

**Taylor County Shared Services Meeting
District School Board Meeting Room
March 28, 2022**

Present:

Tonya Bell, Wanda Tucker, Paulina Pendarvis, Donna Hagan, Cindy Hutto, Laura Blue, Brandi Turner, Debbie Saenz, Tonya Hobby, Lisa Hill Boatwright, Yolanda Gillette, Mark Sherrod, Rhonda Brooks, Jabrika Morris, Amber Freeman, Betsy Stephens, Kathy Barrett, Jacob Clore, Tori Boudreau, Camye Edwards, Hadassah Israel, Dorothy Burney, Asheena Moses, Brent Couch, Kristie Lutz, Kristy Anderson, Melissa Justino, Sarah Bays, and Ambreia Young.

Agencies Represented: Healthy Start Coalition, Disc Village, Simply Healthcare, Big Bend AHEC, Healthy Families Seven Rivers, Big Bend 211, Children's Medical Services, N. FL Medical Centers, Taylor Co. Health Dept., Battlefront Education and Wellness, Northwest Florida Health Network, Big Bend Cares, Taylor Co. School District, Early Steps, Partnership for Strong Families, Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Tobacco Free Taylor, Early Learning Coalition, Early Head Start, and Boys and Girls Club.

Tonya Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Wanda Tucker with Tobacco Free Taylor spoke about the free health screenings at the National Minority Health Event, Senior Citizen's Center, April 8th, from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Tonya Hobby with Taylor County Health Dept. spoke about Community Health Improvement Plan. They are asking people to fill out their survey.

Brandi advised that she has a Family Support position open now and that the Steinhatchee American Legion is doing a diaper drive for them.

Paula Pendarvis with N. FL Medical said that they are looking for a Senior Accountant.

Lisa Boatwright with Battlefront Education and Wellness spoke about the wellness event held last Saturday and thanked all partners who helped out. They are looking to do a much larger event and asked for volunteers to assist.

Yolanda Gillette with Big Bend AHEC said that they are back to doing in person classes for Tobacco Cessation. Also, they are ready to go back to in person class for Matter of Balance for Seniors classes as well. Minority Event on April 8th at Taylor County Senior Center.

Betsy Stephens with Taylor County School District talked about a developmental screening for children 6 months to 5 years old. They will be able to review these screenings immediately. It will be held at the First Baptist Church Youth building on May 5th.

Jabrika Morris with Early Head Start said that they have a career source van on Thursdays and Fridays.

Rhonda Brooks with Taylor County School District talked about enrolling families at the homeless center. They also give away food, backpacks, etc.

Tori Boudreau with Department of Juvenile Justice said that there is a Community Resource Fair being held in Tallahassee on April 20th at 6 PM.

Camye Edwards with Big bend Cares said that they have two Health Counselor positions open.

Hadassah Israel with The Early Learning Coalition introduced Tevis Page as their newest employee. She also spoke about an upcoming 5K race in Tallahassee, Track to the Future. May 1, 2022.

Brent Couch with Simply Health Care Plan advised that all 6th graders can get a free ECG to detect abnormalities of the heart. He also told us about a Health Scholarship with Gulf Coast state college.

Kristy Anderson of Taylor County School District spoke about a COVID 19 Remembrance event on Friday, May 13th from 6 – 8 PM at Rosehead Park. Next Committee Meeting is being held this Thursday at 4 PM at the Taylor County Public Library.

Yolanda Gillette from Big Bend AHEC advised that they will be holding Spanish tobacco cessation classes virtually on April 13th.

Donna Hagan with Healthy Start Coalition advised that we are looking for a Home Visiting employee. She also said that sales tax relief for diapers is in effect for a year.

Jacob Clore with Partnership for Strong Families advised of funding to JMT. They also provide training classes on Adoption and Foster Care throughout the year. He also said that they are hiring an Outreach person. They have had 11 foster care removals due to substance abuse. Taylor County has \$900 remaining in their budget for Individual Assistance. Lisa Boatwright motioned to allocate extra funds (\$300) for the Children Fun Festival, Pinwheels for Prevention, at City Park. Tonya Bell seconded and the motion passed.

The next Taylor County Shared Services meeting is May 23rd.

Notes taken by Laura Blue