

# CALHOUN COUNTY CHILDREN'S COALITION/JJC

**FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

W. T. NEAL CIVIC CENTER

**Attendees:**

Margie Armstrong	Magellan Health Services
Mary Barnes	Big Bend CBC
Whitney Cherry	Calhoun Cty Ext/4H
Rob Forbus	DCF
Shaneka Gardner	DJJ
Lisa Grice	Chipola Healthy Start
Tammy Hansford	CCHD/HS
Peggy Howland	CCHD/HS
Wanda Jackson	DJJ
Laura Mainor	CHS-Early Steps
Pam Martin	Domestic Violence
Vanessa O'Neal	CCHD/HS
Haywood Shealy	North FL. Child Develop.
Tony Shoemake	Sheriff Dept.
David Taylor	C.A.R.E.
Glenda S. Vickery	North FL. Child Develop.
Mae Waters	FSU
Kelly Wyrick	Blountstown Public Library

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 and introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A mis type was found, change "pairs" to "fairs", a motion was made with revising the changes by Whitney Cherry and second by Rob Forbus.

**Acceptance of Agenda:**

A motion made by David Taylor and second by Lisa Grice to accept the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Remains unchanged at \$1360.75.

**Old Business/New Business:**

Resource Directory for Calhoun County- Everyone list name, address and phone number, Mrs. Perdue will put all together and have it "word" to access.

By-Laws Committee-Make paragraph for purpose you serve for this coalition. The committee needs to meet before next meeting.

**Juvenile Justice Council:**

There are currently 17 youth beingsupervised through the Department of JuvenileJustice in the Calhoun County area. 8 who are currently on probation, 6 who are currently on intake status, 1 who is currently pending in adult court, 4 who are in the diversion process and 1 who is on conditional release status. According to the Department Pact profile, we currently have 0 youth who are high risk to re-offend, 2 who are moderate-high, 4 who are moderate risk, and 10 who are low risk to re-offend. Wanda Jackson had conference call about "Invest in Children's tag money overall view" will have more to report at next meeting.

**Calhoun-Liberty Community Outreach:** absent

**Substance Abuse Coalition:**

**Survey update:** The survey's have ben filled out. We are waiting for DCF to get t he survey monkey account set up. The Drug Free Communities grant is out.

**Tobacco Prevention Partnership:** absent but sent agency form: The Calhoun County Tobacco Prevention Program has submitted the 2012-2013 Tobacco Prenvention Grant Proposal. The program coninues to have SWAT clubs in 4 schools and 3 churches.

**Healthy Start Advisory Council:**

**Chipola Healthy Start:** Lisa Grice passed out CHS Membership Applications to those who had not been present at the January meeting and explained the importance of being a Chipola Healthy Start Coalition member. She encouraged all to complete them and return them to her. Mrs. Grice reminded the group that the CHS Board of Directors next meeting would be Thursday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Chipley at the Washington County Public Library meeting room. The public is welcome.

**Calhoun County Healthy Start Program:** We have stayed very busy, we have no car seats at this time, we hope to get a grant for more car seats. Healthy Start will be at the CCHD 3 days a week (Tues. Wed. and Thurs.)

**Advisory Board-Agency Reports:**

**Calhoun County Schools:** absent

**Early Learning Coalition:** absent but sent agency form: As of February 14<sup>th</sup>, the ELC office in Calhoun County at the Public Library will be opened every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 9 am to 4 pm. The phone number to the ELC Calhoun office is 850-674-9488. As of 02-20-2012 ELC is serving 105 School Readiness children. Out of those 105; 11 of those children are in our "At Risk" category.

**North Florida Child Development:** The first half of the month of February of 2012 has been one of assessment. This was a self-assessment of each educational child care facility by and of North Florida Child Development. Teams of professionals at every level visited sites for monitoring and evaluating the

effectiveness of the Early Head Start and Head Start programs. The results were compiled in to a report that analyzed and detailed the strengths and weaknesses of each aspect of the program. A meeting was held February 17, 2012 whereby the results were shared with Center Managers as well as Family Case Managers. Items noted to be addressed were discussed and goals and strategies devised as to how to address the needs to ensure continued excellence in delivery of services provided to the children, families and communities served by NFCD. A Parenting Meeting/Training session was held on February 13, 2012. The topic of study was the "Importance of Family Involvement in a Child's Education." This was followed by a Father Involvement Activity whereby the male role model and the child made Luv-bug Valentine Card holders.

**Healthy Families:** absent

**Domestic Violence:** nothing to report

**Department of Children and Families:** nothing to report.

**Big Bend:** Co-Location of DCF CLS and 2 units of CPI's at Bay Human Services Center. Training by BBCBC is available to Coalitin on Trauma Informed Care, contact Mary Helen Barnes if interested.

**Florida Department of Health:** Florida now has 34 school districts with a breastfeeding support policy in place for their employees. This includes Calhoun and Liberty Counties.

**Calhoun County 4-H:** Book Drive: Thanks to everyone who supported our book drive. So far we've collected over 200 books for local youth literacy programs. We will continue to collect books for pre-k and elementary aged youth even though the book drive officially ends March 1.

Summer Camps: The 4-H summer camps schedule will be released very soon.

Giant Yard sale: The Calhoun and Liberty County 4-H programs are coordinating a giant yard sale as a fundraiser. Calhoun County's sale will be held on Magnolia Square in Blountstown. Booth spaces are \$10.00 each. Families will set up, sell, and clean up their own. Funds will help provide scholarships to Calhoun County Youth for summer camps.

**Blountstown Public Library:** By the end of February the library will have had 8 PACT times, 2 school age programs, and 5 on the road story times. By the end of the month our attendance will be over 300 (will not have a specific total until the end of the month). February has many focuses. Some of the topics covered for this month have been: Groundhogs, Valentines, President's Day, and African American Heritage. For the schools and child cares we did a mix of the topics. This Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are excited to have Professor Dwight Baldwin coming to do a special program entitled the ABC's of Drumming. He will have the morning PACT program time and the afternoon BES 1<sup>st</sup> graders. During these programs he will be covering some African American Heritage and getting hands on with the children and the drums. Looks to be a great time and learning experience. Our branches were able to attend a FLYP training at the beginning of the month. It was very enriching and gave some great tools and insights on setting up our summer reading program. Dream Big-Read is our FLYP theme this year.

**Magellan Health Services:** When anyone signs up for medicaid medipass, they are assigned to Magellan Health Services for their mental health services. It is automatic unless they choose to change plans. The focus of my outreach is to assist enrollees (persons enrolled in medicaid medipass), potential enrollees, their families and those involved in providing or referring enrollees for services in understanding and accessing the covered services of the PMHP. The goal is to decrease the stigma attached to mental illness and promote the concept of recovery. Implementing that goal requires shedding old stereotypes of mental illness and promoting the concept of recovery. Implementing that goal requires shedding old stereotypes of mental illness and replacing them with new attitudes that support people with mental illnesses. I share my personal journey through the tragedy and triumphs of living with and raising children with a mental illness. This has proven to be an effective tool for encouraging persons who need mental health care, family members, stakeholders and providers to rethink the way they perceive and receive those of us dealing with mental illness and those who have contact with them need to understand they are capable of achieving great potential. Any opportunities available to attend staff or community meetings, speak or set up a booth at health fairs or community events are appreciated. Please add me to any email list you utilize to inform others of events/meetings in your community. Margie Armstrong 850-867-2024. Email [marmstrong@magellanhealth.com](mailto:marmstrong@magellanhealth.com)

**Calhoun County Health Department:**

- a. **TOP Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program:** The program is going well. The class is working on skits and very excited about it. Peggy will speak to the Altha students on STD's.

Motion to end meeting at 2:50 was made by Rob Forbus and second by Lisa Grice, motion carried.

Next meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 1:30