



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015
Orange County Library, Hillsborough

In attendance:

Council: Bernadette Pelissier, Colleen Bridger, Nancy Coston, James Davis, John Doward, Robin Pulver, Michael Steiner, Alice Denson, Liska Lackey, Angela Wilcox, Jake Henry, Angie Welsh, Debra Farrington, Ardith Brooks, Sharon Freeland, Nate Broman-Fulks, Luke Smith

Staff: Meredith Stewart, Donna King, Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle,

Welcome

Colleen Bridger opened the meeting on behalf of Chair Michael Steiner, who arrived several minutes later.

Project Updates

Meredith M. began the meeting with project updates. She informed the Council about Gap Analysis progress:

Interviews and Focus Groups

- Jennifer Walters, of RTI, is assisting the FSA with collecting data through interviews and focus groups.
 - Four key informant interviews have already been completed.
 - Two focus groups are planned in the next two weeks.

Door-to-Door Surveys

- Door to door interviews will be on February 21st & February 28th, 2015.
- Meredith invited Council members to participate, and encouraged Council members to come and view the Zones at the ground level. She instructed those that were interested in participating to inform her by filling out a volunteer flyer inside the Council member folder packet.

Meredith M. discussed an upcoming opportunity to visit the Harlem Children's Zone. Meredith invited Council members to come on the visit.

- The visit is a 2 ½ day workshop and it provides an opportunity to see HCZ programs in action.
- Meredith informed the Council that the FSA will seek funding for the workshop from the Board of County Commissioners.

Meredith M. reviewed the United Way grant opportunity.

- This grant is different than previous years in that it requires agencies to formally come together for collaboration and is available to local government agencies and schools.

Angie Welsh clarified some questions about the grant process.

- The FSA should apply for Phase 1 and list all potential collaborators. All potential collaborators should also apply for Phase 1 and list FSA as a collaborator.

- UWGT is encouraging agencies who work in, or want to work in, the selected zones to connect with FSA and formally list their collaboration in Phase 1 of the application.
- Agencies can participate in more than one application.
- It will be possible to add collaborators after Phase 1, but is not encouraged.

Due to the timing of the grant and the FSA process, the Council agreed that FSA should make one application that includes both zones as the lead collaborator, and not the individual zones.

Engaging Non-Selected Zones

Meredith S discussed ways to engage non-selected Zones. She explained how non-selected Zone members have already shifted some of their efforts to Zones 4 & 6. One suggestion from Council members was to start a forum composed of county, non-profit, and community organizations that would hold discussions on rotating topics applicable to the whole county. Nancy Coston nominated herself to identify a leadership structure for such a forum and will follow-up with organizing and leading it.

Council-By Laws

Council members reviewed the by-laws proposed by the Governance Committee. Council members suggested a number of edits, which will be included by FSA staff. The final by-laws will be included as a consent agenda item for approval at the April 2015 Council meeting.

Wrap up

Meredith reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on April 20, 2015 from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

Alice Denson motioned that Council should include the Zone representatives at the next Council meeting, per the by-laws.

Meeting Adjournment:

Dr. Steiner closed the meeting again thanking all of those in attendance.