

# Community Alliance



## Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 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)

Blaire Peterson—Healthy Start, Diane Toto, Helen Dalbow, -We Care Food Pantry, 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, Dale Benefield- ADC, Paul Zukowski-Healthy Families, Kalen Degroat-Value Options, Evelyn Vissichio—The Spot, Jessica Leach—The Spot, Kimberly Morris-Hospice of Citrus Co., Kristy Lindke-The Path, Aileen David-Eckerd Hi-Five, Joe Papp-NCM, Angela Kahan-The Haven, Barbara Wheeler -MFHC, Chris Thompson-DCF, Danielle Flynn—The Centers, Rebecca York-Alcorn-CF(EOC), Nancy Wood – St. Leo, Tiffany Coffin-The Centers, Rebecca Schmalstig-Eckerd Camp E-Nini Hassee, George Schmalstig-Filter, Sunshine Arnold-UF-CPT, Melissa Bowermaster-Jessie’s Place, Nicole Pulcini-Mason –KCI, Miguel Velazquez, Mike Awe- The Sanctuary, Sandy Doughman—The Mission in Citrus, Tom Scheffing-ELC, Renee O’Connor-CCSO, Joelle Aboytes—DCF, Angelique Howland-Salvation Army, Rosey Moreno-Jones-KCI, Stacy O’Rourke—Devereux Kids, Duwayne Sipper—The Path, Cara Meeks-Devereux Kids, Renea Teaster-Alliance.

Topic	Discussion
<b>I. Networking</b>	
<b>II. Call to Order</b>	Chair Cara Meeks called the meeting to order.
<b>III. Review of Minutes</b>	Cara asked for everyone to look over the minutes from the October meeting, and then asked for a formal approval. The motion was made by Diane Toto, and seconded by Sandy Doughman.
<b>IV. Introductions &amp; Service Updates</b>	Cara reminded everyone the new format with introductions and to provide services or services updates when they gave their name and agency/organization.
<b>V. Old Business Refresh/Refocus</b>	Melissa Bowermaster gave an update that this event would possibly be a breakfast now with the CEO Roundtable present and serving the membership. The location is still yet to be determined.
<i>Community Expo</i>	Renea acknowledged that we were still undecided on a location and a date for the Community Expo and the reason for the delay were other events such as the Open Your Heart event coming up.

<b>VI. New Business</b>	
<i>Dec. Meeting Plans</i>	Cara inquired about special plans for the December meeting. The consensus was to do a regular meeting, with no one bringing any special food items.
<i>CEO Roundtable Update</i>	Renea gave an update regarding the most recent plans made by the CEO Roundtable. The Roundtable had their quarterly meeting on Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , and the Communication and Mental Health/Substance Abuse Committees are moving forward in their efforts. Both committees have been meeting and discussing the issues, working on mapping services, and researching ways to improve our community in these areas. Renea inquired how many people had watched the video of Judge Thomas, and only a few raised their hand. It was then decided that we would take some time at the December meeting to watch the video.
<i>Hunger &amp; Homelessness Awareness Week</i>	Barbara Wheeler updated everyone on the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and invited those to attend the BOCC proclamation on the 19 <sup>th</sup> . She also gave a short update from the state conference that took place in St. Petersburg, and indicated that there is an Art Institute with a youth emphasis that will be putting together a campaign to bring awareness. She encouraged all to continue to advocate by writing the state legislature through Have Faith in Hunger. Diane Toto also spoke on how food is one small part, and that it comes down to working together to help increase the amount of services as well as the awareness. Elaine Bakle also reminded those that we must try and join our resources even through grants so that we can make a maximum impact.
<i>Events &amp; News</i>	Members shared announcements regarding their upcoming events, fundraisers, and other news. Renea talked briefly about the Open Your Heart Event – Foster Care & Adoption Recruitment event on Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to help spread the word.
<b>VII. Agency Presentation</b>	Nicole Pulcini-Mason, Community Affairs Director, and Rosey Moreno-Jones—Foster Care Recruitorfrom Kids Central gave an overview of the services for KCI and how they work with other agencies.
<b>VI. Adjourn</b>	Cara called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:05.