



Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2014

Meeting held at: Career Source Brevard, 295 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955

Attendees: Zoe Conover, Emily DeWoody, Jennifer Duros, Sherrie Fries, Jack Giordano (remote), Lori Goodwin, Robert Gramolini, Lee Anne Ireland, Kathy Lowe, C.J. Miles, Karen Orosz, Rosemary Pardey, Mariann Sampieri, Brandon Scaglione, Lynda Schuchert (remote), Patty Smith, Jim Watson, Cindy Wickham, Tricia Woods, Jacqueline Yearby. New Members - Kathy Clinton, Melissa Contreras

Welcome and Introduction: Jennifer Duros and Lynda Schuchert (remote) opened the meeting followed by introductions.

Mission Statement: Read by Jennifer Duros.

Review of Meeting minutes: Tricia Woods reviewed May minutes. The minutes were moved by Jennifer Duros and seconded by Jack Giordano.

Financial report: Kathy provided the financial report noting a balance of \$1846.12.

Election of new officers:

- Cindy Wickham reviewed the Interagency Council By-Laws that explained who was eligible to vote for the new officers. A spreadsheet was compiled that identified how many meetings each individual attended. If the member attended 5 or more meetings over the past year, then they were eligible to vote for the new officers via a written ballot.
- Cindy read the ballot aloud for the remote attendees.
- No other nominations for Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary were made.
- Kathy Lowe made a motion to accept the 2014 -2016 slate of officers as written on the ballot:
 - o Lee Anne Ireland, Chair
 - o Jackie Yearby, Vice Chair
 - o Emily DeWoody, Secretary
- Marianne Sampieri seconded the motion and everyone approved.
- The new officers will be installed at the September meeting.

Order of new business:

- Presentation – Space Coast Center For Independent Living – by Brandon Scaglione and Melissa Contreras.

- SCCIL announced the return of their transportation program. Currently they have five vans - three have wheelchair access. By October, all of their vans will have wheelchair access. This service provides door-to-door transportation for the disabled, seniors and/or veterans of Brevard County. Transportation is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 to 5:00, and appointments can be scheduled by calling 321-806-3199.
- In partnership with FSU, the Quit smoking Now program was introduced. This is a 6-week program to help disabled and non-disabled individuals who want to quit using tobacco. The classes begin on Tuesday, July 1st from 1-2 PM or on Thursday, July 3rd from 10-11 AM. The class, transportation, patches, gum and lozenges are free to those who sign up.
- They also have a loan closet with walkers, ramps, optic devices, crutches, etc.
- Support groups are held twice a month (once in the south area and once in the central area). They are for people of all ages and disabilities, and free transportation is provided.
- For information on any of the above mentioned programs, please call SCCIL at 321-633-6011.
- **Presentation** – Hidden Potentials – by Kathy Clinton
 - Kathy introduced her program that provides personal care for minors. This program is available to minors (under 21) who are on Medicaid or CMS and are unable to care for themselves. Parents must also be unable to care for the child due to work or physical limitations. For more information, please contact Kat at Hidden Potentials at 321-267-6318.
 - Hidden Potentials also offers tutoring for individuals K-12. Classes are taught by certified teachers or professionals with degrees. The sessions are conducted in your Brevard county home and they are also available online for other locations. Please call 321-267-6318 for additional information.
- **Transition Task force**
 - The Transition Task Force thoroughly discussed everyone’s responsibilities for the October 24th transition fair. Advertising will begin in August.
 - The “Get Ready, Set, Go” - Parent Step-by-Step Disabilities Portfolio Guide is being prepared for each parent attending the October fair. Each parent will get a notebook containing the information at the fair.
 - Also, as recommended at a transition fair last year, one of the upcoming transition fairs will be held beachside.
- **Employment Task Force**
 - The Employment Task Force secured Career Source of North Brevard to provide a mobile job fair for job seekers 18 and older on September 17th from 9-2 in the Searstown Mall. Mock interviews will be conducted and they are working on gathering local employers to be present to take applications. The task force will be meeting on August 13th at 9 AM to discuss follow-up details prior to the job fair. The Titusville Coffee Pit students will serve coffee.
 - Flyers and information will be provided to ICB members and a sign-up sheet will be generated. All individuals who are signed up should complete an application on Employ Florida 1st.

Announcements:

- The Florida Center for Inclusive Communities is holding a community conversation on Tuesday, August 5th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Suntree/Viera Library.
- Kathy Lowe reported there was a decrease in the number of invitations to IEP meetings in Brevard County. She requests that we continue to report this information to her annually. This is one of the reasons ICB works hard to provide parents information on all providers early.
- Jim Watson requested that if you are hosting a meeting next year, either have a speaker-phone or a computer available to access the internet for the remote members.

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Next Meeting

- September 10th - Brevard Achievement Center, 1845 Cogswell St., Rockledge, FL 32955
- **Have a great summer!**