



Interagency Council of Brevard

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2013

Meeting held at: Central Brevard Public Library

Attendees: Kimberly Bane, Laura Bingham, Zoe Conover, Tricia Frame, Sherrie Fries, Jack Gordano, Lori Goodwin, Robert Gramolini, LeeAnne Ireland, Janean Knight, Kathy Lowe, Heather Mack, Karen Orosz, Cathy Osaisai, Laura Pichardo, Mariann Sampieri, Lynda Schuchert, Linda Seegraves, Heather Theobald, Maria Trieste, Cindy Wickham, Maryjane Wysocki, Jacqueline Yearby, Kimberly Kanarick, Carey Dixon, Jayne Catubig, Marilyn McAndrew, Suheil Gonzalez, Susan Roberts, Raylene Coe, Judy Long, Audra Adams, Tom Shipley, Diane Dickson, JR Hofein, Eleine Powers

Minutes taken by: Laura Bingham

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

Mission Statement: Read by Jennifer Duros.

Order of new business:

Introduction of today's special meeting on Mental Health Issue. A special thank you to Paula Ferrell and Janean Knight, SEDNET 7B – Brevard and Seminole Public Schools, for organizing the guest panel of speakers.

The panel introduced themselves and gave a brief review of services provided by their agency.

- Carolann Duncan, Dept. of Children and Families: Services are offered that can help many Floridian families including ACCESS Florida, Adult Services, Developmental Disabilities and Child Care. www.myflfamilies.com
- Mikaury Munoz and Maria Bledsoe, Central FL Cares Health System: Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. (CFCHS) is a not-for-profit organization contracted by the Department of Children and Families to oversee state-funded mental health and substance abuse treatment services in Circuits 9 and 18. Additional information can be obtained on the web-site www.centralfloridacares.org
- Kim Kanarick, Family counseling Center: Professional, confidential counseling is available for individuals, couples, and families. Individual and group settings allow clients optimal benefits from therapy. Counseling is available for: Parent/Child Relationships, Emotional

Problems, Anger and Violence Issues, and Substance Abuse. Evaluation and psychological testing is also available. www.fccbrevard.org

- Paul Evans, *Circles of Care*: Provides residential, outpatient, crisis stabilization services for all behavior health concerns, including substance abuse and mental illness. www.circlesofcare.org
- Linda Seegraves, *Agency for Persons with Disabilities*: All services available through State-plan Medicaid, including personal care assistance and behavior (ABA) therapy for those diagnosed with Autistic Disorder. For those enrolled on the iBudget medwaiver it is possible that Supported Employment Services, Adult Day Training, In-Home Supports, Respite, and Supported Living Coaching services may be provided. Additional information can be obtained on the web-site www.apd.myflorida.com
- Audra Adams, *Changes*: Provides outreach and therapeutic services to children and their families. Individual / Family Counseling, Grief Counseling / Relationship Counseling, Specialized Groups / Parenting Skills Training, Career / Job Training, Substance Abuse Education, Behavioral Treatment for Children and Adolescents / Mental Health Assessments, Psychiatric Services / Community Outreach and Mentoring Program (COMP) www.changessyfs.org
- Mindi Rogers and Ginny Yauchzy, *Impower*: Delivers a continuum of services including: behavior analysis; in-home, in-school and community based counseling; foster care services; adoption services; independent living assessment and training; mentoring; transitional housing; tutoring; psychiatric services; substance abuse services; services for the developmentally disabled; mental health overlay services to Juvenile Justice facilities; and CEU training and Behavior Analyst certification for professionals. www.impowerfl.org
- Raylene Coe and JR Hofein, *Crosswinds*: Offers residential programs to our counties at risk children, including transitional housing and independent living services as well as many other services. www.crosswindsyouthservices.org
- Laura Zamjahn, *Children's Home Society*: Provides services to prevent abuse, foster care and adoption of children. www.chsfl.org
- Tom Shipley, *Devereux Mobile Response Team*: Focus is to prevent children from being removed from the family. The Mobile Response Team has served Brevard County since 2006 providing rapid on-site crisis intervention for families with children to avoid family disruption. The Mobile Response Team exhibits unsurpassed compassion and dedication to all the lives they have touched. This unique team is available 24/7 for families or children experiencing crisis situations which may include mental health issues, behavioral problems, domestic violence, death of parent or child and a host of other family crisis concerns. Members are generally deployed within fifteen minutes of a call to an unknown, high-stress and emotionally charged situation. www.devereux.org

The floor was open to answer various questions from the ICB members from the panel. Much of the discussion centered on preventing human trafficking, abuse prevention and transitioning of high risk children into the community.

Announcements:

Vocational rehab will be having a restructuring on which level they will be providing services on.

Next Meeting: Brevard Workforce, 295 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge