

Unity Partners Board of Directors Meeting Record

When: Wednesday, March 25, 2011, 11:00 am- 1:00pm

Where: Project Unity office on 29th Street

Who:

X	Burback, Don
	Erwin, Bill
X	Fifer, Danielle
	Haddox, Dick
X	Hale, Ronnie
X	Malave, Gina
X	McGuire, Jeannie
X	Parrish, Linda
	Portales, Rita

Non-Board Members Present: Ella McGruder, Gretchen Sippial, and Laura Lombardo of Project Unity; Judson Brown of BVCOG; Colleen Richter, Maureen Bell, and Shawn Bowers of Board of Realtors; Ronnie Jackson of the City of Bryan; Daniel Hernandez of Hernandez Law Firm.

Handouts: Agenda, Income and Expense by Month Charts, One Signature Checks, Profit and Loss YTD Comparison, FSS Counts worksheet, Bank On Brazos Valley Agenda, Bank On Brazos Valley Press Release.

What: The meeting was called to order at 11:25am. A quorum was present.

Presenter – Ronnie Jackson, City of Bryan

Ronnie spoke to the Board about various community projects that Project Unity is involved in, specifically the Social Inclusion Action Network and Bank On Brazos Valley. Ronnie stated that there are currently many opportunities for innovative projects like Intake 1. Although Project Unity's collaborative efforts have been met with some resistance, Ronnie stated that in the past few years, people have started to see the value of these things. He stated that Project Unity is a vital part of the community.

Presenter – Daniel Hernandez, Hernandez Law Firm

Daniel explained that Family Solutions, one of Project Unity's collaborative involvements, seeks to raise community consciousness and awareness and to build relationships to include all members of the community. Daniel stated that Project Unity has been an example of what can be done. Project Unity brings people together who would not usually work together. He further stated that Intake 1 cleans up systems inefficiencies so there is less duplication, which is smart business sense. He stated that Bryan/College Station is a small enough community that we can change what is happening.

Ronnie Hale expressed the importance of Project Unity's community partners letting other organizations know how important Project Unity is. If Project Unity is not funded, its collaborative work will no longer be present in the community.

Realtor's Association Representatives presented The Unity Partners Board a check from their annual fundraiser.

Presenter – Judson Brown, BVCOG

Power Point Presentation (attached): *BVCOG–Project Unity Partnership: Moving Families toward Self-Sufficiency*

Judson explained the FSS program to board members. He attributed much of the success of the FSS program to collaborative Project Unity and BVCOG case management and the use of Intake 1.

Gretchen asked that the Board approve the policy changes noted in the September 29, 2010 version (sent to the Board prior to the meeting) and further asked that the Board approve the inclusion of the Section 3 policy (handed out at the meeting).

Linda motioned to approve the changes in Project Unity's financial policies.

Danielle seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Note: The April 1, 2011 version of the policies and procedures will reflect the approved changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm