



**Roundtable Meeting
March 2, 2018
John Bolduc, Chair**

Roundtable Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Trevor Banks, Brian Bauer, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Wayne Gent, Linda Hudson, Karen Knapp, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Stephanie Morgan, Paul Nigro, Angela Roberson, Nate Spera, Clint Sperber, Lisa von Seelen, Garry Wilson, and Wydee'a Wilson.

Roundtable Members Absent: Linda Bartz, Ann Berner, Carol DeLoach, Wayne Gent, Diane Hobley-Burney, Andrea Kochanowski, Larry Lee, Tony Schwab, Pete Tesch, and Andy Treadwell.

Guests Attending: Kenny Norris for Diane Hobley-Burney, Jessica Parrish, Mary Weiss, Lorrene Egan, Ishmal Brown, Sarah Castro, Kim Reid, Monica Jakobsen, Will Armstrong, Carlos Negron, Debbie Butler, Stefanie Myers, Cynthia Beddow, Tonya Andreacchio, Nancy Brown, and Natalie Dixon-Thomas.

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

John Bolduc welcomed all members and guests. Pledges were conducted.

II. March Agenda & February Minutes

Bob McPartlan made a motion to accept the March agenda and February minutes, seconded by Tony Loup. Motion carried unanimously.

III. January Financials

Esperanza Morales presented the financials for the month of January 2018 (see attached).

Linda Hudson made a motion to accept the January 2018 financials, seconded by Garry Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

John Bolduc welcomed and introduced our new member, Fire District Chief Nate Spera,

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached) and referenced the Newsletter (also attached).

V. Spotlight on Healthy Start

Lisa von Seelen presented an update on her agency. She noted they are expecting major cuts in their funding. She will send out talking points for members to advocate for them.

They offer services to pregnant women and newborns up to age 3. Their services are provided to eliminate or reduce risks associated with the following outcomes: Reduce Infant Mortality, Reduce Premature Birth, Reduce Low Birth Weight Babies, and Improve Health & Developmental Outcomes.

She discussed the Fetal Infant Mortality Review that has been going on for over a year, where they provide an intense examination of infant deaths.

VI. Economic Sufficiency Update

Wydee'a Wilson presented on the Economic Sufficiency Network. She noted they provide support for those working on poverty. They are providing Getting Ahead classes and that pre and post tests show that prior to taking the classes 24% had jobs and that after taking the classes 55.8% have jobs. Objectives include decreasing the percentage of children living in poverty, increasing the employment rate, have "ban the box" conversations, and increase the number of Getting Ahead graduates' stability of resources.

Getting Ahead graduate Natalie Dixon-Thomas then spoke about what the classes have done for her personally.

VII. Update on Lock Outs

Lorrene Eagan with Devereux Community Based Care updated the members on juvenile lock outs. There is now a protocol to follow when children are "locked-out" of their homes due to their parents refusing to allow them to return home following a delinquent act or mental health crisis (see attached). She noted that there were 17 agencies that worked on this protocol. Wydee'a Wilson noted that we will need to educate the judges on this.

VIII. Announcements/Agency Updates

- John Bolduc – Children's Home Society's 5K run fundraiser is scheduled for April 21st.
- Linda Hudson – The Youth Council meeting is scheduled for March 19th. Kids at Hope training is available to all City of Fort Pierce staff on March 6th.
- Nate Spera – The Seafood Festival is being held March 10th to raise funds for Boys & Girls Club.
- Angela Roberson – As a Steering Committee update, the Port St. Lucie Police Department is assisting the School District with absenteeism. If officers see a student who is not in school, that student will be stopped and their parent will be called.
- Stephanie Morgan – There is a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ardie Copas Veterans' Nursing Home scheduled for March 20th at Tradition Town Hall.
- Clint Sperber – They are partnering with the Fire District to host the Stop the Bleed National Campaign to teach pedestrians how to provide emergency bleeding control. The event is scheduled for March 31st.
- Karen Knapp – They received and disbursed a \$300,000 grant from United Way Florida to provide services to those affected by the hurricane.
- Tony Loupe – The Family Fun Fair is scheduled for April 7th.
- Sean Boyle – The summer learning RFP will close March 16.

- Brian Bauer – Career Day is scheduled for March 6th –200 juniors and seniors are signed up. This is for those interested in the healthcare field. A Manufacturing Job Fair is scheduled for March 7th.
- Mike Davis – Is working with the Roundtable’s Kevin Singletary on a fatherhood initiative for those getting out of jail.
- Wydee’a Wilson – Our Circuit has been selected to receive training on Equity and Justice for Youth of Color. This will be held on March 6th and March 7th by the Center for Children’s Law and Policy.
- Kenny Norris – Thanked the Fire District for attending their Courageous Kids Program. The program is held every Tuesday at 5:00 at First Step Park.
- Teresa Bishop – There is a ministerial breakfast being held on March 23rd for civic and ministerial leaders.