg Kell. There are current vacancies with the Heath and Juvenile Justice Dept. which will be filled by their new administrators soon. The next meeting of the CEO Roundtable will be in May. Additional discussion took place regarding the availability of this roundtable, their role of support and how we can relay information to them. Edith Ramlow encouraged members to speak up because Board members may not understand where everyone is. It was restated that the Alliance came from a law in legislature that there needed to be one in every county. It was mandated that the Alliance be set up and that it needs to serve the entire community. The Alliance helped to start Partners for Substance Free Citrus .</p> <p>Renea and Cara additionally let the membership know that the Roundtable would help to determine objectives and that it was important to have data available to present to the Roundtable in May. This will be a big impact with future projects and subcommittees that will develop. It was brought up that we need a social security office locally because of transportation issues. It was then reaffirmed the importance of bringing this up to the CEO Roundtable and provide statistics.</p> <p>Faith Haven Christian Retreat Center & Soquli Stables made a presentation on their new program EGALA(Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) which is a Psychotherapy program. This is designed to help people with communication in relationships, especially families. This has been identified as a need in Citrus County. People wanted to know if there was anything for people with Asperger's, autism, and other needs. This program will help. Counselor is provided, however you may use facility and provide your own therapist also.</p>
<p>VI. Roundtable Discussion</p>	<p>Announcements--- Child Protection Conference in May.</p> <p>PSFC--Partners With A Heart—Banquet, over 100 attending. Please hold the date - May 29th—Community Immobilization Institute—Crystal River Armory, National Guard from Jacksonville –Petitions against Synthetic drugs. Need 5000 signatures.</p> <p>Aspire—Walk/ Roll WTI trail April 13th -</p> <p>ELC-- Sue - Car Seat Safety - March 23rd - Crystal Dodge—Inverness. Eagle Buick - GMC in April -make an appointment. DOT is still providing some free car seats and there is some funding from churches/etc.</p> <p>NCM—Dental Clinic is starting to come together - hopefully will open April.</p>
<p>VII. Next meeting date/location</p>	<p>The next Membership committee meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 8:45-10:00 at the County Extension Office.</p>
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Mrs. Meeks announced that all agenda items had been addressed and suggested adjournment.</p>

