



**Roundtable Meeting
May 4, 2018
John Bolduc, Chair**

Roundtable Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Trevor Banks, Linda Bartz, Brian Bauer, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Carol DeLoach, Wayne Gent, Diane Hobley-Burney, Linda Hudson, Karen Knapp, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Stephanie Morgan, Angela Roberson, Clint Sperber, Lisa von Seelen, Garry Wilson, and Wydee'a Wilson.

Roundtable Members Absent: Ann Berner, Andrea Kochanowski, Larry Lee, Jr., Paul Nigro, Nate Spera, Peter Tesch, and Andy Treadwell.

Guests Attending: Bob Zaccheo, Jessica Parrish, Mary Weiss, Carlos Negrin, Karl Dorelien, Clorisse Stephens, and Cynthia Beddow.

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

John Bolduc welcomed all members and guests. Both pledges were conducted.

II. May Agenda & April Minutes

Linda Bartz made a motion to accept the May agenda and April minutes, seconded by Diane Hobley-Burney. Motion carried unanimously.

III. March Financials

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

Clint Sperber made a motion to accept the March 2018 financials, seconded by Garry Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

John Bolduc noted that he has been working closely with the Port St. Lucie Youth Leadership, and it is a very rewarding experience. He suggested members try to attend future meetings. Kevin Singletary and Kim Reid do a great job.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached) and referenced the Newsletter (also attached). She read a press release and noted that the Roundtable is the winner of St. Lucie County's 2018 Video Public Service Announcement. Ten agencies submitted applications for this year's grant. The PSA will be relevant and the subject will be youth mental health. Port St. Lucie Youth Leadership will be coordinating it.

V. Project Lift

Bob Zaccheo presented on the Project Lift Program in Martin County, which is a program for at-risk male and female teens ages 14-19. They offer the program for teens struggling with substance abuse, lack of support, and academic failures. There is no cost to participants. They offer mental health/substance abuse therapy, mentoring, and vocational skills training which includes boat building, auto repair, welding, t-shirt screen-printing, bicycle repair, sewing, etc. He estimated it would cost approximately \$250,000 to start this program in St. Lucie County.

VI. Academic Success Network Update

Debbie Hawley presented an update on the Academic Success Network. They are working on graduation rates – a lot has to do with high school career and tech academies. The graduation rate was at 90.1% last year, and they want to maintain and grow that rate. The state measures graduation rates as a four-year cohort and some kids take five years to graduate. Those students are not included in the graduation rate. They are also working on absenteeism. They identify freshmen with a history of high absenteeism and work one on one with those students. They are expanding this to middle school next year.

VII. Announcements/Agency Updates

- Linda Hudson – Larry Lee’s Restoring the Village Fort Pierce Clean Up Event is scheduled for June 9th. On June 8th they are holding a symposium for students at Lincoln Park Academy.
- Deb LaBella – The Early Learning Coalition is clearing 300 children from their waiting list. The Office of Early Learning and the DOE have announced that school readiness outcomes will not be available again this year.
- Angela Roberson – The Steering Committee is holding a retreat on June 28th from 8:30 until noon. There will be an outside speaker presenting on implicit bias.
- Garry Wilson – The week of May 14th is Law Enforcement Memorial Week. Their event is May 17th at St. Bernadette’s Church. The Port St. Lucie Police Department’s event is May 14th.
- Stephanie Morgan – The land purchase for the Safety Village is moving along and she will have more information at the next meeting. The Citizen’s Summit is May 8th.
- Debbie Hawley –There is an audit scheduled for the School District accreditation next week.
- Clint Sperber – Regarding the glioblastoma cancer cases in Fort Pierce, the Florida Cancer Registry has found that there is not a statistical increase and not an excess number of cases based on their evaluation. Other experts will be here on June 12th to review the cases.
- Sean Boyle – They are expanding their summer programs and now will offer 16 total. The RFP needs to address the summer slide.
- Diane Hoble-Burney – Their Unity in the Community event is planned for July 11th to bring resources awareness to the community.
- Carol DeLoach – Their name contest is over and the name chosen for their agency is Communities Connected for Kids.
- Teresa Bishop – The Roundtable Retreat is scheduled for June 1st from 8:30 until noon at the Fort Pierce Housing Authority.