



**Roundtable Meeting
August 2, 2019
Linda Hudson, Chair**

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

Roundtable Members Absent: Bruce Colton, Wayne Gent, Andrea Kochanowski, Diamond Litty, Bob Meadows, Greg Oravec, and Peter Tesch.

Guests Attending: There were no guests in attendance as this was a closed meeting.

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

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

II. August Agenda & June Minutes

Motion was made by Garry Wilson to accept the August agenda and June minutes, seconded by John Bolduc. Motion carried unanimously.

III. May & June Financials

Motion was made by Nate Spera to approve the May and June financials, seconded by Terissa Aronson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

There was no Chair Report this month.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director Report (see attached). She noted the Tunnels of Hope schedule and asked members to attend one or two of them. She also presented the Sustainability Report for Restoring the Village Youth Initiative and noted that thanks to the partners around the table, we have covered the gap for this year and most of the need for 2019-2020 (see attached).

V. The Impact of Marijuana Legalization

Ed Shemelya with the National Marijuana Initiative presented on the Impact of Marijuana Legalization (see attached).

He noted this is a public health issue due to:

- (1) The potency of it being at historically high numbers – from 1995 at 4% to 2018 at 80%.
- (2) Treatment Data - the ranking of treatment admissions shows marijuana in 12-17 year olds. Marijuana is the only drug where minors are the most affected age group.
- (3) Impaired Driving – marijuana is the most prevalent illegal drug detected in impaired drivers, fatally injured drivers, and motor vehicle crash victims.

Hemp, which was recently approved to be grown as an agricultural commodity in Florida through the Farm Bill, is supposed to be regulated by the USDA but it has not been. Hemp has only 0.3% THC but looks exactly like marijuana with much more THC potency and there is not a test yet that can test the amount of THC in a product.

Mr. Shemelya warned that with medical marijuana now approved in Florida, it is only a matter of time before recreational marijuana is approved. We need to collect baseline data now.

VI. Strategic Plan Report Card Update

Teresa Bishop reviewed the Report Card Update, focusing on those areas that are going the wrong way (see attached). Disproportionate Minority Contact has increased from 4.1% in 2014 to 5.3% in St. Lucie. Statewide it is at 3.3%. Wydee’a Wilson presented data on it (see attached). She noted that St. Lucie County is seventh in the state. The highest volume zip codes are 34950, 34953, 34947, 34983, and 34982. Suggestions for improvement were to provide restorative justice training, trauma informed care, de-escalation techniques, and civil citation. It was noted the families must be involved. We have to educate kids and parents.

The percentage of overweight children in first grade, third grade, and sixth grade have all increased. Clint Sperber stated that the Health Department is teaching a healthy food choices initiative – the 5,2,1,0 program in four schools. He noted the physical education requirement is down in the schools. Sean Boyle added that structured play is required in after school programs. Staff have joined the School District’s Food Council.

Obesity rates of pregnant African American females increased and pregnant African American females who access prenatal care in the first trimester has decreased. Lisa von Seelen noted that thanks to Children’s Services Council funding, they have hired two women in Fort Pierce for a four-year program to share information about prenatal visits, breastfeeding, and baby spacing. The program is called “Moca Moms”.

Third grade reading skills have decreased and absences have increased. Teresa Bishop shared the School District’s Attendance Campaign for the year. She stated Wayne Gent will be presenting at the September meeting.