



**Together
for Children**

HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY/NARANJA

**Coalition Meeting
August 25, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

- **Introductions**
 - **Organization & Committee**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
- **Action Plan**
 - **Committee Reports**
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 - **TFC Ambassador Report**
- **TFC Resource Guide**
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Meeting Commenced: 10:35 am
Meeting Adjourned: 11:24 am

Present:

Alisha Reyes
Anne Casimir
Carlos Pildain
Jenifer Bailey
Mery Dominguez
Virginia Munoz

Absent:

Brandy Ramirez
Flor Arzuaga
Johanna Ralsten-Cox
Oscar Munoz
Vanessa Vilchez
Zahirah Calloway

Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Jenifer Bailey made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes, Anne Casimir seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Action Plan

- Mery Dominguez shared that there were six community events with approximately 800 families that participated. There were four parent meetings and she noted that housing priorities are going to be a focus of the committee. She shared that there were five TFC Ambassador referrals and the information was distributed at the community events.
- Alisha Reyes shared that Empowering Youth Committee is in the recruitment and enrollment phase of the work of after-school providers. She shared that the Children's Trust RFP cycle is upcoming and the committee will be reviewing the RFP released and discussing potential for collaboration.
- Anne Casimir shared that the Protecting Youth Committee meeting was cancelled and that the last two month's updates will be provided in the September meeting.

Voting Membership Position Openings

- It was noted that there are still two Youth and one Parent Representative position open.

TFC Partner Spotlight

- Alisha Reyes shared the the City of Homestead is bring the ShotSpotter program to a 3-mile radius and they are working to connect this work to the prevention and referrals services. The police department will be immediately notified upon a shot being fired. This is a law enforcement tool and does not replace the need for the community to share

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information with the police. A flyer was requested to be created so that it could be distributed with families and the community.

- Georgette Garrick shared that she is working with the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) program. The goal of this program is to decrease violence and provide services to youth and families highest in need. This is a national network with a gang prevention strategy pr prevention intervention suppression and re-entry. "Safe, Alive, and Free" is the mission of this work. Please feel free to reach out for more information to georgette.garrick@homesteadpolice.com or call 305-224-5594.

Countywide Updates

- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the violence-prevention item, which included funding for TFC, on July 19. She noted that the TFC Board of Trustees' Staffing Subcommittee and Rules and Procedures Subcommittee will meet to discuss next steps on the TFC hiring process and amendments to the Rules and Procedures document. Both subcommittee recommendations will be presented to the TFC Board of Trustees at the August meeting. She added that there will be voting for the executive committee of the Board of Trustees in the September meeting.
- Dr. Diana Santangelo shared that a countywide youth voice survey, led by the Empowering Youth Committee leads, is being discussed to assess and address the concerns of multiple coalitions reporting an uptick in student fears of safety.

Areas of Prioritization

- It was noted that the TFC Parent/Caregiver Committee meeting could offer one meeting in Spanish to promote greater engagement of Spanish-only speaking parents.

Announcements/Celebrations

- Ramon Sanchez from Title 1 Schools shared that they have CIS and liaisons that conduct parent meetings in September and that TFC members are welcome to attend. He shared that he will send the contacts of the appropriate staff personnel so that providers can connect.
- It was celebrated that Mery Dominguez won Parent of the PTSA award.
- The Homestead PAL back to school program flyer was shared in the chat. Reach out to Jeanne Tamargo at cpc_pjtamargo@gotmail.com for more information.
- Jeanne Tamargo shared information on Red Ribbon Week and Family Day in the chat. Please reach out for more information.
- Jenifer Bailey shared that she feels the coalition needs specialists with autism. The Autism Foundation will have their first health and wellness fair and a flyer will be shared when available.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

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