



## ***Interagency Council of Brevard Draft Draft Minutes***

**Date:** November 7, 2018

**Meeting held at:** Kaleidoscope Interventions/Puzzle Box Academy

**Attendees:** 23 members in attendance.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Teresa Barrett called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** Diane Dickson read the minutes from the October meeting. Robert Gramolini corrected the name of the arts program. It is "The Studio". Motion was made to approve minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

**Financial Report:** Terry Matson

- Current balance is \$1,341.00

**Host:** Kaleidoscope Interventions/Puzzle Box Academy Evelyn Ziccardi presented on behalf of Puzzle Box Academy.

- Evelyn is the principal of Puzzle Box. She reviewed the tour that she gives to parents.
- Puzzle Box does not group children according to age or grade level but by academic ability.
- Every class chooses a theme instead of a grade level.
- They have two schools within one. Students arrive at 7:30am. From 8am-1:00pm they have academics. From 1pm-5pm they have therapy.
- Each classroom has an observation window.
- Each class has a teacher plus 2-4 adults including aids. Therapists aid in classrooms and also give therapy in the afternoon.
- Subjects include ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- They use the Morningside curriculum from Seattle, Washington.
- Every 3 months Morningside comes for one week and gives training.

- Methodics: Direct instruction, precision teaching, graphing, goalsetting, interventions.
- Behavioral: Feedback follows 7 positives to 1 criticism.
- In December they will start with ELA; for now they use for Math.
- Integrated Social Studies and Science.
- They have a common area and full service meals.
- There is a P.E. teacher.
- Interactive projector for floor games.
- White boards in every room; a lot of technology.
- Kaleidoscope has mostly students diagnosed with ASD.
- Use behavior analytic.
- They offer two clinic and one in-home program.
- Afternoon, clinical, daily living, customized; from basic to banking, social skills, eye contact.
- Students range from K-12, 4 and 5 year olds to 16 and 17 year olds; approximately 60 children receive individualized, small group.
- Kaleidoscope Interventions on Nasa Blvd. works with 3, 4 and 5 year olds providing intensive services, early interventions for students with ASD.
- In-home they provide services teaching parents to be providers.
- Puzzle Box Academy is located in Palm Bay; they take referrals, must have a diagnosis from a physician.
- Program includes parent training, on-line and on-site.
- Average cost: Academic cost approximately \$12k/year Therapy/Intervention cost approximately \$15k/year
- Gardiner scholarship often covers all of it.
- McKay scholarship uses matrix score to determine award.
- They do use an IEP but only for school use; outlines objectives and goals.
- They've just started offering transition services using Liberty University with teachers for students in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Using Standing Up for Me.
- Goodwill Job Center has an assessment available for students; pre-employment to social skills.
- Selection criteria includes Morningside assessments and also considers if the child is a match for the opening.
- Transportation is usually provided by the parent as they have a small bus for 7 or 8 students.
- Evelyn can be reached at 321-345-0861.

**Heritage High School Transition Fair Overview**-Terry Matson reported on the transition event held at Heritage High on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Palm Bay, Bayside and Heritage parents were invited through Peachjar.

- Brevard Achievement Center, ICB, APD, Project Search and others were present. About 10-12 families attended.
- We would like to do a similar event in the north area and beachside. Planning to do it once a quarter and rotating locations.
- Suggestion to do 5:30pm-7pm instead of 6pm-8pm.
- Suggestion to hold it off-site and invite schools without transition programs. McLarty Park was a successful place to do it on a Saturday.
- Good communication is essential to drawing a crowd.
- Include activities and involve high school student volunteers.
- Suggestion to connect with another big event like the Strawberry Festival, Buddy Walk, Field of Dreams, Christmas Craft Show at Fox Lake Park, Hobby Lobby in Titusville after the holidays.

### **Task Force Committees Summaries:**

Heather Theobald reported for Parent Community Networking:

- Working on creating two videos short vignettes, students who have used ICB services.
- Margaret Warner will assist with filming “A Day in the Life of...”
- Work on slides continues. Kathy Petrie is working on slide 5.
- Link for slide show will be coming out soon.
- Slide show can be shown at community events.
- Lunch and Learn for local businesses, could include sensitivity training.
- Reach out to Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce.
- Jackie Yearby shared about the Providers of Tomorrow outreach she arranged at Heritage High; approximately 80 students, gave overview of disabilities, community partners gave brief presentation on different areas of focus within services for students with disabilities, 40 students signed up to explore volunteering. Bayside High would like to host a similar presentation. Jackie is creating a database. Exploring VR peer mentoring program for college students.
- Jackie Yearby shared that feedback from her Autism Town Hall meeting identified strong need for respite care and sensitivity training.
- Lane Anderson is updating attendance list.
- Diane will send information about Zoom option for upcoming ICB meetings.

Terry Matson reported for Employment:

- Planning to get a speaker to share about how employment impacts SSI and benefits.

## **START Conference Updates:** Terry Matson

- Passed around sign-up sheet for committees.
- Program pamphlet will be sponsored by Brevard Achievement Center; donation of \$500.
- Elaine Powers spoke with Action Quick Print, they can do programs for \$268.
- Registration will open before Winter Break.
- The poster will keep the stair step logo.
- We will use handwritten name tags; presenters will have the lanyard style.
- Streamlining the registration process to using a sign-in sheet versus looking up individuals on a list; still need to track parents, providers, teachers.
- We won't be able to use the senior room for donuts and coffee because the round tables will be stored in there.
- Will we charge non-ICB members for vending? Teresa suggested \$25.
- Brevard Schools Foundation charges us 3% to accept the donations.
- There may be a charge to use the rectangle tables.
- We will be responsible for set up on Friday.
- Wear red.

## **Announcements**

Nancy Watkins has flyers about November activities and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoe Down

We will be offering Zoom Conference option for ICB attendance since travel has been restricted by Project 10. The link and contact phone # for technical assistance will be sent out ahead of the next meeting.

## **Next ICB Meeting**

**Date:** December 12, 2018

**Host:** Brevard Public Schools-Terry Matson and Kathy Petrie  
Educational Services Facility Center

2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera FL 32940

You must have your photo ID to check in to the building.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Dickson, ICB Secretary