

Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2014
Orange County Public Library, Hillsborough

In attendance: 21

Council: Bernadette Pelissier, Mark Dorosin, Colleen Bridger, Nancy Coston, James Davis, John Dorward, Robin Pulver, Eric Peterson, Michael Steiner, Alice Denson, Liska Lackey, Magda Parvey, Angela Wilcox, Debra Farrington, Jake Henry, Angie Welsh

Staff: Meredith Stewart, Donna King, Melvin Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Stacy Shelp

Absent: 7

Mack Koonce, Lindy Pendergrass, Luke Smith, Roger Stancil, Ardith Brooks, David Andrews, Rev. Sharon Freeland

Welcome

Michael Steiner opened the meeting up by asking all participants to share their favorite Thanksgiving meal. Michael opened the floor for questions, concerns, or comments related to the FSA project. He introduced the first agenda item by transitioning project updates to Meredith McMonigle.

Project Updates

Meredith McMonigle provided the Council with the October/November progress and updates related to FSA zone applications. She informed the Council that all Zone applications have been submitted.

Meredith informed Council that all Zone applications were inside Council packets. She reminded the Council that the due date for scoring all applications is Sunday, December 14th. Members must attend the December 16th meeting in order to vote. She introduced, Stacy Shelp, to give the Council Communications update.

Communications Update

Stacy reported that the Communications work group is growing. She stated that FSA has the support and participation of a number of Council organizations. She added that in the first meeting, the group worked bringing the group up to speed on the project and outlining short and long-term communication needs. Immediate needs are to plan for communication about the zone selection, including key talking points and an elevator speech for the FSA project for all Council representatives to have. The group also discussed topics for FSA related columns for the Herald Sun. The introductory column will be authored by Chair Mike Steiner and Council Member Mark Dorosin. Future topics include housing (December), school/academic success (January), and health (February). Communications representatives will determine future authorship and assist council with writing the columns.

The next meeting for the Communications group will be December 5, 2014, with the main goal to plan a press conference to announce the chosen Zones.

Work Groups

Meredith M. gave the Council an update on the Work groups. She reviewed the three work groups—Governance, Evaluation and Communications. She encouraged the Council to invite staff, constituents,

or colleagues to join a work group. A Council member requested that there be a roster for each work group. Meredith confirmed that a Work group roster would be created for the Council.

GAP Analysis

Meredith Stewart reviewed the plans and strategy of the zone gap analyses. She described the purpose of the GAP analysis was to find out where we are losing kids within the pipeline in a respective zone in order for needs to be identified, and actions to target those needs. She reviewed the four planned components of the gap analysis--1) a Best-Practice map, 2) Zone Description & Community Attitude, 3) CYF Map (Children, Youth, and Family Resource Map), and 4) Quantitative Indicators (Health, Education, Family & Community).

Zone Application Review

Meredith M. explained best practices for scoring the Zone Applications. She pointed out to the Council the scoring rubrics for each application. Council members practiced reviewing and scoring Zone applications in small groups. Council members provided feedback on the applications, noting variations in the strength of the zone partnerships. Meredith indicated that the Zone 4 application was incorrectly copied and provided a new, complete copy. Complete copies of the letters were subsequently sent as well.

Zone Selection Considerations

There was discussion and agreement on breaking down the Zone selection meeting into two parts—the first part, prior to presentations, to deliberate on the preliminary scores and the second part, after presentations, to deliberate on Zone presentations and final scores. A motion passed to make the FSA Council Zone Selection meeting on December 16th open to the public. The Council passed a second motion to express a desire to select one zone from each school system.