

**Nutrition and Fitness Task Force Minutes
Broward County Health Department Auditorium
January 23, 2008, 11:00 A.M.**

Attendees

**Ashley, Lisa
Ayala, Jennice
Bateman, Anne
Chickowski, Ann
Claprod, Elyse
Clayton-Wright, Ardith
Coleman, Ronald
Farver, Michael
Jones, Janet
Kintz, Julia
Kunins, Lynne
Lichtenstein, Michael**

**Medina, Mary
Mendez, Maria
Owen, Malissa
Rodriquez, Marlene
Rivera, Cheryl
Sayih, Jim
Stephenson, Kirsten
Thompson, Jeffrey PhD
Uranga, Jim
Walker, Tracy
Weston, Marie MD
Whitt, Cathy
Zanin, Elly**

I. Welcome and Introductions:

The Nutrition and Fitness Task Force was called to order at 11:06AM by the Chair, Ardith Clayton-Wright. Self introductions were made.

II. Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2007

The Chair requested a motion for approval of the November 28, 2007 Nutrition and Fitness Task Force meeting minutes.

Motion made by Ms. Claprod and seconded by Ms. Stephenson to approve the minutes as circulated". With all members present voting 'aye', the motion was carried.

III. Florida Impact... the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger.

Michael Lichtenstein, Project Coordinator for Florida Impact discussed the following:

- Introduction of Florida Impact, the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger and the *10 point plan* (See attachment)
- The importance of Food Stamps to families with children and the economic benefit to local economies. Distribution of USDA published figures detailing the *multiplier effect*.
- How points 6 {After School Snack} and 7 {Summer Food} go together
- The importance of multi-agency collaboration

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Michael Farver, national spokesperson and advocate for childhood hunger solutions, shared the following information:

- History of Share Our Strength, the genesis of the hunger project, and the reason for the pilot project to be brought to in Florida.
- Specific information on untapped Federal dollars across the various programs to share.

The goal of Florida Impact is to develop workable plan and to address childhood hunger. It was stated that one in every four recipient in the kitchen soup line is a child!

Please see the attachment for ***Florida Partnership to End Childhood Hunger*** summary. For further information the following contact information is: Michael Lichtenstein: michael@flimpact.org and Michael Farver: mfarver@endchildhoodhunger.org. Please visit the following website for additional information: <http://www.flimpact.org>

IV. Food Stamps Issues

Joe Tammy from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) was present to address concerns as it related to hunger with special emphasis placed on Childhood hunger. Per Mr. Tammy's report, DCF is currently requesting additional staff to manage the increase needs. There is a call center number to address Medicaid, food stamps and other DCF issues. The Call center number is 1-866-762-2237. Joe Tammy's contact information is joe_tammy@dcf.state.fl.us

VI. Round Table Update

Stakeholders networked and updated fellow colleagues on activities within their agencies.

- Community gardens are now implemented in 6 schools under the leadership of Janet Jones and Cathy Whitt, Holy Cross Hospital outreach programs. For more information: catherine.whitt@holy-cross.com ; janet.jones@holy-cross.com
- Under the guidance of Broward Meals on Wheels, Ms. Chickowski reported that the Share the Harvest has been revised and submitted to United Way of Broward County for funding. If approved fresh produce will be made available to all residents in Broward County that are in need. For more information: ann954@bmnow.com ; <http://www.bmow.com>

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- Per Jim Sayeh's, report, 911 Fitness, launched their CEO contest and their national 911 competition. The award for the winner was \$10,000. The Fitness program for the special needs population has been implemented and is progressing well. For more information, Jim can be contacted at: jim@911fitness.com

Other Business

The Broward County Health Department will be presenting a Wellness *Wave* Challenge event for their employees on April 18, 2008, 8:00AM – 12:00Noon. An invitation is extended to stakeholders that are interested in exhibiting their agencies program/services at this event. For further information please contact Ardith Clayton-Wright, no later than March 3, 2008. Space is limited!

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.