



## **Steering Committee Meeting**

**May 17, 2011**

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Marcella Bianco, Chair**

**Members Attending:** Marcella Bianco, Connie D'Antonio, Dani Dreizehnter, Christopher Harris, Christopher Harris, Donna Harris, Shari Heisey, Alice Kenyon, Michael Panella, Norm Penner, Jennifer Romelien, Eileen Storck, Kristi Walsh, Wydee'a Wilson, and Kim Thomas.

**Guests Attending:** Paul Pearson, Fort Pierce PAL, and Asa Molina, Children's Home Society.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Marcella Bianco welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### **II. Approval of May Agenda and April Minutes**

*Dani Dreizehnter made a motion to approve the May agenda and April minutes. Eileen Storck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **III. Network Updates**

**Academic Success Network** –Eileen Storck & Serena Binner, Co-Chairs

- 211 offered to pay for the printing of the truancy posters so that they can be distributed to the different agencies and stores.
- Discussed the correlation between truancy and Kids at Hope schools. There doesn't seem to be any but out of 42,000 students, the truancy is in the single digits, so if those support mechanisms weren't there that number could be much higher.
- Will be doing strategic planning.

**Delinquency Prevention Network** – Jennifer Romelien, Chair

- Will be doing strategic planning on the bullying issue.
- Nomination of officers will be done at the next meeting.
- Petition for removal was discussed. Sealed versus expunged was discussed and it was decided the members need further direction on the process.

**Kids at Hope** – Kim Thomas

- Team is doing strategic planning.
- Thanked Shari Heisey for teaching the open community training this month.
- Open community training in Fort Pierce is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Nancy Brown and Sheri Reichard taught parent training at Bayshore Elementary.

**Substance Abuse Coalition**, Marcella Bianco

- Coalition is doing strategic planning, updating the logic model and resource & gap list.
- Focusing on middle school students, and risk and protective factors.

**Teen Health Network – Donna Harris, Chair**

- Focusing on a parent training on how to talk to your kids for the Parent Academy.
- Children’s Services Council will be issuing an RFP to offer the sex education pieces that Planned Parenthood currently offers. The Teen Health Network would like to be included in the process if anyone is going to be writing the grant, to offer their expertise.

**Youth Leadership Council – Kim Thomas**

- The summer program will be offered at IRSC June 13<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Michael Panella brought up the Get Real About AIDS curriculum at a Youth Leadership meeting and most of the students had not heard of it nor received it. This was cause for concern because they had a general lack of knowledge about it. Donna Harris suggested that the School Board be strongly encouraged to teach it if they aren’t. Shari Heisey received a letter last week about it for her daughter who goes to public school. They are teaching it next week.

**IV. Fort Pierce PAL Program**

Master Officer Paul Pearson presented on the Fort Pierce Police Department PAL Program. They offer a free after school program. Members are producing and acting in a musical drama called “The Little King” about bullying. The Get Real About AIDS curriculum is being taught this summer. Summer Camp starts June 13<sup>th</sup> and costs \$65.00. They have two 15-passenger vans now. They provide mentoring and partner with AARP for 11 volunteers. They will be moving to the old YMCA building which is 40,000 square feet and eight (8) acres. There will be basketball, soccer and baseball fields. They will also have air conditioning, which they do not have now.

**V. Announcements**

- Shari Heisey – The mentoring program is closing as Federal funding has been pulled and Children’s Home Society cannot sustain the program.
- Norm Penner – The Boys & Girls Club has applied for the Workforce Solutions RFP for a summer program for 100 children.
- Marcella Bianco – The SWAT Program is offering a free summer workshop in July and August. Any youth interested is invited to attend.
- Dani Dreizehnter – Dan McCarty will be scheduling a parent meeting in June, which will be an opportunity for Kids at Hope training.