



Minutes of The Alliance Meeting held Tuesday, February 9th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Star Institute, 517 North Zenith

- I. Call to Order – In the absence of Cathy Pope, Nettie Edwards called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes of February 9, 2016 were not provided; therefore, no action taken.
- III. Agency Reports:
 - A. Texas Homeless Network – Tina Shipp reported there is a new process to expedite SSI called SOAR. Approval can be received within 3 months – there is an online option to become certified to process applications – working with PATH and Legal Aide.
 - B. East Lubbock Project at the Bridge – Tibia Todd reported the opening of the Uniform Closet at the Bridge – open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Currently having a drive for uniforms to donate to the closet.
- IV. Upcoming Events:
 - A. Fiona May reported that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month – first weekend in April – Go Blue – wear blue ribbons. Sunday, April 3 – Memory Ride (a meal and candle vigil). Saturday, April 30, 18th Annual Blue Ribbon Rally, \$25 a ticket.
 - B. Early Learning Center of Lubbock – Lena Scaff reported the 18th Annual Champions for Children Banquet will be held April 13th, 11:30am to 1:00pm, and tickets are \$50 per person.
 - C. Llano Estacado Silver Star Board will hold its' 10th Annual Casino Night (with an elderly focus) on April 22, 2016, and tickets are \$35 per person.
 - D. Early Learning – Dr. Stephanie Shine reported:
 1. Family Academy – five locations, meeting weekly for nine weeks, targeting age 3 (0 to 5 accepted), free, with activities such as field trips, meals, book reading, meeting time is 6:00pm at Madison Park. Call 806-318-6992 for more information.
 2. Ready to Read – community readers
 3. Vocabulary Camp – new program to be held at Alderson and Ervin to pave the way to pre-K.
- V. Past Events:
 - A. ASCEND – Nettie Edwards reported that this is an AKA program in over 900 places. The group recently attended a concert at Allen Theatre paid for by StarCare. They spoke of etiquette and dress for attending the concert. Nettie stressed raising the level of intelligence regarding music. She stated the AKA's were grateful to Cathy for the vision to allow the girls to attend. Martha Redbone is next.
- VI. Miscellaneous Reports:
 - A. East Lubbock Community Alliance By-Laws – Brandi Ivey asked the group to review the proposed By-Laws and Maslows Chart (reinforce having basic needs being met) before the next meeting.

- B. Candidate Reception & Forum – the City Council forum was last night, March 7, at Star Institute with four candidates showing up and approximately 100 people attending. The School Board forum is tonight at Star Institute, 6:00 to 8:00pm.
- VII. Next meeting April 12, 2016 at 11:30a -1:00p at George Woods Star Institute.