



*Asha for Education*TM

UFlorida Chapter

Gators for Asha, 300-9 J W Reitz Union, P.O Box 118505, Gainesville, FL 32601

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3rd Asha Spring Meeting : Feb 2nd 2011

Attendees: Kriti, Shiva, Rohit, Vineetha, Ajoy, Shubhendu, Mini, Viru, Loki and Akshay

1. Team Asha webpage

- Viru gave a demonstration to the audience about updating the Team Asha webpage.
- Changes suggested for the Team Asha webpage: Profiles of runners to be moved to the top of the page, spacing among profile pictures need adjustment, runners not getting e-mails after donations are made to their account: Software problem.

2. Team Asha sponsorship and publicity

- Mini is co-ordinating the sponsorship efforts for Team Asha.
- Sponsors should be contacted by Feb 15th.
- Volunteers have been assigned potential sponsors that they need to contact.
- Team Asha publicity: Alligator, Facebook to be done by Shiva, Loki.

3. FORWARD project discussions

- Shiva discussed the recent conference call with FORWARD. Asha is supporting this project for the last 10 years. The project is doing well. Many of the schools that FORWARD supported are now owned and managed by local communities. Thus the schools have become self-sustaining which is good. However 10 years is a long time of support. We will need to fund newer projects and thus move away from FORWARD. Ms. Shiamalababy (co-ordinator) of the project understands this and it was decided that the funding for FORWARD will be reduced for 2011 and will completely stop after 2012. \$6,000 suggested for first installment to this project for 2011. Sanketh proposed support-a-center scheme for FORWARD schools. We will need to push this project to go for more self-sustaining schools. Dell's Chennai center showed interest in volunteering for Asha schools: Shiva to follow up and find out if Dell volunteers can be any help to FORWARD schools.
- Shiva also presented the report on FORWARD site visit made by Janani and Palani. They visited the main center in Chennai and some other centers. The report says that the FORWARD schools are doing well. Janani has some concerns about the teachers holding temporary positions in these schools.



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- A vote was taken and it was unanimously voted (10 to none) to disburse the revised requested amount of \$12000 for FORWARD for the year 2011. First installment of \$6000 to be disbursed now and \$6000 as second installment.

4. Asha Representative Council (ARC) discussions

- Asha-UFlorida supports the approach suggested by the ARC to divide the General Funds. We voted **Yes** to the recommended changes in the Asha constitution.

5. Payir QEd discussions

- Sanketh, Senthil and Loki working on the questionnaire which need to be completed and sent to Praveen by Feb 15th. This will complete the requirements for the QEd funding of \$1,200 to Payir for 2011.