



**Roundtable Meeting**  
**April 5, 2019**  
**Clint Sperber, Vice-Chair**

**Roundtable Members Attending:** Trevor Banks, Linda Bartz, Brian Bauer, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Carol DeLoach, Diane Hogley-Burney, Karen Knapp, Andrea Kochanowski, Bob McPartlan, Paul Nigro, Greg Oravec, Angela Roberson, Nate Spera, Clint Sperber, Andy Treadwell, Lisa von Seelen, Garry Wilson, and Wydee'a Wilson.

**Roundtable Members Absent:** Terissa Aronson, Ann Berner, Bruce Colton, Michael Davis, Linda Hudson, Delores Johnson, Diamond Litty, Tony Loupe, Bob Meadows, and Peter Tesch.

**Guests Attending:** Jessica Parrish, Canieria Gardner, Stefanie Myers, Will Armstead, and Natasha Serra.

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

Clint Sperber welcomed all members and guests. Both pledges were conducted.

**II. April Agenda & March Minutes**

*Motion was made by Garry Wilson to accept the April agenda and March minutes, seconded by Linda Bartz. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. February Financials**

As Esperanza Morales and Tony Loupe (Treasurer) were not available, the financials were tabled until the next meeting, but they were available for members to review.

*Motion was made by John Bolduc to table the February financials, seconded by Wydee'a Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report**

Chair Report

Clint Sperber noted that Teresa Bishop did a lot of work and met a lot of people on a sustainability plan for the Restoring the Village Youth Initiative that now needs the help of the entire county. There will be a meeting with the key players directly after the Roundtable meeting. All are invited to attend.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director Report (see attached). She noted that all grants have been submitted for the year. Only \$2,000 of the \$5,000 she had requested in reserves for a grant writer were used.

## **V. Spotlight on the UP Center**

Canieria Gardner presented on the UP Center and what it offers the community (see attached). Fort Pierce is ranked #9 out of the 10 poorest cities in Florida, and that 1 in 4 children are born into poverty. The UP Center has the following programs: Member Share Groceries, Crisis Stabilization, an Education Program, and the Success Training Employment (STEP). STEP is an adult workforce training program designed to help individuals overcome barriers to employment. There are three segments. The first is 120 hours of classroom instruction in the areas of emotional intelligence, workplace skill development, and job acquisition. The second focuses on individualized skill development, employment preparation, and job placement. Once an individual has obtained employment, they enter phase three, which focuses on employment retention and career development.

## **VI. ALICE Report**

Jessica Parrish presented the United Way funded St. Lucie County ALICE Report (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living for the county. There are 35% of ALICE households in St. Lucie County. ALICE is families living paycheck to paycheck, unable to save for emergencies. Wages are improving but Florida still has a disproportionately high rate of low-wage jobs. The cost of living continues to increase, and wages lag behind, causing many households to struggle.

## **VII. Announcements/Agency Updates**

- Linda Bartz – The County is ready to sign a contract for the Port of Fort Pierce and should have it by April 16. There will be well paying jobs and IRSC will have a program for training employees.
- Nate Spera – There will be an open house tonight at Station 4 and in Lincoln Park on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Safety Fest is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mets Stadium.
- Jessica Parrish – Distributed the quarterly Steering Report. A Women United luncheon is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Sean Boyle – Funding is available for summer afterschool programs. The Annual Awards Dinner honoring Outstanding Youth and Champions for Children is being held May 13<sup>th</sup> at the River Walk Center.
- Brian Bauer – Received a grant for \$60,000 for Summer of Success funding for 120 youth.
- Paul Nigro – A fundraising “Night at the Mets Super Hero” event on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Carol DeLoach – April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and they are holding a MANicure Movement April 10<sup>th</sup> where men can get their fingernail painted blue to support the movement. One in five children face some type of child abuse or neglect.
- Clint Sperber – He would like to present on the new Safety Village at the June meeting.