



**Roundtable Meeting
February 1, 2019
Linda Hudson, Chair**

Roundtable Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Trevor Banks, Brian Bauer, Linda Bartz, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Bruce Colton, Michael Davis, Carol DeLoach, Diane Hobbey-Burney, Linda Hudson, Delores Johnson, Karen Knapp, Andrea Kochanowski, Tony Loupe, Bob Meadows, Paul Nigro, Nate Spera, Clint Sperber, Pete Tesch, Lisa von Seelen, and Wydee'a Wilson.

Roundtable Members Absent: Ann Berner, Wayne Gent, Diamond Litty, Robert McPartlan, Greg Oravec, Angela Roberson, Andrew Treadwell, and Garry Wilson.

Guests Attending: Kevin Perry for Wayne Gent, Stephanie Morgan for Greg Oravec, Melanie George, Pamela Welmon, Denise Montes, Tonya Andreacchio, Eric Goldman, Diane Henry, Natalee Edwards, Andrea Dixon, Charlette Hayes, Will Armstead, Tiara Weethee, and Kristy Conway.

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

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

II. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

Linda Hudson welcomed new member Judge Bob Meadows.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached). She requested approval to apply for two grants to Children's Services Council – Restoring the Village Youth Initiative for \$41,500 and Kids at Hope for \$123,975.

Motion was made by Carol Deloach to approve submitting the two Children's Services Council grants, seconded by Brian Bauer. Sean Boyle abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Overview of Juvenile Court

Bob Meadows stated he is now streamlining the processes to move the worst cases through the system. They have been inundated with cases and there are bottlenecks. Recidivism has increased. We need to get these kids into programs faster. Parents are begging to keep the kids in detention. They are seeing significant mental health issues. Mental Health Court was discussed. Linda Hudson asked how the Roundtable can help. He is now meeting with different groups, gathering information and suggestions, and will be formulating a report and an "ask" in the future. Delores Johnson stated it goes back to parenting. We have to demand parent training when the children are young. We need to come together to fund it. Sean Boyle added that Children's Services Council is funding Trauma Informed Care, and gang activity has decreased, so we are making some headway.

IV. Restoring the Village Youth Initiative Update

Teresa Bishop gave an update on the program. The Delinquency Workgroup is now up and running, led by Will Armstead and Bill Tomlinson. Social and Emotional Learning is now in the schools, and Lion's Quest will be piloting a program here for after school programs. Awards were presented to members for their help in the gang prevention program, intervention team meetings, and funders.

V. Lincoln Park Career Pathways Initiative

Brian Bauer, Upendo Shabazz, Pete Tesch, and Melanie George presented on this new 8-week training program that provides a fast track to manufacturing, certified logistic associate, and certified nursing assistant. The only prerequisite is that students must be a resident of Lincoln Park. All classes are held at the IRSC Blackburn Building that is located on Avenue D. Any and all obstacles have been removed, such as transportation, childcare, GED program, all IRSC resources are available to students (see attached).

VI. Announcements/Agency Updates

- Clint Sperber – Thanked everyone who participated in the Million Steps Program. 1,400 people participated.
- Stephanie Morgan – The St. Lucie County Fair is being held February 22 through March 3. She is looking for volunteers to judge the food entries.
- Bruce Colton – They have a new program available – charges will be dropped or expunged after attending the program. They have had over 500 people in the four county area.
- Karen Knapp – They are hosting Women United on February 22nd.
- John Bolduc – Youth Leadership is planning and doing great things. Port St. Lucie Police will be cracking down on speeding so please slow down.
- Linda Bartz – Mental health issues need to be addressed countywide. Suncoast is seeing children and also has family sessions.
- Paul Nigro – They are recruiting foster homes and have launched an awareness campaign.
- Wydee'a Wilson – We need to remove barriers so that we can receive the same opportunities throughout the state.
- Tony Loupe – Family Fun Fair is being held April 6. There is no waiting list for subsidized childcare.
- Carol DeLoach – She is presenting at the next Roundtable meeting.
- Sean Boyle – Don't forget why we're here and all we've already done. They are offering infant mortality funding to address access to prenatal care.
- Brian Bauer – Their recent job fair in Fort Pierce had 600 individuals participating and 100 employers. The Summer of Success graduated 120 youth.
- Lisa von Seelen – They are trying to get TC3 back together, to share the resources needed here with state and senate representatives.

Roundtable Business - Audience Dismissed

VII. 2018 Audit

Jay Gaines presented the 2018 audit (see attached) and no issues were found.

Motion was made by Sean Boyle to approve the 2018 Audit, seconded by John Bolduc. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. January Agenda & December Minutes

Motion was made by Clint Sperber to accept the January agenda and December minutes, seconded by Brian Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. November & December Financials

Esperanza Morales presented the December financials (November and December attached).

Motion was made by Linda Bartz to accept both financials, seconded by Tony Loupe. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

Teresa Bishop disclosed that we are out of compliance with the Contract regarding her background check, as the contract was signed last year and she had not gotten her Level 2 Background Check. She did get her fingerprints done and they are being processed now. She should have results by this afternoon. Linda Hudson noted that we are working with our attorney but just wanted to be open and transparent with this paperwork glitch.