



**Together
for Children**

HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY/NARANJA

**Coalition Meeting
October 27, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

- **Introductions**
 - **Organization & Committee**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
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Meeting Commenced: 10:36 am
Meeting Adjourned: 11:01 am

Present:

Alisha Reyes
Carlos Pildain
Jenifer Bailey
Johanna Ralsten-Cox

Absent:

Anne Casimir
Brandy Ramirez
Flor Arzuaga
Mery Dominguez
Oscar Munoz
Vanessa Vilchez
Virginia Munoz
Zahirah Calloway

Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes

- There were no modifications requested to be made to the meeting minutes.

Action Plan

- Alisha Reyes shared that the Strengthening Families Committee is focusing on holiday and toy distributions and the planning to share this information with the community. If your organization is collecting toys or doing distributions, please share this information with Brandy Ramirez.
- Johanna Ralsten-Cox shared that there were five providers present in the Empowering Youth Committee meeting and that the last Monday of the month is the new committee meeting day. There were approximately 400 children served across the providers. The report card conference is being led by Oscar Munoz and takes place next Friday at Homestead Middle School; volunteers are requested to support this effort. Job readiness and placement was another priority discussed and opportunities were shared during the call to share with other providers and community members.
- Carlos Pildain shared that the Protecting Youth Committee served 42 families and received two referrals from One Stop.

Voting Membership Position Openings

- It was noted that Zahirah Calloway has not been present in this work for a significant period of time. Alisha Reyes asked if potentially MAC would be interested in filling an At Large position. Jenifer Bailey shared that Rosa Rodriguez, the parent that volunteered for the parent representative position, will need to be voted in at next month's meeting, pending quorum.

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TFC Partner Spotlight

- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that Brenda Morrison has shared information on Community Care Plan (CCPCares) in multiple coalition meetings. This organization provides high-quality, affordable health care to ten counties in South Florida and is expanding. The organization is a nonprofit provider service network that services the uninsured, Florida Healthy Kids, Medicaid clients and employee care plans. (The primary group served are Medicaid clients.) Heart Community Center is a resource that provides prenatal resources at ourheart.org. Please reach out to partner and connect clients to services. Additionally, she noted that there is a survey being completed by community members so that the organization and community can learn more about needs in health care; all are welcome to share the survey and results can be shared with all. Please reach out to bmorrison@ccpcares.org for more information.

Countywide Updates

- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that due to Hurricane Irma, the normally scheduled BOT meeting was postponed and will be held today at 4 pm. She shared that, in the prior board meeting, the hiring process continued for the TFC Neighborhood Coalition Coordinator position and that the board voted unanimously to approve the TFC staffing subcommittee recommendation. There was also a review of the administrative MOU with The Resource Room and Together for Children and, additionally, a presentation on a potential partnership with the University of Miami to review referrals (with identifying information removed) and provide a framework for data collection and analysis.
- Alisha Reyes shared information on the Empowering Youth survey and noted that after the focus group stage, all youth service providing partners will be asked to engage in the countywide effort.

Areas of Prioritization

- Alisha Reyes shared that the RFP was released by The Children's Trust and asked that those interested in partnership reach out as addressing services and avoiding duplication of services and geographical locations could be part of the planning. A few organizations shared that they would like to set up a time to discuss further.

Announcements/Celebrations

- Johanna Ralsten-Cox shared that she is expecting her second child and will be going on maternity leave in January.
- It was noted that next month's meeting falls on Thanksgiving and so it will be combined with December's meeting; all members will receive an updated calendar invite.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

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