

**PALM BEACH STATE
COLLEGE**
*Afterschool Business
Partnership Council*
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
The City of Greenacres

ITEM 1. Welcome – Christin Martin, Community Inclusion Specialist, The Arc of PBC.

Discussion: The meeting was called to order by Christin Martin, Chair. 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: Christin Martin read the mission statement as a reminder to all members.

Data Source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable

ITEM 3: Safety

3.1: Guest Speaker: Anna Stewart Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County

Discussion: Anna shared information about the Drowning Preventions Coalitions programs for adults and children.

The Drowning Prevention Coalition is a government agency, not a non-profit, receives funding from Children's Services Council, and is housed by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The main goal of this organization is to educate residents about water safety and basic rescue techniques.

They offer free/reduced cost swim programs for non-swimming children ages 2-12 who receive either Medicaid, Florida Kidcare, Healthy Kids or the parent receives food stamps, sec 8 housing or the child is special needs or a foster child. There currently aren't any available for teens however, they've partnered with the YMCA and will schedule swim lessons with a Homeowners Association and go to their pool to provide swim lessons free of charge. Currently for residents of West Palm Beach it costs \$35 for 8 lessons and for non-residents \$44. The City of Riviera Beach costs \$30 for 8 lessons. The number one reason for adult drownings is that they swim alone. Seniors have the highest drowning rate. The number one reason for drowning in Florida is lack of adult supervision. This year is the first year that registration for these programs is on-line.

Rebeca Harley is the Coordinator for the children's programs. Her phone number is 561-616-7069. Organizations, educational programs, facilities, and summer camps can schedule an interactive water safety program for their participants. All activities are available at no cost and are conducted at the organization site. Programs are land-based. Anna Stewart is the Program Manager and works nights and weekends. She would like for residents to know more about their offerings so that they can take advantage of it for themselves, staff, and children. Anna offers a lunch and learn presentation for

sinking vehicles and will accommodate by coming to your center or place of employment. Florida is surrounded by water and residents need to be educated on how to survive.

Deputy Davalos of PBSO inquired as to whether there was someone available to translate for the Spanish speaking population.

Anna would like to partner with others present so that she can share her program. She made goodie bags with important safety information and a water watcher lanyard for everyone to take.

Anna Stewart expressed an interest in becoming an official member of the Afterschool Business Partnership Council.

Data Source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable

Item 4. Partner/Family/Community Events

4.1: Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Burrows- Achieve Palm Beach County.

Discussion: Elizabeth gave the update on Achieve 2.0. The new flier is now a 1 pager front and back and it was completed 11/19.

Achieve Palm Beach County is funded by the United Way, Grants, and Palm Beach County. Achieve is an ecosystem of a family unit, it will support the families that support the students.

Palm Beach School District, Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and Keiser have been amazing big partners amongst their initiative.

Non-Profit and community groups help give room to expand. Previously had spoken about there not being enough representation from the faith-based sector and this is an important component that supports people in their daily life. "Nothing about us without us". Looking to do something that actually matters to the youth.

There are four areas of focus in the update. 1. Middle and High School Advisement and Guidance 2. Post High School Advisement and Guidance. 3. Financial Support. 4. Career Pathways. They're realizing that the decisions being made during Middle School are very important and need to be supported. Advisement and support are extremely important because support can drop off at the age of eighteen and at that age, they're just beginning their lives and need a support system. Also focusing on exposure and experiences to help guide on pathways. Students are in need of support and helping students connect with the resources already there and available to them.

Elizabeth stated that the work that they do is a product of who is around the table adding more structure. They are focused on coming up with solutions, what works, and what they can do better. Instead of fundraising they are leveraging and aligning resources within organizations that their best practices exist within.

Elizabeth handed out Achieve Palm Beach Counties new one-page handout. "Preparing Palm Beach County Students for Success".

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Invite a guest speaker to represent the Faith based sector to our next meeting.

Item 5. Professional Development

5.1: Christin Martin-The Arc of Palm Beach County.

Discussion: Christin Martin shared information regarding the Birth – 22 Out of School Time sub-committee group. Who is in the process of creating/finalizing an Out of School Time Inclusion Certification? They will be partnering with Prime Time on offering CEU's when the training launches which hopefully will be in the Fall. it is still a work in progress. Luisa Brennan stated its very exciting.

5.2: Guest Speaker: Deputy Eduardo Davalos- PBSO.

Discussion: Deputy Eduardo Davalos is the community police officer for the City of Greenacres. He began in this position about a year ago and previously had worked in Belle Glade. He's happy to be back in Greenacres where he grew up.

Deputy Davalos shared with us a national program "Girls That Code". This program is for girls in 6th – 8th grade. It also targets minorities. Statistics show that its important to reach young adults during these years because the trend shows that we're losing them as early as in the middle school years. The program is being housed at the City of Greenacres and he hopes that business partners might be able to help out. Michele Thompson stated that they are looking for female volunteers, hoping to form partnerships with individuals who want to empower the community. Once trained they will be able to go out into the Communities to train the girls in this new program being offered.

Luisa Brennan inquired as to if this was comparable to a train the trainer type of service. Deputy Davalos stated that it was. She also mentioned that for years they had talked about having representation from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office and were pleased to have him join them. Several other members agreed. Christin Martin made mention that she is currently a resident of Greenacres. They talked about a program that they are piloting in a local mobile home park, Pickwick Park.

Deputy Davalos passed his contact information out to everyone present as well as a handout for "Girls that Code".

Elizabeth Burrows with Achieve Palm Beach County offered to share a resource with them. They have 60 tablets with hotspots available to loan out to business partners pertaining to anything that is educational. Problem solved and happy to be able to help out with such a great program. Anna Stewart mentioned also contacting Dell because they offer programs. Christin Martin mentioned finding out what her company does when old computers are replaced.

5.3: Guest Speaker: Luisa Brennan-Program Director –PBSC.

Discussion: Luisa Brennan spoke on behalf of Bridget Lane, UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program Palm Beach County. Obtaining CEU's.

Luisa met Bridget at the provider meeting at the Early Learning Coalition in January and thought her program would be great for council members to hear about. It is a completely free program. The Family Nutrition Program provides everything to the centers such as books, and toys. This is great information to bring into your program to help children make better choices about their nutrition. The program is 12 hours of training and it provided sites with 10 CEU's.

The power point presentation was passed out as well as the programs handouts to all council members.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable.

Item 6. State/County Policy Updates

6.1: Courtney Shippey, Palm Beach County Health Department

Discussion: Courtney Shippey Update on Rules and Childcare Revisions

Courtney mentioned that he is sure that we have all recently heard about the Palm Beach Counties Health Departments staffing issues as they have had an issue for many years. They are in the process of making changes to the requirements to become employed as an inspector.

The Health Department recently held a productive provider meeting. They are updating local rules according to state rules. They are adding to the rules that are adopted locally. As of right now there are no real major changes.

A requirement is that a certain amount of people need to have CPR/First Aid certification in a center. At the present time it goes by the ratio of children verse staff. By the year 2021 it will be required that all personnel will have the certifications in order to be hired for employment. Michele Thompson stated that they will need it prior to becoming employed and also talked about the changing licensing renewal date.

Anna Stewart inquired as to how often these provider meetings took place and expressed an interest in attending them. She also mentioned that she would like to attend so that providers are aware of the free water safety programs being offered. Courtney Shippey stated that provider trainings are something for Anna to think about attending and that they take place monthly. Luisa Brennan suggested the provider meetings at the coalition would have a captive audience. Michele mentioned to Anna that the Health Department hosts a new director meeting monthly and it's a full day of training.

Luisa Brennan mentioned that Jowie Mohamed (not present) had wanted to speak about the updates regarding cameras in vehicles. Courtney replied it came up in the current session. It is still a proposal and legislature is in the process of working it through. Michele Thompson replied that it is still in active bills and still a proposal. Legislator has some new ideas and it is still on the docket.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Not applicable.

Item 7. Employment Needs.

7.1: Luisa Brennan. Program Director. PBSC

Luisa Brennan reported that at The City of Delray Beach's Resource Fair at the end of January she had a lot of people approach her in regard to hosting a Job Fair like they did two years ago for Afterschool and Summer Camp. She wanted to bring it to the council to see if they felt if it was a need and if so what timing of the year they felt would be best for their programs. Luisa feels that it is something they should be planning in advance so that they are not rushing to do it within two months as was done previously.

Many will take advantage of the one that the college will be hosting in April. Luisa is just asking for what council would like to do to fill the needs and go ahead with planning.

Michele Thompson suggested March and that April was too late. They're targeting 18 years and older for employment.

Susan Sims mentioned that they offer job fairs at the other campuses not just Lake Worth. Palm Beach Gardens has one in March this year. Everything is set for them to participate, all they need to do is fill out a registration form and show up. Palm Beach State College promotes it on their website and social media pages. The ones that are hosted in March and April alternate between Palm Beach Gardens and Lake Worth campuses during the day.

Christin Martin suggested doing it yearly because it's a continuous conversation going on. Possibly hold it annually in February before spring break.

Luisa Brennan suggested to hold it in February and then pairing with the fairs that the college already hosts.

Dennis Carpenter spoke regarding separating full and part time workers and that this would help prepare for Summer hiring.

Michele Thompson suggested that there are also many new breaks now being offered. Spring break and winter break camps.

She requested to Anna Stewart to please let her know about any programs or funding for teen swimming lessons. Anna replied that there are programs if the teens parent qualifies for Florida Healthy Kids, they will qualify for the free swimming lessons.

Courtney recruiting childcare inspectors, changed requirements to attract more candidates

Michele Thompson offered tour of facility.

Data source consulted: Not applicable

Action: Courtney Shippey will forward the job description

Item 8. Program Activities

Dates being sent to select the next meeting are 9/10/20, 9/17/20, and 9/24/20 via Survey Monkey.

Item 9: 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	Courtney Shippey	Tonya Smith	Michelle Thompson	Dennis Carpenter
Rene Connors		Holly Strawser	Nicole Tarsia	Elisa Moro

Guest(s):

Luisa Brennan	Elizabeth Burrows	Eduardo Davalos	Debra Luongo	Susan Sims	Anna Stewart
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Submitted by: Luisa Brennan

Debra Luongo, Scribe