

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE
Afterschool Business Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2019
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Fulton-Holland Building

ITEM 1. Welcome – Luisa Brennan, Program Director of Early Childhood & K-12 Programs – Palm Beach State College

Discussion: The meeting was called to order by Luisa Brennan, Program Director. Introductions commenced with everyone introducing themselves and the organization they represented.

Data Source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable

ITEM 2. Review of Mission Statement

Discussion: Jennifer Johnson read the mission statement as a reminder to all members. She announced the New Chair -**Christin Martin** from the Arc of PBC and Co-Chair **Jowie Mohammed**- from the City of Greenacres. Council members voted on the new chairs and submitted their votes to Luisa via electronic vote. Jennifer read the roles of the Chair and Co-Chair as per PBSC Business Partnership and Program Advisory Councils handbook as well as the mission and goals of the council. She offered the position to Christin and Jowie, which they gladly accepted.

Luisa explained that now that we have nominated a new chair and co-chair, it was a perfect opportunity to update/change the mission, goals and objective of the Business Partnership Council.

Data Source consulted: PBSC Business Partnership and Program Advisory Councils Handbook

Action: Not applicable

ITEM 3: Achieve Palm Beach County

3.1: Guest Speakers: Gabby Como & the Parents & Families Engagement Team

Discussion: Gabby Como introduced Achieve Palm Beach and her guests.

They believe all children have a right to equitable access to a post-secondary education, therefore they want to take the confusion out, educate and provide information to students and parents to help guide them through the process. Achieve began as a conversation many years ago with the idea of what are the educational needs of our children in the community. It then turned into an initiative, that went from discussion to mobilization. They launched the Surf Fund which is a mini grant of emergency funds for Palm Beach State College students to help cover pop-up emergencies that could possibly derail them from attending or continuing their education. They are looking to scale out the Surf Fund to other post-secondary educational institutions. Under the direction of the new Executive Director Dr. Christine Koehn, they are looking at a strategic refresh of what can they do to not only enhance, strengthen, support and build out with community partners and experts like this council, but to more effectively engage, listen and put forth what they can do together with these partnerships.

Currently they are putting together a Train the Trainer workshop on February 11, 2020 hosted by ECMC – a National Clearing House that handles financial aid, loans, student loans and helps people navigate finances. This train the trainer workshop is open to community partners such as after-school programs who serve children.

They are a two-part training- **Believing the College Dream** targeting middle school students planting the seed of college and career options and **Realizing the College Dream** targeting high school students by providing them with financial literacy such as FAFSA workshops that explains what is a FAFSA form and how to fill it out and how to get into college. Free all-day workshops for anyone who wants to attend. They need a minimum of 50 people to attend each training.

Reverend Kevin Jones of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, youth and young adult minister spoke about his goal which is to reach impoverished communities to help children and families get into college by facilitation of workshops and recourses on financial literacy, resources and scholarships.

Rick Shawbell, Training Director, FECJATC spoke about Jobs that Pay without a BA. How the need for Trade and Industry programs are other options for students to consider. Not everyone is cut out to go to college and get a bachelor's degree. He discussed the increase in non-degree workers has continuously grown in our state. On the Achieve PBC website their resources tab provides parents with checklists that can be printed out. These checklists are in English, Hatian Creole, Spanish and Portuguese, from middle school through each high school grade and post-secondary education with steps, tips and suggestions needed to navigate students path into a career or college.

Data Source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Sample checklists were passed around for council members and guests can view.

3.2: Dennis Carpenter- Boys & Girls Club

Discussion: "How well do we know each other?", Dennis asked if members would provide their agency web address on the sign in sheet and asked members as a "homework" assignment to pick through different pages and bring back useful information to the next meeting that can be shared if you see something on the website and would like to know more about it.

CSC has an app that already exists and is available thru the google play store with all types information and links to agencies that provide services for children of all ages called Every Parent.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: A sign in sheet was provide and passed around for members and guest to provide their webpages.

3.3: Michele Thompson, City of Greenacres, Community and Recreation Services Director

Discussion: Shared name change to Community and Recreation Services Department. It better reflects what they do for the city of Greenacres. She also shared the different community events the City of Greenacres is hosting, Holiday in the Park: Dec. 7th, -Santa and Mrs. Clause arrive on a horse and carriage to give gifts out to kids. Daddy Daughter Dance: Feb. 22, 2020. Flyers were placed at a table; feel free to grab and share. Looking to partner with vendors or young entrepreneurs that would like to have a booth to sell items, etc.

Item 4. Safety

4.1: Michelle Thompson- City of Greenacres,

Discussion: Measles outbreaks: Any programs requiring proof of measles immunization for after-school programs? Michelle wanted to know if any programs that are not within the school district had any policies and/or was anyone requesting proof of immunization from parents for the students being accepted. Since there is an exemption for religious beliefs how could she prevent or be aware if a student falls under that category. A suggestion was made to include a question regarding vaccinations in

her registration form. Luisa shared that this was also a topic of discussion in the Rules & Regulations revision currently taking place. What changes can they make to help ensure these diseases are controlled; more to come, revisions have not been completed yet. What is being discussed is clarifying terminologies that are already in place. Examples- if you are not wearing gloves should you still help a child that is in an emergency. The rule revision wants to be very clear on what a provider is expected to do.

4.2: Armed Security

Informal poll on what other programs have or think about armed security. They don't want parents thinking that children are not in a safe environment. Parents could view it as a negative detriment to the program by having an armed security roaming around. Not mandated by law to have armed guards. Staff does undergo trainings on active shooter training and violence in the work place.

4.3 Reaccreditation

Jowie shared their program currently has undergone reaccreditation by Council on Accreditation(COA) an international accreditation agency for human services organizations. Initially accredited 4 years ago and now they have been reaccredited for another 4 years. Learned a lot through the process, happy to share with other programs of what they've learned. Standards have changed from the first time they were accredited, currently it is Out of School Time standards instead of Youth Development standards. Amazing scores were received, and Michele would like to thank Prime Time. Michele shared that the ELO instructors that were contracted were asked to attend and be interviewed by the accreditors; they were blown away by our partnership and relationship. The accreditors travel internationally, and they were very impressed with all that our program does.

Luisa shared that the college relations and marketing (CRM) team from Palm Beach State College recently went out and interviewed four of the gentlemen that work at the City of Greenacres-Jowie being one of them. They asked them about the importance of men in education, and their role, how they feel about their relationship with Palm Beach State College and Prime Time. Michele will also be interviewed. We will be sharing the clip on our Facebook page and with council members once we receive it from CRM.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable

Item 5. Professional Development

5.1: Luisa Brennan, Program Director, PBSC

DCF is offering a new course for School-Age programs that can be used for in-service hours. **5 Hr. Supporting Literacy in School-Age programs (SLSA)**. It counts towards their annual CEUs. Postcards were provided announcing this course. Additionally, our Foundations of Advancing Youth Development course that is part II of the 40 Hour School-Age Certification, after years of requesting for DCF to add it to students training transcripts is now being accepted by DCF. Postcards with instructions on how to upload to the DCF training portal were mailed out to all After-school programs. A mailout of postcards advertising our programs and scholarships in school-age were also sent out to help boost enrollment.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable.

Item 6. State/County Policy Updates

6.1: Michele Thompson, City of Greenacres

Michele followed up from our last meeting by asking Holly Strawser from the Health Department about the proposed change in water activities/trips. The current county requirement is 1:10 ratio and DCF wants to change it to 1:6 ratio. This proposed change will force facilities to reevaluate their water trip activities and it will cause a financial strain to programs. Programs would like to maintain the 1:10 ratio. Courtney Shippey was going to investigate this proposed change and was going to follow up with DCF and report back to the council. Holly doesn't believe they have gotten to that section of the rule revision or that it has been changed but will investigate and report back. Holly will point out at the council meeting that it would be an additional cost to programs, especially since water activities are very important in Florida during the summer months. Council meetings are public, and she would encourage anyone who would like to attend to join them. The Childcare Advisory Council meeting takes place the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 9 and if you would like the meeting minutes she's happy to share if anyone is interested.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable.

Item 7. Open Discussion

Dennis Carpenter, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, shared that the Boys and Girls Club participated in a space program through their project-based learning component with 21 Century on the solar system called Space Place. Students learned about the solar system and students created the solar system in their classrooms. They were fortunate to get some funds to take the kids to the Kennedy Space center that coincided with the 50-year anniversary of the moon walk Apollo 11. They were able to see rockets, learn facts about different missions, spacewalk and take pictures as astronauts in space suits.

Katherine Gopie shared that the Expanded Learning Outcomes (ELO) launch party is September 18th 10-12pm. Katherine shared that Prime Time, provides services and support to those working in the out of school time field. They contract with experts in the fields, such as The Arc-Christin Martin, provides training and mentoring for working with children with special needs. They contract with many other places such as the zoo and science center and those places will go out to out of school time programs and provide their services free of charge. Other event -Lights On Afterschool will be held on October 24, 2019, Clematis by night from 6-9pm.

Additionally, Prime Time has partnered with STEM explorers program-free of charge to get middle school age girls interested in STEM careers. Girls are introduced to women that are outside of the box in STEM careers specifically. The program has partnerships with STEM organization and takes girls on field trips to organizations and pairs them up with a female mentor that is in non-traditional STEM field. The idea is to have the girls see what other careers are available in STEM field. The target grade levels are 6-8th, however they will include girls in grades 4 and 5.

Michelle Thompson, Last year in Legislative Session there were a couple of House Bills that were introduced that wanted to exempt municipalities from licenses and it's coming back in 2020. The City of Greenacres has helped write and steer some of the revisions of House Bill 83-2020 trying to put exemption for pre-licensed or existing licensed municipalities to be exempt from the exemption of licensing because the city could lose \$400,000 in funding from ELC, DOH, CCFP grants and subsidy reimbursements. They have been working with our lobbyist from Miami who has been working with Representative Duran.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Michele will share HB83 with council members

8: Event Flyers

Please continue to send all event flyers to be posted on the PBSC ECE Facebook page.

Next Meeting: TBD Place: TBD

Attendance:

Members

Christin Martin	Jowie Mohammed	Katherine Gopie	Michelle Thompson	Dennis Carpenter
Rene Connors	Kiwana Howell	Holly Strawser	Nicole Tarsia	

Guest(s):

Gabriela Como	Elizabeth Burrows	Luisa Brennan	Rick Shawbell	Jennifer Johnson	Robin Johnson-Blake
C. Kirk-Barto	Nadiliz Charles	Sandra Sanchez	Charmain Postel	Kevin Jones	Dianna Cota
Schiller Ambrosio	Nancy Cabrera-Chambers				

Submitted by: Luisa Brennan

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