



**Together
for Children**

HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY/NARANJA

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

- **Introductions**
 - **Name, Organization, Committee**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - **January & February**
- **Action Plan**
 - **Committee Reports**
 - **TFC Ambassador Report**
- **Countywide Updates**
- **Neighborhood-Level Coalition Rules and Procedures**
 - **Membership Review**
 - **Election of Voting Members**
- **Area(s) of Prioritization**
- **Announcements/Celebrations**
- **Public Comment**

Meeting Commenced: 10:37 am
Meeting Adjourned: 11:16 am

Present:

Alisha Reyes
Anne Casimir
Carlos Pildain
Mery Dominguez
Johanna Ralsten-Cox
Brandy Ramirez
Flor Arzuaga

Absent:

Elsa Orama
Jenifer Bailey
Oscar Munoz
Vanessa Vilchez
Virginia Munoz
Zahirah Calloway

Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes

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

Action Plan Updates

- Brandy Ramirez shared that the Strengthening Families Committee included a presentation regarding the work of the Mexican American Council.
- Alisha Reyes shared that summer programming is being prioritized and the Empowering Youth Committee would like to engage additional providers. The dates for the provider's brunch will be determined in the upcoming week. Mery Dominguez added that RCMA reached 100 parents through parent workshops.
- Anne Casimir shared that there were five organizations in attendance during the Protecting Youth Committee. There were 104 youth participating in Protecting Youth activities and 40 providers that received referrals.
- Mery Dominguez shared that she is using a website to support TFC Ambassador efforts in sharing resources. It was noted that she will be assisting in making referrals, so it is important to connect so that she is aware of available resources. A focus in mental health, specific to adults in communities of color, was discussed at the TFC Parent/Caregiver Committee meeting.

Countywide Updates

- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve all subcommittee recommendations to the Board Rules and Procedures document. She

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noted that all coalitions are voting this month regarding membership positions and board leadership positions.

Neighborhood-Level Coalition Rules and Procedures

- Mery Dominguez shared that Elsa Orama is not able to attend meetings due to the time. It was discussed to change the voting slots from two parent representatives to one parent representative. Brandy Ramirez made a motion to remove one parent representative position, Johanna Ralsten-Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brandy Ramirez made a motion for Alisha Reyes to serve as Chair, Johanna Ralsten-Cox seconded the motion. Alisha Reyes accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously.
- Alisha Reyes made a motion for Johanna Ralsten-Cox to serve as Vice Chair, Brandy Ramirez seconded the motion. Johanna Ralsten-Cox accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously.
- Alisha Reyes made a motion to maintain all remaining voting positions as listed, Brandy Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Areas of Prioritization

- Alisha Reyes noted that it is important for families to be connected to afterschool and summer programming. It was added that flyers are helpful so that they can be shared with families.

Announcements

- Garnet Esters shared that on March 30, registration will begin for the SYIP program and that there is a need to host interns and distribute this information. The 5-week internship pays \$1,500. The goal is to employ 2,700 interns with a focus in youth in the foster care system and those involved in the Juvenile Justice System. She also shared that the Champions for Children event will be in May and tickets can be purchased on the Trust website.
- Jeanne Tamargo shared that there are still slots in the PALs program for middle and high school students and that there will also be a summer program to follow. There are also family friendly events to promote safe and secure parties. Please reach out for more information.

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