



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

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**Date:** April 13, 2016

**Meeting held at:** Holmes Regional Medical Center

**Attendees:** Teresa Barrett, Mary Cancel, Emily DeWoody, Diane Dickson, Jennifer Duros, Kelly Gifford, Jack Giordano, Selma Johnson, Jennifer Knight, Terry Matson, Michael McMahon, C.J. Miles, Rosemary Pardey, Elaine Powers, Lynn Ellen Ruwet, Lynda Schuchert, Sharon Shocklee, Cindy Wickham, Jackie Yearby, Felicia Warner, Cindy Szczepanski, Todd Harrison, Heather Theobald

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

**Welcome and Introduction:** Jackie Yearby opened the meeting and followed with introductions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Terry Matson reported a balance of \$1,788.66. Thank you notes were sent to participants for the conference, which cost \$15.86.

**Presentation:** Todd Harrison from Project Search

- There are 2 sites- HRMC and Cape Canaveral Hospital
- HRMC houses 10-12 students at a time, and Cape Caveral house 6-7 students at a time.
- Provides hands on internships.
- Doing interviews now for next year
- Each internship lasts about 8-10 weeks
- Internships include dietary, environmental, medical, administrative and office
- 18-21 year olds are eligible
- Has to be a VR client and connected to BPS
- Must defer regular diploma to be eligible
- They look for people with a desire to work
- 64 students have been hired at the hospital and 45-50 have been hired outside of the hospital
- Funded through VR, BPS and Health First

- Follows BPS calendar
- Typically takes students in their last year of eligibility (21 years old)
- They interview parents and students
- LEAP and BLAST are stepping stones for Project Search
- 1 job coach per 4 students
- Does team building exercises such as scavenger hunts
- Just celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> year at HRMC
- Alex- hired by HRMC, was a student last year
  - Did 2 internships, was hired early in the program
  - Worked in emergency dept. stocking linens
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> internship was at Central, and was hired
  - Cleans and sterilizes equipment for OR
  - Dr.'s give them a list of what they need
  - He has been working there over a year
  - His dad drives him to work
  - When he did project search, he took the bus

#### **ICB new business:**

- Only one more meeting this year.
- All hosting slots have been filled for next year.
- We had close to 400 participants at the conference
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date for next year's conference
- PALS 5k is confirmed for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>
- At the September meeting, we will break into committees
- Task forces- What other endeavors does ICB want to pursue? Suggestions include:
  - Directory of Services- last revision was 2013
  - Employment- mock interviews / Job fair
  - Parent information nights/parent workshops targeting certain areas

#### **Announcements:**

Officers will be nominated at the May meeting. In order to vote, you must have attended 5 out of 8 ICB meetings.

Congratulations C.J. Miles and Rose Pardy on your engagement!

**Next Meeting:** May 11, 2016 at McLarty Park, 790 Barton Blvd, Rockledge, FL