

# One Voice for Volusia

*Connecting Our Community*

Start: 9:00 a.m.
End: 10:30 a.m.
Volunteers: 65
Volunteer Hours: 97.5

## Coalition Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Volusia County Health Department

Name	Agency
Butler, Jeanna	American Lung Association of Florida
Christenson, Lizabeth	Campaign for Working Families
Losciale, Eric	Children's Home Society
Bass, Robin	Children's Medical Services
Beckwith, Jennifer	Community Legal Service of Mid-Florida
Kelly, Robert	Conklin Center for the Blind
Tapp, Priscilla	Consumer Credit Counseling Services
Capozzi, Tony	Council on Aging of Volusia County
Camputaro, Gail	Council on Aging of Volusia County
Trammell, Bonnie	Daytona Beach Goodwill
Hoodiman, Beth	Daytona State College
Morton, Paula	Daytona State College
Last Unknown, November	Deaf & Hard of Hearing Interpreter
Carey, Diane	Disability Solutions
Sacca, Christopher	Division of Blind Services, Children's Program
Wolfson, Darlene	Domestic Abuse Council, Inc.
Dunning, Nathalie	Early Learning Coalition of Flagler/Volusia
Glaser, Lara	Early Learning Coalition of Flagler/Volusia
Lowe, Michele	Early Learning Coalition of Flagler/Volusia
Barber, Amy	Easter Seals of Volusia/Flagler
Reilly, Jennifer	Easter Seals of Volusia/Flagler
Sinnott, Lynn	Easter Seals of Volusia/Flagler
Fagaragan, Tasha	ESP Case Management Professionals, Inc.
Gibson, Bruce	ESP Case Management Professionals, Inc.
Levasseur, Sara	Family Resource Coalition
Hall, Terry	Florida Capital Bank
Ryan, Judy	Florida Department of Health Children's Medical Services
Preston, Gloria	Florida Health Care Plans, Inc.
Arrowood, Suzan	Florida Powersports Safety Council
Rakes, Sandy	Great Kids Explorer Club
Martin, Calvin	Guardian Ad Litem Program
Case, Joyce	Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida
Parris, Steven	Healthy Communities
Philio, Cher	Healthy Communities – Healthy Start Marketing and Education
Morgese, Dixie	Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler/Volusia Counties
Anderson, Dana	LearningRX
Wilson, Wendy	Lions Club
Murphy, Linda	Magellan Health Services
Decker, Bob	Mental Health Association of East Central Florida
Miller, Linda	Mid Florida Community Services Head Start
Jennings, Loretta	Outreach Community Care Network
McQueen, Renee	PACE Center for Girls
Siracusa, Ray "Rocky"	Rocky's Roost
Moltane, Lois	SEDNet, Volusia County Schools
Sterner, Robert	Seventh Judicial Court
Whipper, Dena	Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare
King, Jim	The ARC of Volusia, Inc.

deMange, Paul	The deMange Agency
Sally, Steve	The House Next Door
Salazar, Ray	The United Way of Volusia/Flagler Counties
Ryan, Helene	Ticket to Work
Pollack, Barry	UCP East Central Florida
Lea, Malinda	Veterans Affairs
Baker, Sandi	Visual Innovations & Solutions
Baird, Jeff	Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept. of Education
Forand, Patrick	Volusia County Health Department
Moran, Teresa	Volusia County Health Department
James, Pat	Volusia County Human Services
Ferranti, Wendy	Volusia County Schools
Tramont, Sharon	Volusia County Schools
Schefstad, Tony	Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
Rogers, Teresa	Volusia/Flagler Family YMCA
Blanck, Heather	Votran
Willner, Robert	Westminster Retirement Communities of Florida
Tarus, Lynda	White Foundation
<b>One Voice Staff:</b>	
Baird, Carrie	Executive Director
Schlageter, Deborah	Project Director
Gedney, Rosemarie	Administrative Coordinator
Kennedy, Lynn	Project Director, Community Agenda

### **WELCOME/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Co-chair Pollack. He extended a welcome to all and roundtable introductions ensued. Consensus was reached to approve the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

### **COALITION BUSINESS**

Ms. Schlageter reminded individuals to renew their membership, due July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The updated membership directory will be available at the August coalition meeting. Technical difficulties tabled the annual membership survey from taking place until the August coalition meeting.

### **TOPIC OF THE MONTH: SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS**

Debbie Nellar and Amy Barber of Easter Seals Volusia/Flagler were the featured speakers on the Sensory Impairments Panel. Ms. Nellar presented an overview of sensory impairments, especially in young children and how in her job as an occupational therapist, different techniques/treatments and tools can assist children encountering these experiences. Ms. Barber is a deaf advocate at Easter Seals and spoke to the membership via a sign language interpreter. Ms. Barber gave us a great amount of detail on resources available to the deaf community and shared her personal experience of growing up and being born deaf (handout).

Co-chair Pollack referred to Sandi Baker with Visual Innovations & Solutions who spoke briefly about seizure disorders (handout) and Robert Kelly from The Conklin Center who shared services provided by the Center as well as partnerships/programs with the Division of Blind Services. A question/answer session followed each of the presentations.

### **CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Co-chair Pollack opened the floor for brief member announcements, reminded attendees to leave the completed meeting critique(s) and continue networking in the Network Zone.

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 516 C, Volusia County Health Department.

**The results of the meeting critiques were:**

- 29 responses
- 21 responded that the meeting was “productive”
- 8 did not respond either way

**The next meeting could be improved by:**

- “No electronics! Only kidding”
- “Great meeting – some technological problems”
- “Visual impairments and blind”
- “Continue to stay on scheduled time, like now- all meetings are very professional and informative”
- “Use overheads when appropriate”
- “It was awesome”
- “Please request speakers to have handouts to back up their audio presentation- especially for those of us who are not audio learners”
- “Now that baby boomers are getting older – they need hearing aid – insurance doesn’t cover – price is \$200 - \$1,000 – how will low income hear as they get older?”
- “We need to address the large number of late arriving individuals”
- “The meeting was very good”
- “Good agenda – flow, don’t change”
- “Network time”

**What I liked about the meeting was:**

- “Great panel and Q&A sessions”
- “Amy Barber was outstanding! Information she shared was eye opening; Sandy Baker was informative”
- “The topics for presentations – very informative”
- “Wonderful speakers”
- “Speakers were great – loved the topics – learned a lot”
- “This was great! Made me aware of training available for the workplace”
- “I learned a lot about access & resources for the deaf”
- “Multiple speakers – good information from all”
- “The Q&A at the end – very informative”
- “This was very good information about topics that are often not discussed outside of those personally impacted. This was helpful to many of us personally and professionally”
- “Structured”
- “Presentations – great info’
- “Very informative” 2
- “Really well done”
- “Debbie Nellan – a great insight was provided to help me help the children (i.e. a better understanding of what is going on) and was helpful to understand the problems”
- “Very good information”
- “Guest speakers, lots of information”
- “Interesting topic”
- “Great information”
- “Guest speakers wonderful”
- “Great presentation”
- “The information was very interesting”
- “Q&A allows all to tap into the topic, presenters give short presentations to keep all interested”
- “Overall good meeting. Amy, great presentation”
- “Wide range of speakers on related topics”

**Suggestions for “Topic of the Month”**

- “Home health agency discussion; respite care discussion; transportation discussions for disabled; caregiver support groups; autism discussion”
- “Youth that have benefited from some of the One Voice organizations; a youth speaker would be a change of pace”
- “With cutbacks – how to be more efficient – use of time in the workplace”
- “Interconception Education & Support”
- “Grants or funding options for services thru One Voice Agencies/members”

- “Brain training and how it would improve FCAT scores”
- “Employment – jobs – issues facing community and people with disabilities”
- “Blind and visually impaired”
- “How to prevent medical errors for myself and my family”
- “Someone to explain what is Medicaid – how to apply and what the process to enroll in HMO that is mandatory, also what are types of Medicaid”
- “Affordable housing”
- “Career paths, choices, the diversity of disabled at work, employment services”
- “Blindness awareness”

**Other Comments:**

- “Thank you”
- “We need a recycle can to deposit our water bottles in”
- “Could you put the power point up with the “sensory” info that was presented? How can we get West Side folks to attend meeting and the faith communities?”
- “The persons comments about Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ were totally inappropriate and unprofessional”