

# Community Alliance



## Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 8, 2013  
**Time:** 8:45-10:00am  
**Location:** Citrus County Extension Office  
 Lecanto, FL

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

Beverly Blair-Devereux Kids, Diane Toto, Helen Dalbow, -We Care Food Pantry, Elizabeth Wood—FDOH, Sharise Eldredge-The Centers, Mary Lee Cubbison-ADC, Shalay Jackson-CCSB, Sue Littnan-ELC, Laura Nessola-The Centers, Jim Lightbody- DJJ, Kari Peters- Aspire, Bonnie McMullen-NCM, Terri Cooper-SEDNET, Elaine Bakle – Daystar, Diana Finegan – CASA, Melanie Harkovich – The Centers, Edith Ramlow-CF, Fred Ramlow-St. Leo, Dale Benefield- ADC, Paul Zukowski-Healthy Families, Kalen Degroat-Value Options, Scott Baggerly-Faith Haven, Kimberly Morris-Hospice of Citrus Co., Kristy Lindke-The Path, Sara Williamson-YMCA, Aileen David-Eckerd Hi-Five, Joe Papp-NCM, Roger Gilmore-Covenant Children’s Home, Angela Kahan-The Haven, Dawn Faherty-Fl House of Rep., Barbara Wheeler -MFHC, Nicole Peyton-DCF, Angela McGowan-DCF, Rebecca York-Alcorn-CF(EOC), Rick Stuart-Faith Haven, Nancy Wood – St. Leo, Angel Bates-FBCH, Stephanie Hopper-Key Center, Sandy Doughman-Mission in Citrus, Tiffany Coffin-The Centers, Robert Mann-The Centers, Deborah Richmond-Eckerd Camp E-Nini Hassee, George Schmalstig-Filter, Frances Murray-Value Options, Melissa Bowermaster-Jessie’s Place, Frankie Beville-American Red Cross, Mike Awe- The Sanctuary, Lisa Darling-CCSB, Amy Engelken- Community Services, 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 Melissa Bowermaster and seconded by Dawn Faherty.
<b>IV. Introductions &amp; Service Updates</b>	Cara told 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>	Renea updated everyone that she had asked some members to serve on a committee, and also informed the group that WTI would not be a possibility for the location.
<i>Community Expo</i>	Renea gave an update that the Community Expo would be held either the last weekend in January or the 1 <sup>st</sup> weekend in February and that we were currently trying to look at where to have the event.

<b>VI. New Business</b>	
<i>Communication Committee Update</i>	Cara reported on the following: The Communication Committee has met twice now, once on August 28 <sup>th</sup> and again on September 25 <sup>th</sup> . We all agree that our communication regarding the health and human services can be much improved. It has been a focus during these meetings to utilize the “No Wrong Door” approach that has been used in other areas. Based on this “No Wrong Door” concept, Rebecca Martin who serves on the committee worked with Judge Thomas our CEO Roundtable Chair to draft an “Information Station” approach. This approach, titled “The Citrus Connection” was put into a powerpoint overview and presented at the Economic Development Council’s Fire-Up Citrus last Thursday night. This was a very good thing, because not only are we bringing awareness to the Community Alliance, but we are forcing our leaders to think about how information in the health and humans services field flows to the community. It is our goal that we can work with other groups in the county who have observed the same need and develop the best possible system to implement for everyone. Discussion took place afterwards with questions arising about survey, assessments, software, 211 and more.
<i>Events/News—Open Your Heart</i>	Renea covered the Open Your Heart – Foster Care/Adoption Recruitment event on Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> at the Mall. Much more to come on this event at Nov. Meeting. Other members shared events and news.
<i>MH/Substance Abuse Committee Update</i>	Mary Lee Cubbison reported on the following: The Mental Health & Substance Abuse Committee has met twice during the month of September on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and the 27 <sup>th</sup> . The meetings have been productive and we have been looking at the overview of Mental Health for the community. Our committee is trying to work to find ways to help those frontline workers in their mission and improve overall services. While there are many different avenues to do this, we have identified a few basic things that we can start with... Utilizing Resources, Viewing Mental Health as a Health Issue, strengthening Recovery Efforts, and Map Services.
<b>VII. Agency Presentation</b>	Diana Finegan, Executive Director of CASA(Citrus Abuse Shelter Association) gave a short overview of the services for CASA and area partnerships.
<b>VI. Adjourn</b>	Cara called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:05.