

NORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes –June 1, 2010

Attendees:

Members: John White, Jane Helms, Avery Slyker, John Patrick, Lisa Mansell, Doris Walker, Sharon Gilberg, Amy McAuley, and Sue Vale.

Guests: Janet Hooper, Safety Harbor Neighborhood Family Center.

JWB Representatives: Danielle H. Ricciardi

General Business:

- Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by John White, Chairperson
- Introductions all around
- Danielle updated everyone on the status of members not present.
- Summer meeting schedule discussed – July meeting cancelled/summer break.
- April 1st meeting minutes reviewed/approved.

Discussion Topics:

Joint Meeting Updates:

- John White led a discussion about the Joint Councils/Board meeting (held on 4/29/10)- Need for more common ground, more input from the youth. Comments were made that the meeting was too structured, more about presentations than dialogue with the Board and between Councils. Suggestion was made that more information be provided up front to Councils to allow for more of an open forum.
- John White also provided an update on the Joint Councils Executive Committee meeting with CNS staff and Marcie; Nadine and Carrie were also present. Discussion centered around how to improve communication between JWB and Councils. An update was given about the pilot model and model childcare center. Each Council provided updates to the group and one another- discussion about the interest in staying connected, finding common ground. Council connections were provided in a chart format at the Joint Councils/Board meeting- do our connections matter? What do we do to make the most of those connections?

JWB Updates:

- Danielle provided an overview of the Board meeting- discussion/approval of model programs, new Board member.
- AmeriCorps update given by Danielle- looking for NCCC member to serve on the AmeriCorps Advisory Council for planning.
- Danielle explained how planners' role and that of the new Communication & Community Outreach position (contracted – to be filled this month) will include presentations and speaking to groups, community dialogues. Council members are willing to visit and speak to groups with staff.

Children's Initiative/NFC Visits

- Plan will be to meet at all of the North County NFC's/Centers over the next four NCCC meetings (August-November)- possibly starting with Safety Harbor.
- Meetings will center around discussions with the NFC's.
- Questions can be formulated ahead of time through e-mail and knowledgeshare to create some framework- but the meeting will be more of an open discussion between NFC staff and Council members.

Liaison Updates

- Homelessness- John Patrick: 250 care packets have been distributed to the street homeless through Palm Harbor Community Church- ongoing (members can bring sample sized items to any

NCCC meeting if they wish to donate); May 13 Governor Christ signed a bill about homeless crimes.

- Foster Care- Sharon Gilberg: Junior League of Clearwater/Dunedin has approved the foster care project.
- N. Greenwood- Amy McAuley: Amy continues to attend the mayor's meeting and others to work on issues in the community.
- Safety Harbor: Update provided by Janet Hooper, Executive Director.
- Oldsmar- Sue Vale: Reported on the importance of parent involvement.
- Union Academy/Tarpon Springs – Doris Walker: New program director just started at the CAP NFC.
- Dunedin- Avery Slyker- Dunedin has a PAL program

Other Updates

- Amy McAuley noted that classes offered for parents are needed.
- Danielle discussed the 14th Annual Fl Neighborhood Conference- to be held in St. Petersburg- JWB CNS Dept. would sponsor a NCCC member if interested.

Action Taken:

April meeting minutes approved

Responsible Party(s)

John Patrick and Avery Slyker

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jane Helms

Next Meeting Date: NCCC: August 5th 2010, NFC location TBD