



Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2014

Meeting held at: Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, 4851 US Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL 32955

Attendees: Laura Bingham, Donald Blair, Zoe Conover, Andra Chestnut, Emily DeWoody, Jennifer Duros, Larry Fowler, Tricia Frame, Sherrie Fries, Jack Giordano, LeAnne Ireland, Janean Knight, Kathy Lowe, Rhonda McConnell, C.J. Miles, Cathy Osaisai, Heather Theobald, Nancy Watkins, Cindy Wickham, & Jacqueline Yearby.

Welcome and Introduction: Jennifer Duros opened the meeting followed by introductions.

Mission Statement: Read by Heather Theobald.

Review of Meeting minutes: Laura Bingham reviewed the January minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded.

Financial report: Kathy provided the financial report noting a balance of \$2100.22. The Space Coast Spectrum of Services was printed with ICB funds. 40 updated posters for the agencies and area high schools are in the process of being printed. The committee approved \$500.00 to go towards the Visions Conference, April 29 – May 2, 2014 to assist in paying registration and travel expenses.

Order of new business:

Kathy Lowe introduced our guest speaker, **William A. Johnson, P.A. an Elder Law Attorney**. The presentation was about guardianship, including the duties and responsibilities and process. The types of guardianship were covered, including guardian advocate, which is often done for individuals with developmental disabilities. Parents are often co-guardians and can have a stand-by guardian appointed as well. If it is contested, it goes to court. Parents will often pursue guardianship when their child turns 18 to help manage health and financial issues. A limited or full guardianship will determine what rights, if any, are maintained by the individual (based on their abilities). If there is a settlement of \$15,000, a guardian must be appointed. Durable Power of Attorney gives some rights to others, but does not take the rights away from the person. Guardianship takes away the rights of an individual who is determined incapacitated. Special needs trusts and pool trusts were also discussed. A Guardianship Basics handbook was distributed, as well as a book "The Florida Long Term Care and Nursing Home Answer Book".

Announcements

- **ESE Parent Connection** will present “More Tools for Your Parenting Toolbox” on Friday, March 14, 2014, 10am – 12pm, Educational Services Facility (School Board Building) 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940.
- A LEAP trainer’s daughter has a Masters degree in developmental disabilities and would like to let everyone know in case they know of a position that is available.
- Kathy asked if we wanted to sponsor three Transition Fairs next year. If so, an ICB member needs to be in charge of each one to coordinate the event and communicate to ESE teachers and middle schools.
- The first Transition Fair next year will be at the School Board Boardroom, October 24, 2014.

Next Meeting:

- March 12, 2014. Host: Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, 4851 US Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL (321) 987-0986.