



**Roundtable Meeting
April 6, 2018
Linda Hudson, Vice Chair**

Roundtable Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Trevor Banks, Linda Bartz, Ann Berner, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Carol DeLoach, Wayne Gent, Diane Hobley-Burney, Linda Hudson, Karen Knapp, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Stephanie Morgan, Paul Nigro, Angela Roberson, Nate Spera, Clint Sperber, Andy Treadwell, Lisa von Seelen, Garry Wilson, and Wydee'a Wilson.

Roundtable Members Absent: Brian Bauer, John Bolduc, Andrea Kochanowski, Larry Lee, Jr., and Peter Tesch.

Guests Attending: Vern Melvin, Glenda Harden for Brian Bauer, Tonya Andreacchio, Mary Weiss, Melanie Wiles, Stefanie Myers, Debbie Butler, Kristy Conway, Carlos Negron, Sarah Casto, Will Armstead, and Clorisse Stephens.

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

Linda Hudson welcomed all members and guests. Both pledges were conducted.

II. April Agenda & March Minutes

Linda Bartz made a motion to accept the April agenda and March minutes, seconded by Terissa Aronson. Motion carried unanimously.

III. February Financials

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

Garry Wilson made a motion to accept the February 2018 financials, seconded by Diane Hobley-Burney. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

Linda Hudson welcomed and presented a plaque to founding member Vern Melvin. She thanked him for his dedication, leadership, and commitment. Mr. Melvin thanked members of the Roundtable and reflected that it all started 23 years ago, in 1995 with five (5) members. Looking at how far the Roundtable has come is extraordinary. The Roundtable has such a commitment to the children and families and he's proud of having been a part of it.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached) and referenced the Newsletter (also attached). She noted that the Restoring the Village OJJDP Grants Manager Dennis Mondoro unexpectedly passed away last month and the initiative lost their biggest supporter in Washington DC. Mr. Mondoro was involved in the establishment of the Roundtable 20 years ago. The new grants manager has scheduled a site visit/audit the week of May 8th. She is not as familiar with the gang model, nor does she know the area, the Roundtable, not the Restoring the Village initiative, so we are asking for members' assistance about our community.

V. Trauma Informed Care

Dorothy Oppenheiser with Tykes & Teens presented on Trauma Informed Care. When children experience trauma, it impedes their ability to learn. A child can't learn when his brain is on fire. When trauma goes untreated, it affects the child's entire life, and paves the way for future unhealthy behaviors. Trauma-Informed Care is an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves recognizing and responding to the effects of all types of trauma.

Discussion

- Teresa Bishop – This is part of the Roundtable's Strategic Plan under Collective Impact. This program will teach skills to line staff and infuse it into business and agencies to better serve kids and help outcomes.
- Sean Boyle – Would like this program to be taught to all funded after school agencies. It's a natural fit with Kids at Hope, and will take Kids at Hope to the next level.
- Tony Loupe, Paul Nigro and Bob McPartlan asked that this be taught at their agencies as well.
- Tony Loupe – Early Learning Coalition already has an amazing relationship with Tykes & Teens. Yesterday they had a 3-year-old who announced that he was going to hurt himself and his family, and Tykes & Teens helped the situation.

VI. Substance Abuse Network Update

Kristy Conway presented an update on the Drug Free St. Lucie Coalition. She noted the lifetime use by teens of alcohol in 2016 was 37%, marijuana at 19.9% and prescription drugs at 6%. Past 30 day use of alcohol in 2016 was 15.3%, marijuana at 11.5%, and prescription drugs at 2.4%. Substances prioritized by the Network are underage use of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs. Next steps include establishing a data/assessment subcommittee; perform a problem analysis; find out root causes/local conditions; and preparing a logic model.

VII. Announcements/Agency Updates

- Carol DeLoach – Devereux is changing its name and it will go into effect in July. Their contract has been renewed for five more years. Substance abuse is a major and overwhelming issue with parents and their kids that are being removed from the home.

- Tony Loupe – While there has been discussion on merging the three local Early Learning Coalitions, the other two boards voted no. This merger may still be possible next year during the legislative session. Loving Care Childcare Center’s contract has been terminated due to a contract violation. He became a grandfather last Thursday!
- Nate Spera – On Sunday the Fire District will be involved in the Autism Awareness event at Palm Pointe Elementary.
- Terissa Aronson – Linda Hudson was the second place winner at their recent spelling bee.
- Stephanie Morgan – The City of Port St. Lucie has been gifted with 1,200 acres in Tradition, which is for sale. There will be grand openings soon for Hop Craft, Starbucks, and Popeyes. Linda Bartz is the chair for their upcoming Chili Cook Off and they are looking for teams.
- Jessica Parrish – She is sitting in for the Steering Chair Angela Roberson. Distributed the First Quarter Report. Recent data shows that obesity has dropped in all three grades.
- Clint Sperber – During National Public Health Week this week the Blue Zones presentation event was well received and attended.
- Sean Boyle – Children’s Services Council highlighted their system of care in today’s paper. Part Three will be their annual impact report next week. Their Outstanding Youth dinner is being held May 14th.
- Lisa von Seelen – Healthy Start has a vegetable plot at the community garden located on Avenue D and 9th Street. Their annual meeting will be held in June.
- Andy Treadwell – Both of their Swimming and Diving Men’s and Women’s divisions won. Their junior and senior applied learning day on what the college offers was well attended, thanks to Mr. Gent. He will present at a future meeting. The College Awards Ceremony is coming up and Mayor Hudson is their Distinguished Alumni this year.
- Diane Hobley-Burney – The Restoring the Village Outreach Workers presented recently and it spoke volumes of their heart and their efforts in the community.
- Glenda Harden – CareerSource, along with the Treasure Coast Manufacturing Association have been granted an Economic Self-Sufficiency grant by the Department of Labor for a Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program. They cannot find skilled people and there is a big need. They are recruiting at this time.
- Paul Nigro – They are holding a fundraiser for foster kids. Thanked the Boys & Girls Club – there are 40 youth signed up in their summer program. Distributed an update on the Child Welfare Network’s Recruitment and Awareness Campaign. Please “like” and share their Facebook page.
- Wydee’a Wilson – Thanked the Boys & Girls Club and law enforcement for the GAPP conversation yesterday. After asking the legislation for 10 years, finally they approved a 10% raise for juvenile detention officers. As of July 1st there is significant legislation change statewide. Court Administration will no longer run diversion and civil citation, which is a huge loss. The Circuit Advisory Board is discussing how to fill that hole, which affects over 200 youth, and trying to identify an organization that will accept it.