



HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY/NARANJA

**Coalition Meeting
January 26, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

- **Introductions**
 - **Name, Organization, Committee**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
- **Action Plan**
 - **Committee Updates**
 - **Committee Report**
- **TFC Partner Spotlight**
- **Countywide Updates**
 - **Board of Trustees Bylaws Update**
 - **Coalition Elections**
 - **Parent & Caregiver/Youth Committee Membership**
- **Ratification of TFC Ambassador**
- **Area(s) of Prioritization**
- **Announcements/Celebrations**
- **Public Comment**

Meeting Commenced: 10:35 am
Meeting Adjourned: 11:27 am

Present:

Alisha Reyes
Anne Casimir
Brandy Ramirez
Carlos Pildain
Jenifer Bailey
Johanna Ralsten-Cox
Mery Dominguez
Virginia Munoz

Absent:

Elsa Orama
Vanessa Vilchez

Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Brandy Ramirez made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Johanna Ralsten-Cox seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Action Plan

- Brandy Ramirez shared that there has been a focus in health and there were vaccine events with multiple partners over the last month. During next month's meeting, there will be MAC as a spotlight speaker.
- The Empowering Youth and Strengthening Families Committees are now meeting back-to-back as many TFC members are involved in both committees. The December meeting was cancelled due to the holidays.
- There were seven members present at the Protecting Youth Committee meeting and two referrals made last month. Anne Casimir requested that Flor Arzuaga join the Protecting Youth Committee.

Countywide Updates

- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that the Board of Trustees will be recommending the following modifications to the Board Rules and Procedures document: verbiage for a potential inclusion of additional coalition(s); addition of virtual platforms with audio and video communications for conducting meetings; removal of the Children's Trust as a non-voting advisory member (as requested by TCT; staff will still remain engaged in the work of TFC); and, the addition of a Treasurer as the fourth executive officer. She requested that at upcoming committee meetings all members discuss the neighborhood-level membership and if there should be any modifications. The neighborhood-level committee membership recommendations will be discussed at the February coalition

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meeting and voting for neighborhood leadership will also occur during February's meeting.

- The Parent/Caregiver and Youth Committee flyers were shared by email and in the Zoom chat. All were requested to share these flyers to recruit representation for both committees.

TFC Partner Spotlight

- This agenda item was postponed.

Review of Coalition Membership and Participation

- It was requested to add an agenda item to determine available board membership positions. Johanna Ralsten-Cox nominated Zahirah Calloway for the At Large representative position, Brandy Ramirez seconded the motion. Zahirah Calloway accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.
- Oscar Munoz was nominated for the At Large position, Brandy Ramirez seconded the motion. Oscar Munoz accepted. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brandy Ramirez made a motion to nominate Flor Arzuaga for the At Large position, Anne Casimir seconded. Flor Arzuaga accepted. The motion passed unanimously.
- It was noted that a voting member needs to fill the Secretary position. Brandy Ramirez made a motion to nominate Jenifer Bailey, Carlos Pildain seconded the motion. Jenifer Bailey accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of TFC Ambassador

- Alisha Reyes provided an update on the TFC Ambassador program sharing that SOS will be the sponsor organization and they have selected Mery Dominguez as the TFC Ambassador.
- Brandy Ramirez made a motion to ratify Mery Dominguez as the TFC Ambassador, Alisha Reyes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Areas of Prioritization

- There were no new areas of prioritization noted.

Announcements

- Jenifer Bailey shared that there are multiple health care events coming up in different location; please reach out for more information. She shared that Art Walk Homestead will be in May and that surveys are being compiled to inform the determination of the greatest need that families have.
- Kimberly Lopez shared that Citrus is having fostering Fridays where folks can learn more about fostering and adopting children.
- David McGhee shared that there are GED programs and paid workforce programs. There are also programs for those interested in early child education and clients can be paid as they work towards certification. There is also an automotive program and transportation support to travel. The CareerSource office is located in the

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Homestead/Leisure City area and there are also adult programs to support employment. Please reach out to David McGhee at david.mcghee@careersourcesfl.com

- Homestead Police are recruiting high school youth for the Police Explorer's program and orientation is February 2.
- Jeanne Tamargo shared that PAL is looking to recruit students from 4:30-7:30 pm; please reach out for more information.
- Karina Villasenor shared that the parenting program is for those that are interested in having a more positive relationship with their child ages 12-17. Any interested parents should be referred to kvillasenor@mexamcouncil.org. There are also additional parent programs that support parents in learning about supporting their students, and they will be offered in English and Spanish.
- Zulema Santacruz shared that free at home tests are being distributed at their health centers. If there is an agency in need, please reach out to coordinate a delivery.