

Washington County Family and Community Council
Washington County Juvenile Justice Council
Washington County School Health Council

Meeting

April 10, 2012

Attending the meeting were: Bonnie Wertenberger, Kayren Vickery, Charlene Miller, Daryl White, David Taylor, Derrick Henderson, Leigh Anne Mayo, Lisa Grice, Mary Helen Barnes, Melissa Boggs, Patsy Gainer.

Big Bend Community Based Care- Mary Helen Barnes reported that the number of removals for all 6 counties of the 14th judicial circuit are increasing which means the number of cases per case manager has increased. Questions of what has caused the increase: whether increase in reporting or increase of actual abuse. Children from Bay County are placed in Washington County. Reports of all children placed in Washington County are sent to School Board Office to notify schools of children in care. Letters to out of home caregivers sent to remind them of FCAT and to not schedule appointments for children to be out of school beginning FCAT weeks. All agencies are reminded to try not to schedule appointments during FCAT week. Mary Helen introduced an intern who has been working with Big Bend, Leigh Anne Mayo.

CARE-David Taylor gave a SARG update. The school Board is sending out forms for the survey. Bonnie Wertenberger is working on getting the youth survey implemented. Hopefully the surveys will be completed by next month.

Chipola Healthy Start Coalition- Chipola Healthy Start Executive Director Lisa Grice told the group that she still needed designated voting members to complete forms so that there will be enough to hold an election for the Healthy Start Advocacy Team. Washington County will be represented by three elected members on the HSAT, which will have direct impact on service delivery. The HSAT will also fill vacancies on the Board for any elected positions and will potentially have great impact on allocation of funding as well. She invited those with organizations servicing Calhoun and Liberty counties to fill out a booth registration form for the Community Baby Dedication to be held in Bristol at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 28th, from 9:00 to 12:00 central time. Registration for non-profits is free but all are asked to bring a door prize. Mrs. Grice passed out copies of a fact sheet on racial disparities in birth outcomes and told the group that CHS is about to kick off a small racial disparity project in the 32446 zip code, which is a pilot for a larger project. She encouraged those interested to contact her for more information. Mrs. Grice also told the group that CHS was still looking for a business manager and she directed them to see the job announcement that is posted on www.employflorida.com.

Healthy Families- Melissa Boggs stated that they have a vacancy in the Holmes Washington Counties office. They have conducted interviews and are in the process of employee reference checks to hire a Family Support Worker.

FDAVC and Habilitative Services will be having their 15th Annual DV conference on May 9 and 10 at Chipola College.

Healthy Start (Washington Co) Kayren Vickery introduced herself as the new Healthy Start person for Washington County clients. She is holding meetings at Blue Lake Community Center. The next one will be April 19 3 to 5 PM. She is also trying to learn of resources in the community to help families. Any assistance in volunteers for the meetings and for providing information regarding resources is appreciated. Contact info: Kayren Vickery PO Box 310 or 4979 Healthy Way Marianna, FL 32446. Cell # is 850-573-1552. Toll Free Phone # is 1-866-609-0599; Fax 1-850-482-9564.