Interagency Council of Brevard

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2014

Meeting held at: Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, West Melbourne
Hosted by: Fair Housing Continuum

Attendees: Zoe Conover, Emily DeWoody, Jennifer Duros, Sherrie Fries, Jack Giordano, Lori Goodwin, LeeAnne Ireland, Janean Knight, Kathy Lowe, Heather Mack, Terry Matson, CJ Miles, Karen Orosz, Rosemary Pardey, Laura Pichardo, Mariann Sampieri, Stephan Reed, Heather Theobald, Nancy Watkins, Jim Watson, Tom Wilson, Jackie Yearby, Mallory White, Sharon Reed

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 September minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Lowe provided the financial report noting a balance of $1239.69.

Presentation: Rose Pardey and CJ Miles from Fair Housing.

- Fair Housing has been in existence for 20 years.
- One of the founding members had a family member discriminated against.
- They are funded by HUDD.
- Their mission statement is to eradicate discrimination in housing.
- Covers six (6) counties and are centered in Melbourne.
- Provides education, outreach and enforcement.
- The group most often discriminated against is those with disabilities.
Task Force Breakout Sessions:
Transition Task Force

- Oct 24th is the Transition Fair at ESF.
- The Coffee Pit will be serving coffee and two other school-based enterprises will be there: Bend-A-Pen and Scarving Artists.
- There will be two more Transition Fairs in February 2015:
  - Feb 12th at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High - Agency Panel: Each agency will be given approximately five (5) minutes to speak about their agency.
  - Feb. 26th at Eau Gallie High School - Janean Knight and Paula Farrell will speak about Mental Health Issues.
  - Both fairs will run from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Employment Task Force

- The Expo in Titusville in September was a success. Mock interviews were held for sixteen (16) people (adults and students).
- Next project will be to get in touch with Sam’s Club and other businesses and do some Disability Awareness for businesses.

Announcements: Heather Theobald reminded everyone to let parents know they need to bring their Driver’s License or State-Issued ID to any BPS school or building.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2014 at –

Career Source Brevard: 5275 Babcock St. N.E., Suite 8B, Palm Bay.

Host: Jim Watson, 321-394-0511