



Roundtable Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2024
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Location: Children’s Services Council
Chair: Heather Parker

Roundtable Members Attending: Ann Berner, Teresa Bishop, Sean Boyle, Carol DeLoach, Jeff Lee, Tony Loupe, Bob McPartlan, Heather Parker, Nathan Peterson, Dr. Jon Prince, Clint Sperber, Andrew Treadwell, Lisa von Seelen, and Rosetta Washington.

Roundtable Members Absent: Terissa Aronson, Tom Bakkedahl, Linda Bartz, Brian Bauer, Joseph Cracchiola, Thomas Epsky, Diane Hobley-Burney, Arnold Gaines, Diamond Litty, Troy Norman, David Pickett, Peter Tesch, and Dana Trabulsy.

Guests Attending: Andrice Moore, Maureen Simmons, Virginia Keating, Lisa Cobb, Adrienne Huggins, Brett Peters, Shamra Gilles, Amanda Callaghan, Amanda DeMan, Kevin Singletary, Stephanie Morgan, Jovil Wharton, Herla Arteche, Valerie Richards, and Christann Hartley.

I. Welcome

Heather Parker started the meeting at 8:34 a.m. and welcomed all members.

Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

II. October Agenda and September Minutes

A quorum was not present.

III. August Financials

Christann Hartley presented the August Financials.

A quorum was not present.

IV. Chair Report

Heather Parker thanked all members and guests for their attendance. Ms. Parker reminded the guests of the importance of board member attendance because board member designees do not have the authority to vote and in the absence of a quorum Roundtable business cannot be conducted on time.

V. CEO Report

Teresa Bishop shared that she continues to work on putting the data together for the Roundtable's Strategic Plan to provide to the epidemiologist. Ms. Bishop will provide that information to the Board at the next board meeting and should have the plan completed by December. In February 2025, the agency will be ready to move forward with a new strategic plan. Jovil Wharton, Drug Free St. Lucie (DFSL) Project Coordinator is resigning from her role with the Roundtable to accept a new position with the Health Department. Ms. Wharton has done amazing work with the DFSL Coalition during her time with the Roundtable and Drug Free St. Lucie and we wish her much success in her new role. The Roundtable has a new nominee for Steering Committee Chair, Adrienne Huggins, however, a quorum is not present to vote today. The Kids at Hope (KAH) team will be presenting new "Mascot at Hope" signs to St. Lucie Public Schools in the coming weeks. Mothers at Hope will be hosting a pop-up boutique at Winterlakes Park on November 9th and will have crafts, snacks and free baby items/clothing for moms and fathers and children. A KAH community training is open to the public on October 30th, 2024. Performance-Based Preparatory Academy held its first-ever *Tunnel of Hope* this year. The KAH team has been participating in a variety of activities and trainings at ALPI, Westwood High School, Lawnwood Elementary, Allapattah Flats K-8, and Southern Oaks Middle School. Our H.Y.P.E youth coalition continues to host meetings at school chapter sites at Northport K-8 and Fort Pierce Central. H.Y.P.E is partnering with the New Horizons Student Assistance Program. The H.Y.P.E youth will also be participating in Red Ribbon Week activities. The IGNITE team presented at a DCF Conference and Mr. Milles did an amazing job with his presentation. Ms. Bishop will continue discussions about sustaining IGNITE at a later date. All IYA staff are now Certified Peer Recovery Specialists, except Marcus Mills who is still waiting for his DCF clearance to be completed. DFSL continues to conduct compliance checks in partnership with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, nine stores were visited in October to target the sale of vape pens to minors. Nine stores were checked, and three stores were out of compliance. DFSL has a variety of Red Ribbon Week activities planned. DFSL and the Roundtable would like to thank the Cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie, and the St. Lucie County Board of County Commission for providing proclamations in support of Red Ribbon Week. The DFSL Annual Meeting and Champions of Prevention Awards will be held on October 24th. Drug Take Back Day will take place on Saturday, October 26th at Jackson Drugs in Fort Pierce in partnership with the Fort Pierce Police Department and the Army National Guard. DFSL is also offering a free training – "Prevention Gets Visual: PhotoVoice and Sound It Out" on October 29th. A "Talk. They Hear You." SAMHSA bus billboard campaign is also running on a bus route in St. Lucie County. St. Lucie RISE (SLR) continues to collect information on resources with a focus on youth and family services for their Behavioral Health Resource Guide. The IGNITE task force has selected an evidence-based strategy, Neighbor to Neighbor, for a community violence response in St. Lucie County. Neighbor to Neighbor goes into communities after violence or trauma, the task force is reviewing that practice and how to implement it in St. Lucie County. When ready, Ms. Bishop and the task force will bring it to the board. Update on the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM), the workgroup met with Judge Schwab, and he is looking to review the Georgetown University proposal. Carol Deloach sent multiple emails to Tallahassee to see if it was possible to use funds for the trainings. Nathan Peterson shared that the Judge has asked for more information on how it is being implemented in other areas and Mr. Peterson is working to get that information for Judge Schwab.

VI. St. Lucie Public Schools Presentation

- Dr. Jon Prince, Superintendent of St. Lucie Public Schools presented. (See PowerPoint)

VII. Agency Announcements/Updates

- Teresa Bishop – Announced that Operations Manager, Dana Espinosa is celebrating 10 years with the Roundtable this month.
- Lisa von Seelen – Madison’s Miracles on October 12th.
- Virginia Keating – DOC is encouraging Probation Officers to offer services and recommendations to families as a whole, not just specific to the offender.
- Stephanie Morgan – Youth Council is going well, youth must be Port St. Lucie resident. The City has received over 40 applications to be on the youth council.
- Jeff Lee – Congratulations to the St. Lucie Public Schools for their successes; encouraged community partners to do a better job promoting the success of our schools.
- Clint Sperber – Shared Jessica Clinton Heart Screening event on November 16th.
- Sean Boyle – CSC Board approved funding in August and released it. Funding opportunities are open for: 2025 Summer Learning and Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby. Coffee with a Grant Writer is held on the second Friday of the month.
- Ann Berner – Curriculum approved by Department of Education.

Adjourned: 10:18 am