



**Roundtable Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2024**  
**8:30 am – 10:00 am**  
**Location: Children’s Services Council**  
**Chair: Tony Loupe**

**Roundtable Members Attending:** Tom Bakkedahl, Ann Berner, Sean Boyle, Carol DeLoach, Richard Del Toro, Jr., Sonya Gabriel, Tony Loupe, Troy Norman, Heather Parker, Nathan Peterson, David Pickett, Dr. Jon Prince, Clint Sperber, Dana Trabulsy, and Lisa von Seelen.

**Roundtable Members Absent:** Terissa Aronson, Linda Bartz, Brian Bauer, Joseph Cracchiola, Thomas Epsky, Diane Hobley-Burney, Arnold Gaines, Jeff Lee, Diamond Litty, Bob McPartlan, Peter Tesch, Andy Treadwell, and Rosetta Washington.

**Guests Attending:** Robert Ridle, Heidi Moria, Marc Hopin, Donita Brunson, Stefanie Myers, Melanie Tarnoff, Michelle Peaslee, Shamra Gilles, Amanda Callaghan, Amanda DeMan, Stephanie Morgan, Jovil Wharton, Vic Miller, Stacy Pierre, Herla Arteche, Maureen Simmons, Shelley Stuart, Bruce Broder, Cassey Chang, Victare Begearond, Courtney Marx, Ryan Register, Karen Gitlin, Lisa Cobb, and Christann Hartley.

**I. Welcome**

Tony Loupe started the meeting at 8:39 a.m. and welcomed all members.

**Pledges**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

**II. September Agenda and August Minutes**

*A motion was made by David Pickett to accept the September Agenda and August Minutes, seconded by Carol Deloach. The motion passed unanimously.*

**III. July Financials**

Christann Hartley presented the July Financials.

*A motion was made by Lisa von Seelen to accept the July Financials, seconded by Carol Deloach. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **IV. CEO Evaluation/Compensation**

Tony Loupe shared that CEO, Teresa Bishop did very well on her annual evaluation. The Executive Committee recommended a 6% salary increase for 24/25 increasing the CEO salary to \$113,327, and a 4% bonus payment to be paid from the 23/24 fiscal year budget, if possible. Tony Loupe discussed this option with Sean Boyle, CEO of Children's Services Council (CSC) before today's board meeting and was informed that a 4% bonus was not permitted unless all CSC employees are also receiving a bonus and because Teresa Bishop is considered a CSC employee this rule applies to this request. Tony asked the Board to give the Executive Committee permission to research other options including possibly increasing the CEO's cell allowance or car stipend, or a payment to Ms. Bishop's (CEO) retirement account.

***A motion was made by Heather Parker to increase the CEO salary by 6% for the 2024/25 fiscal year, seconded by Carol Deloach. The motion passed unanimously.***

***A motion was made by Nathan Peterson to allow the Executive Committee to research alternate options to the 4% bonus and to present those recommendations to the Board at a future meeting, seconded by Lisa von Seelen. The motion passed unanimously.***

#### **V. Roundtable 2024/2025 Proposed Budget**

Christann Hartley presented the proposed 2024/25 Roundtable Budget.

***A motion was made by Heather Parker to accept the proposed 2024/2025 Roundtable budget, seconded by David Pickett. The motion passed unanimously.***

#### **VI. Chair Report**

Tony Loupe thanked the executive committee members for their service to the Roundtable.

#### **VII. Election of Officers**

Tony Loupe presented the proposed slate of officers for a vote:

**Chair:** Heather Parker

**Vice Chair:** Carol Deloach

**Secretary:** Ann Berner

**Treasurer:** Nathan Peterson

**Past Chair:** Tony Loupe

**Steering Committee Chair:** TBD

**At Large Member:** David Pickett

***A motion was made by Lisa von Seelen to accept the new slate of officers for the 24/25-25/26 Executive Committee, seconded by Dr. Jon Prince. The motion passed unanimously.***

#### **VIII. CEO Report**

Teresa Bishop shared that the Roundtable hosted an ad hoc workgroup for violence and delinquency to determine if there is a need to establish a Roundtable Network under this title. The workgroup agreed that

the idea should be tabled due to pending law enforcement agency changes and election outcomes that are yet to go into effect. Clint Sperber recommended that all three law enforcement agencies participate and that they all agree when the decision is ultimately made. Ms. Bishop will bring a motion to the board in February or March on this topic. The Roundtable will assign board members a portion of the Community Assessment Report (CAR) and strategic planning items specific to each member's field of work. The Roundtable Board Member Retreat will likely be moved to after January 2025. The application was submitted to Hunt for ongoing funding. The CEO is also in discussions with the Andrew and Robin Hunt and the Martin County Foundation for additional funding opportunities. H.Y.P.E youth coalition is working to increase school connections and establish chapter sites on various campuses to address the transportation issues that some youth have getting to meetings in the community. Denise Sirmons/Lincoln Park Community Center and the E.N.D. It! Corporation were recognized for their partnership with the PhotoVoice project. Marcus Mills is still waiting for a response from DCF regarding his full transition to Cayuga. Drug Free St. Lucie (DFSL) has been conducting environmental scans on smoke/vape shops and alcohol retailers. DFSL is accepting nominations for the Champions of Prevention Awards to be presented at the upcoming DFSL Annual Meeting in October. DFSL is planning a week of activities for Red Ribbon Week and has its next Prescription Drug Take Back Day planned for October 24<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Drugs in Fort Pierce. The "Talk. They Hear You." SAMHSA Opioid bus campaign is running in September on bus routes through Fort Pierce. St. Lucie RISE (SLR) attended the FL Behavioral Health Conference with Peace For St. Lucie member, Cassey Chang. SLR is also in discussions to establish a partnership agreement with an agency to provide Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid to the community. SLR presented to the IGNITE Task Force the information received from Dr. Jackson to create strategies for better serving C.A. Moore Elementary students and families and the surrounding community. They need family navigators to go to the homes of children who are not in school. Sean Boyle shared that the Boys and Girls Club has an Attendance Plus program and C.A. Moore Elementary is likely one of its sites. They have staff that go to homes when students are absent and work with the families. Carol DeLoach also mentioned CINS/FINS (Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services) and statute 984, which allows courts to put services in place before the case goes to dependency court. CINS/FINS is under DJJ and referrals are submitted through the school district; the DJJ attorneys make recommendations. Dana Trabulsy shared that in her meeting with Secretary Hall, they discussed working on the truancy side of absenteeism and looking at ways to help the families and not further punish them. They are proposing a standard definition of absenteeism and a three-tiered approach with someone at every school to identify the students with chronic absences and work with those families on a case-by-case basis. Carol DeLoach provided an update on the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) and shared that they have a meeting scheduled with Dana Trabulsy regarding appropriation.

## **IX. The Youth Voice**

- Shamra Gilles, St. Lucie RISE Project Coordinator; Jovil Wharton, Drug Free St. Lucie Project Coordinator; and Amanda DeMan, Kids at Hope School and Community Liaison presented. Attendees were asked to walk around the PhotoVoice exhibit at the meeting and review the YouthCon contributions from St. Lucie County youth regarding mental health and substance use. (See PowerPoint.)

## **X. Agency Announcements/Updates**

- Sonya Gabriel – Infant Mortality Trunk or Treat for babies and moms at the Health Department on October 19. (See flyer)
- Robert Ridle – Fort Pierce Police Department is looking to open possibly a new sub-station; IRSC will be housing a third sub-station starting in October.
- Sean Boyle – More Than a Game/Bowling and Fatherhood Initiative starts October 1<sup>st</sup> and still has openings to register. On Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, CSC is partnering with local agencies for a Drive-In Family Movie night; free books of the same movie will be distributed.
- Clint Sperber – Thanked Sonya Gabriel for her work on the Steering Committee.

- Ann Berner – Shout out to Mark Hopkin of Jewish Family Services for funding Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- Lisa von Seelen – Madison’s Miracles will be held at Winterlakes Park on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Heather Parker – Thanked Tony Loupe for his role as Chair of the Executive Committee.
- Tony Loupe – VPK has started, please contact the ELC if you know of a 4-year-old that the traditional VPK setting is not the best setting for a child; ELC offers other services for children.

**Adjourned: 10:18 am**