

**Madison Shared Services Meeting**  
**Healthy Start Coalition, 1476 SW Main St., Greenville, FL**  
**March 26, 2025, 9:30 AM – 11 AM**

**Present:** Tonya Bell, Brandi Turner, Cindy Hutto, Laura Blue, Elizabeth Schmidt, Tori Taylor, Nichole Enger, Gabrielle Aboki, Cumi Allen, Natasha Allen, Stacy Beckford, Bethany Bland, Lisa Hill Boatwright, David Boatwright, Jessica Brantley, Camye Edwards, Kristin Eppers, Yolanda Gillette-Carlson, Debbie Graham, Susie Hernandez, Jimmy Holden, Tamara Johnson, Sassafrass Mittleman, Deasia Oliver, Brianna Peterson, Sebastian Plank, Rakeia Sorey, Ben Swilley, Essence Thomas, and Trinity Weaver.

**Agencies Represented:** Healthy Start Coalition, Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Madison County Health Department, Jefferson County Health Department, 211 Big Bend, A Mother's Love 850, Battlefront, T.E.A.M. Dad, Disc Village, Hanley Foundation, Holden's NEMT Transport, Partnership for Strong Families (PFSF), Big Bend AHEC, Big Bend Cares, FDOH Healthy Start, Technical Assistance & Training System University of Central Florida (TATS NWC-UCF), Family Network on Disabilities Program (FNDFL), Capital City Bank – Madison, and Humana.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She also advised that she is presenting Pinwheels for Prevention Children's Fun Festival on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the City Park in Taylor County from 10 AM – 2 PM. There will be games, fun, and giveaways.

Elizabeth Schmidt, HSCJMT, reminded everyone of the FIMR survey she sent out March 10<sup>th</sup>. She asked everyone to do the survey and complete it no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. The input received from the surveys will help drive the Coalition's Community Action Group (CAG) plan. She also stated she had been working to create a Family Planning brochure. Once finalized and approved, she will send the brochure out to all.

Jimmy Holden with Holden's NEMT (Non-Emergency Transport) Transport told everyone that he is available 24/7 and that he is a Limited Medicaid provider. He is trying to get the word out about his business to help people that need transportation services in the area.

Brianna Peterson, Community Engagement Specialist with PFSF, advised that Madison County has \$35.88 remaining of the \$1,000 allocated to the county. A motion was made by Brandi Turner to reallocate the remainder of that \$35.88 to individual assistance and the motion was seconded by Tonya Bell.

Natasha Allen with the Capital City Bank in Madison said that they are trying to be more active in the community and that they have Foundation grants available.

Gabby Aboki, ELC Big Bend, said that they can help with childcare as well as enrolling Pre-K students. She also told us that they now have an office in Madison at Career Source.

Lisa Hill Boatwright with Battlefront said that she assists pregnant and postpartum women with a program called Moving Beyond Depression.

David Boatwright with T.E.A.M. Dad spoke about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Time Egg-Stravaganza they are hosting in April 19<sup>th</sup>. The event is being held at Sumpter James Park in Madison from 11 AM – 2 PM. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children and food for all, games, as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Sebastian Plank, PFSF, said that when they have to remove a child/or children from a home, they prefer to release them to a family member. If the relatives are not available, they have to send the children to foster homes. The risk for these children is that sometimes they don't fit in with the foster family per se, the family can release the children back to the program and risk having to try out another foster family. He said that things seemed to go easier when the children are placed with relatives. He also said that he would be happy to educate people if they want to become a foster family.

Yolanda Gillette-Carlson, with Big Bend AHEC, was our Guest Speaker for today's meeting. She emphasized the importance of Narcan and the misuse of opioids/opiates. These can be prescribed medication as well as illicit drugs. Nearly 280,000 Americans lost their lives to overdoses involving prescription opioids during 1999-2021. The information that she presented was very beneficial to all in attendance.

Our next meeting will be held on 25 June 2025.

