



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 9 a.m.
15506 County Line Road, Suite 103
Spring Hill, FL 34610

Committee Members Present: Dr. Steve Kanakis, Chair; Pat McHugh

Committee Members Present via Phone: Gus Guadagnino

Committee Members Excused: None

Coalition Staff Present: Jim Farrelly, Jak Jakubauskas

Others Present: None

I. Call to Order – Dr. Steve Kanakis, Chair

Dr. Kanakis called this special Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

II. Discussion, Proposed Partnership with Brazelton Touchpoints Center

Mr. Farrelly stated the Coalition has had an issue with Brazelton Touchpoints Center (BTC) as a consulting partner from the beginning. For the past eight (8) months, the issue has been non-responsiveness to requests for information resulting in constant reminders and prodding. An example is the initial report the Coalition paid \$10,000 to receive within two (2) weeks of the consultant's visit actually took six (6) weeks to arrive. However the report was not what was expected, it included some boilerplate ideas and ideas presented by the Coalition were cut and pasted into this report. Nothing has been received to begin the community events as of January 1st, no budget or planning.

Mr. Farrelly explained that conference funds paid to have the BTC director and the lead consultant travel from Texas and from Boston to attend the conference. This included airfare, hotel accommodations and a rental car. Both representatives were to arrive to participate in the opening ceremonies where the BTC project was to be unveiled, but both individuals did not arrive until later that morning. They were able to host the BTC workshop presentation only.

At the conference, both Mr. McHugh and Mr. Farrelly received commitments from the BTC Director that the contract for the proposed partnership would be received by the Coalition within a week. Mr. Farrelly still has not received the contract or any communication from BTC. As this is a proposed arrangement for the upcoming year, Mr. Farrelly requested that a decision be made on how to go forward.

Mr. Guadagnino recommended retaining an attorney to void the contract and recover funds expended to date. Mr. McHugh stated there was no signed contract so an attorney would not be necessary. Mr. Farrelly explained the original \$10,000 outlay did generate a concept that could be utilized.

Mr. Guadagnino moved to discontinue doing business with BTC. Dr. Kanakis inquired if there were other options.

III. Consideration of Alternatives

Mr. Farrelly explained the following options are available:

1. Continue with BTC;
2. Select an alternative firm to partner with for Year of the Young Child plans. These plans are going forward and events are planned for each month. For a new firm, there may be a 2-4 month delay as quotes and bids are obtained.
3. Come up with 4-5 activities and hire different contractors to facilitate, such as Dr. Mel.
4. Continue with the planned activities utilizing Coalition staff which would result in no contractor fees.
5. A combination of #3 and #4 - hold the events utilizing Coalition staff and use at least 1-2 independent contractors to assist with special events.
6. As another option, Mr. Guadagnino suggested using Coalition staff and reaching out to resources at the local colleges and our K-12 partners in Pasco and Hernando.

Mr. McHugh stated the cache BTC brings is attractive because of their name recognition. During their presentation at the conference, he was impressed at how they went to the core of issues affecting family security and things that children get blamed for that they are not responsible for. He stated option #6 is appealing, but there is a need to find good partners.

Mr. Farrelly stated option #6 is a good idea, but the Coalition may still have to spend some funds if the expertise is not found within the schools. He stated the Coalition would use some of the ideas initially generated by BTC and work locally.

At this time, Mr. Guadagnino rescinded his original motion. Mr. McHugh moved to terminate the Coalition's relationship with BTC with no notification and pursue alternative arrangements with Coalition staff and external partners and continue on the path of providing centers with tools for the education of children.

Mr. Guadagnino stated the Executive Committee should tap into the Board to find out who they know such as Dr. Giannet (PHSC) to use as resources.

Dr. Kanakis called for a second to Mr. McHugh's motion; Mr. Guadagnino seconded. All were in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

IV. Public Input

None

V. Adjournment

Dr. Kanakis adjourned this special meeting of the Executive Committee at 9:31 a.m. without further discussion.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jak Jakubauskas
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