



Interagency Council of Brevard

October Minutes

Date: October 10, 2018

Meeting held at: Brevard Achievement Center

Attendees: 22 members in attendance.

Welcome and Introduction: Teresa Barrett called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Minutes: Diane Dickson read the minutes from the September meeting. Kathy Petrie moved to adopt the minutes. Passed unanimously. Diane read correspondence from Cateland Abernathy of Family Network on Disability inquiring about conference call or video conference for meetings.

Financial Report: Terry Matson

- Current balance is \$1,341.00
- Mini grant is usually awarded in December.

Host: Brevard Achievement Center

Lee Sorensen, Director, presented on the Studio arts program. Heidi Popp is the art instructor for the program

Lee taught in Brevard Public Schools for almost 30 years. For 15 years she was the teacher liaison in the advisory board.

The Studio (formerly VSA) has been serving students and adults throughout Brevard county for 31 years.

VSA was part of Brevard Cultural Alliance until about 10 years ago.

Now is affiliated with Brevard Achievement Center and supported by their 501c3.

VSA became Arts 4 All. Their affiliate is located in Tampa. VSA is now a separate organization.

The Studio hires teaching artists to go into the schools for 1 hour a week for 8 weeks to offer dance, drumming, improv and singing. They have 7 school based groups and 1 group at BAC.

Very Special Arts Festival is held each year at the zoo. Partners include EFSC and Knights of Columbus. The dates for 2019 are February 26 ,27 and 28 and the theme is Art is Alive.

A holiday card art contest is sponsored each year by Bob Molleteire's law firm; open to elementary and middle school students in public, private or homeschool.

Lee showed art items created by The Studio clients which are for sale at Holmes Regional gift shop and at BAC. Proceeds go back into the program or to the artist, depending on the item.

Other local programs include Dancers with Disabilities and Art Abilities on Highland Avenue where Lori Emly offers private and small group instruction.

Task Force Committees Summaries:

Kathy Petrie reported for Parent Community Networking:

Jackie Yearby is arranging a presentation on October 11th to a group of gifted students at Heritage High to share information on volunteering and career exploration in jobs working with people with disabilities.

Linda Schucert mentioned Vocational Rehabilitation's meeting program.

The committee is working on the slide show presentation to include success stories and progression through the services provided by ICB members.

Discussed making videos to show what a "day in the life" could look for an individual accessing ICB partner services.

Slides are now on Google docs.

Terry Matson reported for Employment:

Budget is a concern.

Discussed utilizing Chamber of Commerce to get more business involved.

Maria Trieste shared how Project Search gives on-site recognition to employers and mentors

START Conference could include a panel with students and parents on the topic of employment; "What I need to know to work"

Suggestion to reach out to WeVenture, Community Credit Union and Lead Brevard for events and projects

Recognize businesses for hiring our students

Jackie Yearby suggested A Day in the Life video could be sent to prospective employers

Heritage High Transition Event and START Conference Updates: Terry Matson

Heritage High is hosting a transition event on Thursday, October 25 from 6 to 8 pm. Palm Bay High and Bayside High will be included. Set up starts at 5 pm. ICB will have a table.

Terry Matson and Kathy Petrie are doing more trainings on transition assessment.

Terry passed out START Conference Draft Agenda.

Looking for a more efficient event management tool instead of Eventbrite. Google was suggested.

Registration will open December 1.

Save the date for March 9 has already gone out

Planning to set up the room with rectangular tables in rows versus round tables used in the past.

Attendee feedback indicates more sessions and longer sessions are preferred

8:50 to 9:15 Welcome and logistics

Possibly have a panel on the riser in the cafeteria to answer specific attendee questions and direct to proper resource

Senior room will have coffee, donuts and water

11:50 to 12:30 Vendor time

Talked about needed committees for conference: registration, vendor, donations, information, program, break out speakers

One page hand out with scheduled sessions versus booklet

Possible topics: Summer programs, Guardianship, Sexuality, Behavior basics, Dyslexia, SSI, Vocational Rehabilitation, student panel, early childhood, graduation requirements, Med Waiver

No drawing due to limited budget

Discussion around should we charge non-member agencies?

Jackie Yearby mentioned that Indian River County has a separate student track at their transition fair with topics like self-advocacy and understanding your disability

Family Café in June is a place to get ideas for next year.

Maria Trieste suggested VSA could run a make and take for students during the conference

Rita McKeown suggested having the Office of Emergency Management present on special needs shelters

Announcements

The Buddy Walk is coming up on Saturday, November 3 in Cocoa Village at Riverfront Park 401 Riveredge Blvd Cocoa, Florida 32922

Contact Person: Dawn Bellerose

Brevard Achievement Center Awards for Employers will be held Wednesday October 17 at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne from 8:30-10:30 am

Next ICB Meeting

Date: November 7, 2018

Host: Kaleidoscope Interventions/Puzzle Box Academy/Dr. Trisha Frame
Holz Center- 1855 West Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901
Parking is limited.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Dickson, ICB