

## Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Date: March 21, 2022

1555 Indian River Blvd, B241

Vero Beach, FL 32960 Available via Zoom

Members present: Dr. Audrey Richards, Lee Curry, Karan Morein, Alan Temple, Frida Randolfi

Zoom: Allen Jones, Kyle Thurn, Angie Radock.

Others present: Andrea Berry, Chief Executive Officer, Autumn Schneider, Associate Director, Christina Cassell, Development Manager, Jessica Staudt, PEACE Coordinator

Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting called to order by Audrey Richards at 4:05 pm.

### I. Minutes:

a. Approval of Minutes: February 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lee Curry. Karan Morein seconded the motion, The motion passed unanimously.

II. Financials: Lee Curry reviewed the February 2022 financials and Year to Date Financial Statements for the Coalition and Properties were reviewed.

A motion to approve the February finances was made by Alan Temple and Lee Curry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### III. Infant Mortality Review:

a. Between 2020 and 2021 there was an increase in infant mortality. Andrea Berry Recommended that we add to the agenda every month the Infant Mortality Review.

b. Board discussion possible causations, it was noted that the possible causations will be reviewed in Fetal Infant Mortality Review.

### IV. Dashboard: Nurse Family Partnership

a. Autumn Schneider reviewed program and outcomes.

b. Due to covid fewer mothers wanted home visitation

c. Board of Directors recommended tracking long term tracking of breastfeeding: one month, 6 months this would be a long-term project.

### V. New Programs:

a. PEACE PROGRAM – The PEACE program is designed to enhance the Healthy Start system of care by streamlining initiatives that involve a primary focus on education and outreach. PEACE will increase local capacity to address the mental, physical, and emotional needs of pregnant mothers, partners, and families through direct education (community and professional) and outreach (direct services). Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition identified prioritized initiatives through community assessment and FIMR. PEACE education programs for community members (e.g., mothers, families) and professionals (e.g., OBs, pediatricians, mental health professionals) include perinatal mental health, perinatal bereavement, and empowerment and well-being of the other parent, and birth and postpartum support (i.e., doula). PEACE will bring a train-the-trainer doula course to certify five doula trainers across the Treasure Coast to ensure a robust local training program that supports the community doula model. The enhanced support provided by PEACE also will engage partners and personal and professional support persons of pregnant mothers through prevention initiatives designed to maximize protective factors, minimize adverse perinatal outcomes, and normalize the perinatal mental health experiences for mothers, partners, and families. Finally, PEACE funding will support an additional Maternity Navigator position to support comprehensive outreach and ongoing coordination of care.

b. DOSE – DOSE is a new program Healthy Start is sponsoring, organizing and implementing in Indian River County. Captain James Carroll and other trainers from Broward County will be training local emergency responders of Indian River County Fire and Rescue, on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, on safe sleep practices. They will be trained to identify and remove hazards from an infant's sleep space while on the scene during emergency and non-emergency 911 calls. The emergency responders will teach the families what safe sleep space is and the risks of sleep related death. For families who do not have a safe sleep space, the emergency responder will provide a FREE pack n play, provided by IRC Healthy Start Coalition. We are stocking up now and will be sending over the pack n plays after training is complete.

#### VI. Committees:

a. Governance. Alan Temple nothing to report at this time

b. Philanthropy Committee

1. The Board will be sending out emails to past Donors for Donor Cocktail Party

2. Working on the Garden of Love

#### VII Executive Update:

a. Applied to Johns Island Foundation our remodel project for organization.

b. Andrea will be speaking at the JICSL closing Luncheon on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

c. Doula Program Healthy Start Momcare Network we have a \$250,000 commitment for the Doula manual. Should have the signed contract by the end of March.

A motion was made by Lee Curry to adjourn. Karan Morein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5: 05 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Karan Morein