

Interagency Council of Brevard

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2013

Attendance: Laura Bingham, Donald Blair, Zoe Conover, Jennifer Duros, Jack Giordano, Lori Goodwin, Robert Gramolini, Kathy Lowe, Rosemary Pardey, Lynda Schuchert, Nancy Taback, Heather Theobald, Jim Watson, Cindy Wickham, Jacqueline Yearby, Brandon Scaglione, Tricia Woods, Tricia Frame, Randolph Allen

Remote Participants: N/A

Meeting was held at ECCI in Titusville

Minutes were taken by Robert Gramolini

Welcome and Introduction: Lynda Schuchert opened the meeting followed by introductions.

Jackie Yearby announced that she brought two new people to the meeting.

Mission Statement: Jennifer Duros read the mission statement

Review of Minutes: Jennifer reviewed September meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by Cindy Wickham and seconded by Jim Watson, all were in agreement. Cindy Wickham mentioned that the minutes are available on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy provided the financial report noting a balance of \$1820.65. Kathy discussed spending some of the money to send her and Tricia Frame to the Visions Conference in May.

The Treasurers report was approved by Jennifer Duros and seconded by Jack Giordano

Lynda discussed the need for someone to take over Danielle's role as the Secretary since she took a new position out of the area for VR. Lynda asked if someone would be willing to take notes until the June meeting. After some discussion, Tricia Woods from ECCI agreed to volunteer to take notes until June.

Breakout Groups:

Transition

Kathy discussed the upcoming Transition Fairs that will be held on the following dates:

- January 26, 2013 from 2-4pm at McLarty Park, refreshments will be provided
- January 29, 2013 from 4-6:30 pm at Astronaut High School
- February 5, 2013 from 4-6:30pm at Melbourne High School
- Maryjane Wysocki will present at all three fairs

Tricia Frame has been advertising to the schools and teachers. Kathy has spoken to someone from Social Security about attending, but they find it difficult to get out of their office to attend. Maryjane Wysocki from APD will present at each fair and will touch on some Social Security information. Tables for the Rockledge fair were discussed. Jackie Yearby asked if Jr. High school students are invited to the fairs. Tricia will send invites to the ESE contacts and the information will also be posted on the BPS website. A phone call invite will also be sent to ESE parents through ED line. Refreshments will be served at all three fairs and they are planning on food for 75 people.

Need all agencies to participate and staff that are attending should plan on being their one hour prior to the start time and also plan on staying until the end of the event to help clean up.

Jackie Yearby asked about the possibility of getting copies of the Project 10 Planning Ahead books. The book is available on line and Kathy and Tricia will look into getting copies of it.

Kathy feels that the group is in good shape for the fairs. Tricia stated that she appreciates all the hard work and effort that has been put into the events.

Employment

Don stated that the Employment group is focusing on an Employment Expo- planning on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday in May from 10-2 at the BCC Melbourne Campus near the King Center. They are looking at 2 to 3 backups for the event. The following items were mentioned as a possibility for the event.

- Opportunity for job seekers to practice their interview skills
- Opportunity for Job Coaches to make contacts with employers

- Opportunity for Employers to market their business/ good publicity
- Possibly have presentations
- Mobile unit from Workforce

Cindy mentioned that May 22nd was the end of the school year for students and might be a conflict if students are expected to attend. The group will try to accommodate the school students. The 2nd or 9th of May would be good choices as possible dates for the event.

Chamber Update: Heather explained that she will discuss the ICB and Chamber website at the March meeting since she was having an issue with the computer today.

- She will be looking for pictures of the McLarty Park Transition fair. Pictures can be taken here since it is not a school sponsored event. The pictures can be uploaded onto the web site.
- Heather suggested that ICB might consider having a ribbon cutting ceremony after the fairs and expo to get the ICB name out into the community.
- Chamber events calendars were handed out and members were encourage to attend them

Announcements:

- ❖ Jim noted that the call in line for the ICB meetings will change to 394-0710 and will only be turned on during the first 30 minutes of the ICB meetings. If no one calls in, the line will be turned off.
- ❖ Cindy asked that members in attendance sign a get well card for Ray.
- ❖ Tricia from ECCI mentioned that they will be working on new programs and services that they will be offering.
- ❖ Jackie mentioned that they are working on The Kids on the Block Puppet Program and they are looking for particular schools to target.
- ❖ Jackie also mentioned an Autism Hits Home fund raiser that will be held on January 26th in Palm Bay

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday February 13th at 10:30 am at Cocoa High School. Please note the time change. More information will follow including the cost of lunch that will be provided by the Cocoa High Culinary Students..

