



## ***Interagency Council of Brevard***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**Date:** November 12, 2014

**Meeting held at:** Career Source Brevard, Palm Bay

**Host:** Career Source Brevard, Jim Watson

**Attendees:** Laura Bingham, Emily Dewoody, Sherrie Fries, Jack Giordano, LeeAnne Ireland, Kathy Lowe, Terry Matson, C.J. Miles, Karen Orosz, Rosemary Pardey (remote), Sharon Reed, Lynda Schuchert, Tonya Bloodgood, Heather Theobald, Nancy Watkins, Jim Watson, Cindy Wickham, Jackie Yearby, Sandy Reid, Michael Watson

**Minutes taken by:** Emily DeWoody, Secretary

**Welcome and Introduction:** LeeAnne Ireland opened the meeting and followed with introductions.

**Mission Statement:** Read by Jackie Yearby

**Reviewed last month's minutes:** Emily DeWoody reviewed the October minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy Lowe and seconded by Jackie Yearby. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Lowe provided the financial report noting a balance of \$1239.60. There have been no changes since last month.

**Presentation/Announcements:** Cindy Wickham presented Kathy Lowe with a plaque thanking Kathy for her dedicated service to the ICB from 1999 through 2014.

LeeAnn Ireland presented an autobiography written by Ashley McGrath. November 22<sup>nd</sup> is her next book launch at DeGroodt Library.

Terry Matson made copies of the results of the Transition Fair Survey for everyone to review.

A BLAST program representative will be at the next Transition Fair.

The ICB members discussed possible ways of getting information to more parents. Jackie Yearby suggested inviting social workers to the Transition Fairs. Kathy Lowe recommended giving the Transition Fair binder to staffing specialists.

### **Task Force Breakout Sessions:**

#### **Transition Task Force**

- There are two more upcoming Transition Fairs. Both will be held from 4:00-6:00 PM. Agencies should arrive around 3:00-3:15 PM.
  - The February 12<sup>th</sup> Transition Fair will be held at the Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High Media Center. Each participating agency will briefly present information about their agency, i.e. an Agency Open House. Terry Matson and Sherrie Fries will host this Transition Fair.
  - The February 26<sup>th</sup> Transition Fair will be at the Eau Gallie High School Media Center. Paula Ferrell and Janine Knight will present information on Mental Health. Terry Matson and Jackie Yearby will host this Transition Fair.
- Emily DeWoody will take pictures at both Transition Fairs.
- Jackie Yearby will invite representatives from Eastern Florida State College and the Scott Center.
- Heather Theobald and Terry Matson were unanimously voted as Co-Chairs of the Transition Task Force.

#### **Employment Task Force**

- Discussed the collaboration between Vocational Rehabilitation and other agencies.

### **Announcements:**

- On December 14<sup>th</sup> the Brevard Parks and Recreation Department will host a Holiday Hoedown at Kiwanis Park for persons with disabilities and their families. There will be Santa, music and activities.
- There will not be an ICB meeting in December.
- A new school, Puzzle Box Academy for students with ASD and ADHD, grades Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, is opening in 2015. They are having a free family festival on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**Next Meeting:** The next ICB meeting will be a special meeting on *Becoming Trauma Informed* and will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at ESF, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Training Rooms 3 & 4. Paula Ferrell and Janine Knight will be conducting the presentation. **Note: You must bring your driver's license or state issued photo ID to check-in to the school board building.**