



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

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**Date:** September 10, 2014

**Meeting held at:** Brevard Achievement Center, Rockledge

**Attendees:** Laura Bingham, Zoe Conover, Emily DeWoody, Sherrie Fries, Jack Giordano, Lori Goodwin, Robert Gramolini, LeeAnne Ireland, Kathy Lowe, C.J. Miles, Karen Orosz (virtual), Rosemary Pardey, Laura Pichardo, Marianne Sampieri, Lynda Schuchert, Stephanie Schaefer, Michelle Currie, Kera David, Heather Theobald, Nancy Watkins, Jim Watson, Cindy Wickham, Tom Wilson, and Terry Matson

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

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

**Mission Statement:** Read by Heather Theobald.

**Reviewed last month's minutes:** Emily DeWoody reviewed June minutes. The minutes were moved and seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Lowe provided the financial report noting a balance of \$1621.12.

**Presentation:** Andy Vega, Vice President of BAC/Habilitation.

- The BAC mission is to train, shape and motivate people with disabilities to get jobs. They work with a wide range of disabilities.
- They develop partnerships with the community.
- Much of the work is repetitive work for contractors, such as stuffing utility bills, putting together gift bags, and refurbishing heart monitors.

**Order of new business:** Kathy Lowe presented Lynda Schuchert with a plaque for her hard work, on behalf of the ICB, as Chair for 2012-2014. A plaque was also awarded to Karen Johnson, on behalf of the ICB, for her many years of involvement (not in attendance).

Heather Theobald installed the new officers who will serve for two years:

LeeAnne Ireland - Chair

Jackie Yearby - Vice Chair

Emily DeWoody - Secretary

Terry Matson - Fiscal Agent

**Task Force Breakout Sessions:**

**Transition Task Force** - October 24<sup>th</sup> is the ESE Parent Connection Transition Fair. Flyers are ready to distribute and nineteen agencies are signed up to participate. 150 notebooks have been donated by Dr. Sally Shinn's project. Zoe Conover's class will put the notebooks together. Jackie Yearby will be the speaker. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Agencies Panel at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High.

**Employment Task Force** - Wednesday is the Employment Expo at Searstown Mall. Interested job seekers sign up for mock interviews.

**Announcements:**

Cindy Wickham asked members to sign-in, check their email addresses, and update their agencies' ICB Directory of Services page.

Kathy Lowe announced the BLAST program is at Titusville, Clearlake and Eau Gallie High School. The focus is on functional skills, work skills, and independent living skills.

Nancy Watkins announced that Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> is the next Special Olympics event.

**Next Meeting:** October 8, 2014 at Goodwill in West Melbourne.