



**BROWARD COUNTY**

**Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) Quarterly Meeting**

**LOCATION: CSC**

**6600 West Commercial Boulevard , Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33319**

**MEETING TIME: 930-1115am**

**MEETING DATE:**  
**February 3, 2010**

**Committee Members Present:** **Mariza Cobb, Co-Chair** (CSC Council Member); **Robin Bartleman** (BCPS) **Audrey Millsaps** (CSB), **Gwen Lipscomb** (FDLRS); **Joseph Mahoney** (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation); **Larry Rein** (ChildNet); **Laurie Sallarulo** (2-1-1 Broward), **Lou Ruccolo** (BCPS); **Jim Gouveia** (United Way), **Robert Mayersohn** (ESE Advisory Council), **Terri Shermett** (BCPS)

**CSC Staff:** **Karen Swartzbaugh**, (CPO); **Silvia McShan**, (Special Needs Project Manager); **Piper Weber**, (Program Specialist); **Anne Bateman** (Program Specialist) **Nancy Cohn** (Program Specialist) **Sue Gallagher** (Director of RAP) and **Angelina Michel** (Administrative Assistant)

**Guests:** **Alison Rodriguez** (YMCA), **Amy Karpf**, (United Cerebral Palsy); **Angela Rasile** (Dan Marino Foundation), **Billie Morgan**, (2-1-1/FCFH); **Catherina Rozario** (VR), **Craig Anderson** (BCPS), **Danielle Zimmerman** (Abi's Place), **Elizabeth Briceno** (Self), **Jennifer Jones** (DFLA), **Karen Dickerhoof** (CIL); **Mariam Firpo-Jimenez** (BCCS); **Seth Hyman** (Parent Advocate); **Shanae Thomas** (CIL); **Shawn Preston** (ARC); **Silvia Starin** (Behavior Analysis, Inc.); **Stacey Hoaglund**, (Autism Society of America/Family Network on Disabilities of Broward County); **Susan Morantes** (DMF)

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
<b>Item #1</b> Welcome and Introductions	Welcome - Mariza Cobb and Robin Bartleman	Self introductions	None
<b>Item # 2</b> Approve 11/4/2009 Minutes	Approved	None	None
<b>Item #3</b> RBA PRESENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sue Gallagher, CSC Research Director, facilitated a presentation on Results Based Accountability (RBA). The model implemented developed by Mark Friedman has been successfully duplicated in various part of the country. Florida Children's Cabinet, as well as the Governor's Office and Florida Children' Services Council will be implementing the RBA model this year.</li> <li>- RBA uses two kinds of accountability in addition to a common language: population and performance accountability. Having shared language increases effectiveness by conveying a unified message.</li> <li>- RBA will also help to identify data necessary to measure success.</li> <li>- Performance measures can be simplified to answer the following questions: How much did we do? How well did we do it? and Is anyone better off?</li> <li>- Today's introductory session will be followed by specific exercises and activities at the next meeting in April. At the subcommittee level, participants will also engage in similar activities to help identify action steps and data that will drive the process.</li> <li>- In Broward, a train-the-trainer model has been implemented in which the County, United Way, ChildNet, DCF and various providers have embraced process and will be implementing RBA. Integration will also occur at the Strategic Plan level in conjunction with the consultant to be hired by CSC.</li> <li>- United Way, the County and CSC will incorporate RBA in their next RFP cycle.</li> <li>- Implementation challenges have been acknowledged at the State level, but will move forward with all other funding entities.</li> <li>- Robert Valera and Billie Morgan have participated in the training and will be facilitating the discussion at BABY SNAC, TWEEN and Transition Workgroups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Billie and Robert will attend SNAC Workgroups to facilitate RBA process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Billie and Robert to present subcommittee findings on April 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Item #4</b> Business Plan Update</p>	<p>Laurie Sallarulo-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During several meetings, the committee was instrumental in providing input for the Business Plan. Silvia developed objectives, goals, partners and timelines that are representative of the SNAC committee as well as the workgroups.</li> <li>- The Business Plan is divided by System Coordination BABY, TWEEN and Transition Workgroups. At the system level, most of the new objectives are "RED" due to the new focus. Examples are the Legislative and Communication Outreach Objectives and Action Steps. As the needle moves forward, the color status will change to either yellow (On Track) or green (Completed).</li> <li>- RBA will also be integrated in the Business Plan after Billie and Robert facilitate the process.</li> <li>- Consensus was to review Plan progress semi-annually.</li> <li>- Communication and Outreach were discussed as a new initiative. Volunteers were requested.</li> <li>- Shawn Preston requested that the plan be revised to read "Increase parent's awareness and support about the Medicaid Waiver."</li> <li>- The committee discussed the need for APD and CDTC to develop a more comprehensive Med Waiver brochure.</li> <li>- Robin Bartleman also revised the Business Plan to add the School Board as a responsible party in the collaborative process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SNAC will review the Business Plan at the August meeting.</li> <li>- The Business Plan will reflect the following revisions: add the School Board as a responsible party in training parents about the Med Waivers and include the wording "support for parents" in Med Waivers training.</li> <li>- A school representative will participate in BABY SNAC Workgroup.</li> <li>- Volunteers for Marketing and Communication Workgroup - Billie Morgan, representatives from each workgroup, Family Care Council, Mariza Cobb, Silvia McShan, Danielle Zimmerman, Kim DeLuzio, Denise Rusnak. Susan Morantes and Seth Hyman.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Silvia to contact Martha Martinez at APD regarding Med Waiver information at Parent Trainings.</li> <li>- Silvia to contact volunteers for new Communication workgroup.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item #5</b> Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>Jennifer Jones for Ellie Schrot - Baby SNAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSC sponsored parent trainings at preschools were announced. "Behavior Challenges and Preserving your Marriage While Caring for a Child with Special Needs" are among the topics at the community trainings. The classes are free of charge and child care will be provided. Flyers will be sent to SNAC and ELC.</li> <li>- Stacey discussed the gap in inclusionary practices at preschool level and the number of children being expelled from these settings. Quality Coaches, an Inclusion Specialist and Mentors are intended to alleviate some of these issues but are not solely assigned to children with special needs.</li> </ul> <p>Silvia McShan for Mary Partin - TWEEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A survey will be disseminated to LIFT participants to determine their training needs prior to entering high school. The STEPS data suggests that a number of participants have are not socially and emotionally ready to transition to high school and/or engage in employment. The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> for student responses.</li> </ul> <p>Lou Ruccolo -T2I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developed Portfolio Checklist for LIFT, STEPS and Project Search to increase communication and sharing information. This process will facilitate skill building activities throughout the year as ESE teachers will become knowledgeable about the student activities over the summer and the experiences gather at each worksite. The information will also be used for IEP development and help them take the next step towards paid employment.</li> <li>- Job Coach Training for STEPS is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>- Open Door Cafe - Waiting for Permits, students have been hired; and opening is tentatively end of February.</li> <li>- Youth leadership – Stacey, Lou and Silvia are scheduled to meet with Cooper City High administrators.</li> <li>- APD has secured office space for instruction on office skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ELC will be contacted for a representative at Baby SNAC.</li> </ul> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality Coaches and Inclusion Specialist to be revisited at the next BABY SNAC agenda.</li> </ul> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

<b>Item #6</b> Transition to Life Summit	- Consulting Agreement approved by the School Board yesterday. CSC will be collaborating with the School Board, Dan Marino Foundation, and Joe DiMaggio Hospital to plan a Transition to Life Summit in conjunction with Joe DiMaggio Resource Fair in September 25th.		
<b>Item #7</b> Website	- Silvia presented the new link to SNAC information on the CSC website.		
<b>Item #8</b> Other Items	-211 luncheon on 2/9/2010		
<b>Item #9</b> Next Meeting	Next meeting April 7 <sup>th</sup>		