

Community Alliance



Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 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)

Diane Toto, Helen Dalbow, -We Care Food Pantry, Mary Lee Cubbison-ADC, Shalay Jackson-CCSB, Sue Littnan-ELC, Laura Nessola-The Centers, Jim Lightbody- DJJ, Kari Peters- Aspire, Bonnie McMullen-NCM, Elaine Bakle – Daystar, Judy Shelton – CASA, Melanie Harkovich – The Centers, Edith Ramlow-CF, Fred Ramlow-St. Leo, Dale Benefield- ADC, Terri Stewart-Boys/Girls Club, Kalen Degroat-Value Options, Scott Baggerly-Faith Haven, Kimberly Morris-Hospice of Citrus Co., Joanna Castle-YMCA, Sunshine Arnold-UF-CPT, Aileen David-Eckerd Hi-Five, Joe Papp-NCM, Angelique Howard-Salvation Army, Cara Meeks-Devereux, Beth Thomas –DCF APS, John Bergen—CCSO, Judith Tear-DOH, Dawn Faherty-FL House of Rep., Blaire Peterson-Healthy Start, Richard Patterson-DCF, Rebecca York-Alcorn-CF(EOC), John Beagan-Teen Court, Kathy Davis-Life Choice, Jessie Lubotsky-YFA, Ingrid Ellis-ELC, Phillip Irish-Salvation Army, Robert Mann-The Centers, Frances Murray-Value Options, Melissa Bowermaster-Jessie’s Place, Renea Teaster-Alliance.

Topic	Discussion
I. Networking	
II. Call to Order	Chair Cara Meeks called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves.
III. Review of Minutes	Cara asked for everyone to look over the minutes from the May meeting, and then asked for a formal approval. Kalen Degroat made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Diane Toto.
IV. Old Business <i>Synthetic Drug Update</i> Letters/Social Security Office Subcommittee Development	A Synthetic Drug Update was done by Detective John Bergen of CCSO. It was an overview of K-2, Bathsalts, and other synthetic drugs being used through a powerpoint. Det. Bergen talked about the population using these drugs, and also the stores that are continuing to sell them, which is available on the website. Laura Nessola provided a short update on questions regarding why we have no Social Security office here in the county. She has been contacting Congressman Nugent’s office and has posed the question to them as to why some counties have multiple locations and Citrus does not even have one office. Also, she spoke to Soc. Security concerning documentation and procedures and how it will take multiple trips for clients to receive their cards and finalize the process. Renea updated everyone that 2 subcommittees had been formed with local members of the community to serve on the Communication and Mental Health/Substance Abuse Committees for the Alliance. Judge Thomas is chairing the Communication, and Rick Bedson of DJJ is chairing the Mental Health/Substance Abuse. Cara shared that while we support 211 that there are still referral services that are not listed and that we are missing some of the communication links because of personal connections.
V. Agency Presentation	Joanna Castle, Executive Director of the Citrus County YMCA gave a presentation and video on current services, programs and spoke on the new building coming in the future.
VI. New Business <i>Refresh/Refocus</i> <i>News/Updates</i>	From the August meeting it was discussed how important Customer Service. Renea told the group that she felt like it would be good to have an event to help folks unwind and be treated for a day – and that it would be a time to refresh themselves and refocus. It was decided that it would be good after Christmas to do this event. Renea is to look at options maybe with WTI as a possible location. It was decided additionally that the best time to do the Community Expo would also be in January or February. Renea also reminded people to submit information that they wanted on the website.
V. Roundtable Discussion	Spot Kids Club has scholarships, Mega Library Sale coming up. Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance is kicking off. Tri-County Human Trafficking Team needs forms filled out for service providers. Health Dept. – Storm Meeting on Tues. Sept. 17 th . LifeChoice Center is in need of housing. Daystar is seeing a lot of increase and need for services. DCF has new training methods and forums. The Centers has new programs, and better turnaround time. We Care has a lot of food going out. Boys/Girls Club – Summer was 3 times what we did last year – needs volunteers, scholarships. ELC—National Child Passenger Safety Week—Seat Check on 9/21—Crystal River Mall. ADC meeting on Sept. 12 th with SADD. Aspire received UW funding – for school programs. NCM—lots of food going out –free medical/dental – MOA being re-written. Faith Haven – Leadership training in addition Club Soquili—3 days a week. St. Leo—48 hour seminars – Human Trafficking seminars, response to lone shooters, courtroom 101. Youth and Family Alternatives – more money for 11 new counselors for all the counties, 3 in Citrus, to focus in on families. Hospice – taking applications for Camp Good Hope.
VI. Adjourn	Cara called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:05.