



# Together in Partnership

## Steering Committee Meeting Report

**Monday, May 20, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Brevard County Government Center, Viera**  
**Florida Room, 3rd Floor**

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Jim Carlson – Vice-Chair
<b>Board Members:</b>	Lori Helton, Lindsay (D3), Deaton (BCSO), Isa Kennedy (CM Office), Phebe Powell (DCF), Jolynn Nelson ( State Attorney Office), Mary Lu Tombleson (Public Defender Office), Sharon Tolson (School Board), Sherrie Arflin (United Way)
<b>At-Large Members:</b>	Cherie Cook (BCC), Donna Skinner (CHS), Stanley Brizz (Eckerd Youth), Paula Ferrell (Sednet), Althea Puzio (SC Early Steps), Jennifer Floyd (Healthy Start),
<b>Guest:</b>	Maria Bledsoe (Managing Entities)
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Cindy Short

### Summary

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am.

Introductions were done by going around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved from the last two TIP meetings, January 28<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Sharon Tolson and seconded by Sherrie Arflin. Motion carried.

#### Election of Officers:

There was a nomination for Dan Rodgers was made by Jim Carlson which was seconded by Jennifer Floyd. There were no other nominations and Mr. Carlson closed nominations. The motion on the floor was carried and Mr. Dan Rodgers will remain the Chair of Together in Partnership.

Mr. Carlson called for nominations for a Vice-Chair. Ms. Tolson nominated Jim to remain as Vice-Chair and he accepted. The motion was made a seconded for Mr. Carlson to remain as Vice-Chairman and motion carried.

#### Reports:

**Family Strengthening/Infant Mental Health Task Force/Healthy Start Coalition** –Sharon Tolson - Informed TIP that Ms. Phebe Powel recommended using Protective Factors Training versus Whole Child. It's called Resource Point, there is no fee, however a full TIP vote for approval is needed in order to pursue. The sub-committee hopes that it will give the same data base information that Whole Child was going to do.

Mr. Carlson asked if they were specifically asking for a vote for Resource Point over Whole Child? The answer was yes. The motion was made by Sharon Tolson and seconded by Jennifer Floyd. Motion carried. So now TIP will begin to use Resource Point for database information.

Ms. Tolson also mentioned that Carrie Thomas no longer represents Brevard Interfaith Coalition. The group will

find out who will be replacing her. The Infant Mental Health Task Force has gone to every other month meetings. They are working on new goals and outreach for the region and the local group will follow along with that direction. Healthy Start Coalition is part of the sub-committee now and voted to approve their funding for next year.

**CAPTF:** No Report – But Mr. Carlson mentioned that their breakfast was very well attended.

**BYSAP:** - Stanley Brizz – There is a meeting today after this TIP meeting. They will be addressing the goals that they hope to accomplish in the next few months. Mr. Stanley said he wants to establish a BYSAP Coalition to help with community events and to bring in young people. Looking for a new social marketing strategy. Citrus and Hernando counties are doing the same thing; they haven't found anything yet so they are developing their own. Me. Powell said that Debbie reached out to help BYSAP. Mr. Brizz said they have operation medicine cabinet here and try to get other organizations to help support that.

**Brevard Homeless Coalition:** No Report, but Ms. Ferrell mentioned that the Children in Transition Committee made progress with a project they started with one Brevard County and Homeless Families. The greatest need is financial education for homeless families.

**DV Task Force:** No Report – Ms. Powell commented that the regional focus on CANS tools – a needs assessment tool; JAC Center is using to help give children the mental health services that they need. Group had been working on reports because community wants to know how do they know how it's working and how are they supposed to be getting information; and what to do with the information. The team put together templates to help. Their next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Powell will let Mary know what place.

**Regional Children's Cabinet** – Phebe Powell –No Report

**DJJ:** Dan Rodgers – No Report

### **New Business:**

- **Central Florida Cares** (Managing Entities) Mr. Carlson introduced Maria Bledsoe. Ms. Bledsoe is the CEO for Central Florida Cares. CFC works between DCF and network providers for state funded Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment Services. They also monitor the providers. She couldn't give any legislative updates yet. She let the group know that Ian Golden is on their Board now and if anyone has questions they can follow up with Ian. Mr. Carlson asked what the size of the programs was. They have 34 programs. Their network is for all people, all ages for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.
- **TIP Resolution** – Ms. Powell asked about the sunset date which is currently it is September 30, 2013. Ms. Kennedy wanted to know why the County Manager was eliminated and left the meeting briefly to find out. Someone asked what does sunset mean and someone else answered to go away. Does the County Commission determine the sunset date? Staff responded correct. Ms. Floyd commented that if the groups waits to vote on this at the next meeting in July in order to get some questions answered would that leave enough time to get on agenda? Ms. Kennedy stated that she could get an answer now as to why the County Manager was removed from the Standing Membership. Ms. Powell also brought up about having a youth, or a family member as a Standing Member. Ms. Powell mentioned that she has brought this up in the past. This group is supposed to deal with youth issues and it seems like they should have a voice. It could be someone aging out of foster care, someone who was served by DJJ, or just someone who has been served through the system of care. Ms. Powell said that you could be considered a youth up until 24. She knows that some of the problems in the past have been getting a youth to attend has been a conflict because of school, but if you look at it a little broader sense, you can still have an 18 or 19 year old, or a family voice maybe from NAMI or another agency. Ms. Powell feels that this is very important that the group look at what's right for families.

Ms. Arflin agreed and asked if that's something that can be added as a Standing Membership? Will Phebe recruit someone to come? Ms. Powell said yes she would and feels sure that Dan may have some ideas as

well.

Ms. Ferrell made a motion to accept the resolution as is pending answers to questions to everyone satisfaction regarding the Brevard County Manager. Mr. Carlson asked if she would amend the motion to include the Youth as part of the Standing Membership? Ms. Ferrell said yes that's fine. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tolson and motion carried.

- **Leadership Roundtable** - Ms. Powell said Leadership Roundtable (LR) had not met and Ian challenged TIP to come up with a focus for the committee before meeting with LR. The 5 year plan is due in July and we should use that to present to them. She would also like to invite the LR members to the next meeting in July to give the, a full update on where TIP is in their five year plan. Jim asked that staff engage the LR membership and let TIP know because that would then be an extended meeting and we would need a time commitment from everybody. Mr. Carlson mentioned that there are new members now on LR and some of them have never met and really do not know the importance of LR.

Phebe spoke about and wanted to know about shifting some of the 5 year plan goals in regards to Child Abuse Prevention, Adoption promotion because other agencies are doing the same things.

Ms. Kennedy came back to the meeting and she said she spoke to Ian and he was not sure why the County Manager was removed other than maybe based on attendance. Ms. Kennedy is meeting with Mr. Tipton next week and she will ask him if he would like her to sit in for him for the future but only if they want to keep him on. Mr. Carlson said yes he would like to keep him on.

**Old Business:** None, but Ms. Tolson asked about voting proxy forms?? She said we need to make sure we have these at our meetings for when members send their representatives out.

**Membership Approval** – None for this meeting.

**Public comments and announcements:** Done by going around the room.

**Adjournment:** With no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.