

NORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes –April 1, 2010

Attendees:

Members: John White, Jane Helms, Jason Stibbard, Avery Slyker, Nadine Nickeson, John Patrick, and Rachel Kirkpatrick.

Guests: Cherin Stover, Wealth Building Coalition; Kelcey Ogradny, ECA.

JWB Representatives: Danielle H. Ricciardi, Joanna Maniscalco.

General Business:

- Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by John White, Chairperson
- Introductions all around
- Danielle updated everyone on the status of members not present.
- 3-04-10 minutes reviewed and approved.

Discussion Topics:

Guest Speaker, Cherin Stover, Wealth Building Coalition:

- Cherin provided an overview and materials related to Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); highlighted free sites to assist in claiming EITC rather than paying for filing and exorbitant interest rate loans.
- JWB has participated with EITC for 20 years;

JWB Updates:

Board Meeting Update (Danielle)

- Approval of respite care RFQ
- PAL/PCSO presentation led to a Board discussion about with no new dollars, how to provide opportunities for new ideas and open competition—5 year sunset review process was discussion right before the funding began going down. Discussion of a competitive bid process in (possibly in 2011 or 2013).
- Performance report was presented- available on JWB website.
- Discussion about the importance of “warm hand-off” when families are referred to services, need to continue to involve the family or child will regress (getting high risk kids to the ‘even point’ is success)’
- Legislative update on possible cuts to Healthy Families, legislation impact CSC’s.
- Recommendation of more focused services, longer period of time- targeting the most needy children; integrated approaches that consider academic, environment, and human services needs; coordination of services for the benefit of children; assure appropriate interventions; need to involve the whole family.

Other JWB Updates:

- Legislative updates will be provided on an ongoing basis.

Joint Councils/Board Meeting:

- Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 29th at 5:30 pm at JWB
- Panel presentation/discussion around Children’s Initiative.
- Council will share results of influence/CI mapping.
- NCCC will share advocacy statement, advocacy areas, and position papers - John would like the chairs of committees/interested liaison members to speak.
- Danielle will contact those representing specific advocacy areas to see if they are willing to present, and will coordinate a meeting to create a plan (in the next week or two) for the Joint meeting.

Upcoming NCCC Meetings:

- No meeting in May (Joint Councils/Board meeting to replace)
- Next NCCC meeting- July 1st (confirmed at April meeting)

NCCC Workplan Discussion

- Overview of work conducted at last meeting – individual influence maps and connection with the 5 Children’s Initiative planning areas and then to each of the neighborhoods/areas where we have NFC’s or Centers in North County.
- Brainstorming ideas of how to work with NFC’s for Children’s Initiative planning:
 - Town Hall Meeting (food, entertainment)
 - Block party (or other methods to build trust and planning momentum) – NFC staff connecting neighbors/bartered service
 - Adding questions to existing surveys to get information
 - Devising a list of specific questions to ask each NFC: “How have you solved x problem?”; “How do you build trust in your community?” “What activities are provided for youth, preschool, teens, high school in your NFC/community”?

Liaison Updates

- Susan Guise: Hispanic Leadership Council is involved in producing a set of DVD’s to teach those whose primary language is other than English both some English language skills and how to live/function in Pinellas County. DVD’s have been distributed to libraries and other locations and are available upon request.
- John Patrick: Information provided on a homeless court project model.

Action Taken:

March minutes approved

Responsible Party(s)

Jane Helms and Avery Slyker

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Danielle Ricciardi

Next Meeting Date: NCCC: June 3rd MLK Recreation Center, Dunedin.