



# Together for Children

## **HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY/NARANJA**

**Coalition Meeting  
February 24, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

- **Introductions**
  - **Name, Organization, Committee**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
- **Action Plan**
  - **Committee Updates**
  - **Committee Report**
- **Find Help Presentation**
- **Countywide Updates**
  - **TFC Ambassador Program**
  - **Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures**
  - **Parent & Caregiver/Youth Committee Membership**
- **Neighborhood-Level Coalition Rules and Procedures**
  - **Membership Review**
  - **Election of Voting Members**
- **Area(s) of Prioritization**
- **Announcements/Celebrations**
- **Public Comment**

Meeting Commenced: 10:34 am  
Meeting Adjourned: 11:24 am

**Present:**

Anne Casimir  
Carlos Pildain  
Johanna Ralsten-Cox  
Mery Dominguez  
Virginia Munoz  
Zahirah Calloway

**Absent:**

Alisha Reyes  
Brandy Ramirez  
Elsa Orama  
Flor Arzuaga  
Jenifer Bailey  
Oscar Munoz  
Vanessa Vilchez

Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes

- No modifications were requested to be made to the meeting minutes.

Action Plan Updates

- Brandy Ramirez was not present to provide the Strengthening Families Committee update.
- Johanna Ralsten-Cox shared that the Empowering Youth Committee is working to schedule four provider's brunches on a quarterly schedule.
- Anne Casimir shared that the Protecting Youth Committee met with ten participants. There were 126 caregivers participating in H.E.R.O., One Stop services, and Informed Families' efforts. There are 16 service providers, 12 referrals were made within the coalition and all families are currently receiving services.

Find Help Presentation

- Renée Rivers shared information on the free service of Findhelp.org which serves the purpose to connect people in need with programs that can serve their needs. There is an online directory of free and reduced cost services that community members can access. There are over 14,000 programs in the state of Florida and this is available in all states. This is an open network that is HIPAA and FERPA compliant and HITRUST certified. Once a zip code is entered, one can filter based on need. The check mark notates that the information has been verified. She noted that languages can be changed based on the need of the community member. There is also tracking of referrals and updated status of services rendered. Please reach out to schedule a meeting to learn how to

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update your organization's information at <https://app.hubspot.com/meetings/rivers>. It was also shared how to update the status of a client and screeners can be established to manage referrals. There is also a certification program for becoming findhelp.org certified.

#### Countywide Updates

- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that the TFC Ambassadors met for a training and orientation. Their work has begun across all coalitions and updates will be provided by the TFC Ambassador at the next coalition meeting.
- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that the Board of Trustees requested that all neighborhood coalitions receive information again regarding the recommended modifications to the Board Rules and Procedures document. These recommendations include 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.

#### Areas of Prioritization

- No new areas of prioritization were noted.

#### Announcements

- Kimberly Lopez shared that there will be farm share food distributions this month in Florida City on March 19. She noted that information of CBOs can be shared, so please reach out if you would like to send pamphlets. Additionally, she noted that there are foster care and adoption classes, please reach out for more info to [Klopez@citrusfcn.com](mailto:Klopez@citrusfcn.com) or call 305-301-3020.
- RCMA is currently enrolling preschool children of low-income and farmworker families. Please call 305-242-5946 for more information.

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