



**Roundtable Meeting
January 5, 2018
Linda Hudson, Vice Chair**

Roundtable Members Attending: Trevor Banks, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, Sean Boyle, Mike Davis, Carol DeLoach, Wayne Gent, Linda Hudson, Karen Knapp, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Paul Nigro, Angela Roberson, Clint Sperber, Andy Treadwell, Lisa von Seelen, and Wydee'a Wilson.

Roundtable Members Absent: Terissa Aronson, Linda Bartz, John Bolduc, Diane Hogley-Burney, Andrea Kochanowski, Larry Lee, Stephanie Morgan, Tony Schwab, Pete Tesch, and Garry Wilson.

Guests Attending: Monica Jakobsen, Kevin Singletary, Kristy Conway, Kim Reid, Melanie Wiles, Brian Hester for Garry Wilson, Jessica Parrish, Frank Amandro for Diane Hogley-Burney, Tonya Andreacchio, Stefanie Myers, Sandy Mack, Carlos Negron, and Jim Dwyer.,

I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Treasure Hunter Pledge

Linda Hudson welcomed all members and guests. Pledges were conducted.

II. January Agenda & December Minutes

Bob McPartlan made a motion to accept the January agenda and December minutes, seconded by Wayne Gent. Motion carried unanimously.

III. November Financials

Esperanza Morales presented the financials for the month of November 2017 (see attached).

Clint Sperber made a motion to accept the November 2017 financials, seconded by Tony Loupe. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

Linda Hudson introduced and welcomed our newest member, Pastor Trevor Banks.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached). Monica Jakobsen introduced our new Outreach Worker Marcus Mills, and a client of Restoring the Village Youth Initiative Jakeem, who told his story of how the program has impacted his life.

V. **Spotlight on Law Enforcement**

Frank Amandro – The Fort Pierce Police Department has a program in Lincoln Park called Courageous Kids, with approximately 75 teens participating. The Program teaches leadership and includes mentoring and homework assistance. They also have a summer sailing program at the Yacht Club. They mentor kids in reading at St. Lucie Elementary, CA Moore, and Weatherbee. They provide Trunk or Treat and Shop with a Cop programs that increase relationships between law enforcement and kids/families. Sean Boyle added that Children’s Services Council can supply books for the reading programs.

Brian Hester – The Sheriff’s Office has a Youth Dialogue Program. 12 deputies from different departments have been trained as facilitators. This is a chance for youth and law enforcement to express themselves, have a meal together, and they role play and the youth conduct traffic stops on the deputies. 200 have participated so far. They provide Popup Parties in different areas to build relationships with the community. There is a trailer with a bounce house, face painting, corn hole game and free hot dogs and popcorn. The next party is scheduled for January 5th at Avenue M and 13th Street. They are expanding their community outreach and getting parents involved.

Wydee’a Wilson – The Port St. Lucie Police Department has a program for youth called Bridging the G.A.A.P (Gaining Appreciation by Adjusting Perspectives), to improve communication between youth and law enforcement. There were 30 participants at their last G.A.A.P. conversation in October. They have a shoplifting diversion program which decreased the shoplifting problem drastically.

Linda Hudson stated that she likes featuring our Roundtable members and learn from each other. Teresa Bishop replied that our members are doing amazing things and everyone knowing about each other increases our collaboration. Our next guest speaker is Andrea Kochanowski from the Fort Pierce Housing District.

VI. **Safe Neighborhoods Network Update**

Monica Jakobsen presented on the Network. They have divided into subcommittees – the delinquency workgroup will focus on bullying, truancy, and fighting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16th. Members are working on a social autopsy researching 19 youth, looking at behavior trajectories in order to prevent kids from joining gangs. Restoring the Village Youth Initiative is contracting with a program evaluator to see where they are making an impact. She will be contacting members to help collect data.

Carol DeLoach – Asked that she and Paul Nigro be involved as they have a lot of data on youth that are dually served. Teresa Bishop agreed and added that those agencies already involved include the Department of Children & Families, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the School District. Wydee’a Wilson stated that they should interview mothers and look at the families’ economic situations as well.

Linda Hudson – Would like more information on a day in the life of an Outreach Worker. Sean Boyle added that we should do a documentation video.

VII. Announcements/Agency Updates

- Ann Berner – They have a new initiative to deal with trauma - a 40 hour certification recovery specialist training to learn how to tell their story. It's a new career track.
- Wydee'a Wilson – The Circuit Advisory Board Center for Children's Law and Policy has scheduled a training on racial and ethnic disparities on January 17th. St. Lucie County is one of only two to receive this free training in the state.
- Paul Nigro – They have scheduled a fundraising event 'Ultimate Tailgate Party' for Superbowl Sunday (February 4th) from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Pelican Yacht Club.
- Andy Treadwell – IRSC has been designated the most affordable college from the US Department of Education. They provide \$3 million annually in financial assistance.
- Sean Boyle – The Summer Learning Opportunity is being released this month. Agencies must have a literacy component to apply. Thanked everyone who attended Sounds of the Season – they received 15 boxes of books. Over 60 little libraries have been distributed.
- Tony Loupe – It is now open enrollment for VPK. A merger of Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties is moving forward based on guidance from Tallahassee. Five coalitions will be defunded. Expected by July 1st. Family Fun Day is scheduled for April 7th.
- Clint Sperber – The Safe Kids Coalition was selected for a new pediatric safety pilot program. They are offering free influenza shots and free HIV PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), which is for prevention of HIV to those at a high risk of getting infected. They are kicking off the 10,000 Steps Program – further information will follow.
- Brian Bauer – They have received a Federal grant – Workforce Information Act for kids that are out of school and not working. There is a job fair January 31st at the Fenn Center. There is a manufacturing pre-apprentice program and an aviation program available.
- Karen Knapp – They are recipients of \$300,000 in disaster funds from Hurricane Irma damage. This is in collaboration with the Mets, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, and Publix.
- Lisa von Seelen – They have a fundraiser scheduled for January 23 at Santa Lucia River Club – Bingo for Babies.
- Bob McPartlan – They are conducting a "Point in Time" questionnaire for homeless people to be counted. This questionnaire is tied to Federal funding.
- Frank Amandro – The Martin Luther King Day parade is scheduled for January 15th.
- Trevor Banks – Is very excited and honored to be a member of the Roundtable.
- Linda Hudson – January 9th is the Fort Pierce Youth Leadership Council swearing in of officers.

- Angela Roberson – Distributed a quarterly written report and a chart of the different Networks and Sub Work Groups.