



Roundtable Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2024

8:30am – 10:00am

Location: Children's Services Council

Vice Chair: Carol Deloach

Roundtable Board Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Teresa Bishop, Sean Boyle, Joseph Cracchiola, Carol Deloach, Thomas Epsky, Adrienne Huggins, Jeff Lee, Erin Lowry, Bob McPartlan, Leo Niemczyk, David Pickett, Clint Sperber, Andrew Treadwell, and Lisa von Seelen

Roundtable Board Members Absent: Tom Bakkedahl, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, Diane Hogley-Burney, Diamond Litty, Tony Loupe, Heather Parker, Nathan Peterson, Dr. Jon Prince, Peter Tesch, Dana Trabulsy, and Rosetta Washington

Guest Attendees: Herla Arteche, Jason Barela, Carol Fiddis, Jason Lopez de Sisco, Audria Moore, Valerie Richards, Latoya Samuels, Christian Sassano, and Melanie Trewyn

I. Welcome

Carol Deloach started the meeting at 8:25 am and welcomed all members.

Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

II. Chair Report

Carol Deloach announced the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office withdrawal from the Roundtable of St. Lucie County board and that the matter will be revisited with Sheriff-Elect Del Toro in January 2025. An update on the status of the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) was also provided. The CYPM workgroup is still looking for funding to cover the cost of approximately \$169,000 to implement the model in St. Lucie County. The forms to request funds from the state have not been published yet. However, it is understood that it will be difficult to get funding, and it requires a House and Senate sponsor. The Chair described the additional problems that occur as youth are stuck on intake status, incurring more charges and the added stress on the families. Georgetown University provided recommendations to put the CYPM model in place in St. Lucie County in which Communities Connected for Kids, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and Families, and Guardian ad Litem work together for these youth. Judge Schwab also supports the model.

Questions and recommendations from the board:

- Do we pitch it circuit-wide, not just one county?
 - The pilot is in St. Lucie County with the purpose to widen to all counties/circuits.
- Request guidance from State Representative Dana Trabulsy on how to frame the funding request. Build it into an agency budget (DCF or CCK), etc.
- Seven other circuits implemented the model.
- DJJ does not have the funding. Georgetown suggested looking at a special line of funding for training. However, that funding has already been obligated. So, we ask for special appropriations,

A recommendation was made that Carol Deloach, CCK, speaks at the St. Lucie County Special Delegation Meeting to provide a three-minute summary.

A motion was made by David Pickett to approve the Chair presenting to the Delegation, seconded by Bob McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CEO Report

CEO Teresa Bishop began by welcoming two new board members, Erin Lowry with the Board of County Commissioners and Chief Leo Niemczyk with the Port St. Lucie Police Department. Bob McPartlan was congratulated for his new position as the Mayor of Sebastian. The Roundtable was awarded \$10,000 from the Roy A. Hunt Foundation. The Roundtable has hired Derek Weintraub as the new Drug Free St. Lucie Project Coordinator. Board Members were asked to confirm their availability to attend the Roundtable Retreat on March 7, 2025, from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. No conflicts were reported with this date and time. Kids at Hope had sixteen (16) entries from local schools and organizations for their National Kids at Hope Day Contest. They are pleased to announce Lakewood Park Elementary as the winner, with Sunlight Christian Academy and Fairlawn Elementary coming in a close 2nd and 3rd respectively. On November 19, 2024, the Children's Services Council's *More Than a Game*, in partnership with Kids at Hope, ended with eight (8) men graduating this session. *More than the Arts* is being developed now and will be offered to mothers. The Kids at Hope team held four Community Refresher Trainings and six Parent Trainings in November. They also participated in Trauma Informed Care Training with Tykes and Teens. H.Y.P.E. youth participated in several Red Ribbon Week campaigns, reaching 4,200 youth with substance misuse prevention messaging. H.Y.P.E. members were introduced to the Strategic Prevention Framework and began using this model to comprise a plan to assist with local community issues. H.Y.P.E. is also seeking local agencies in need of volunteers to help provide hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness. Mothers at Hope held a successful "Hope-To-Go" pop-up boutique, providing over forty-five families in need with free childcare items and information for community resources. Drug Free St. Lucie is in the process of rescheduling its Annual Meeting and Champions of Prevention Award Ceremony with an expected date of January 30, 2025. St. Lucie RISE will host their first Mental Health First Aid training in January 2025 and has more trainings scheduled

quarterly. St. Lucie RISE is also partnering with FIU to bring Psychological First Aid to members of St. Lucie County. Due to a lack of response from local behavioral health agencies, St. Lucie RISE (SLR) has decided to move forward to the design phase of the St. Lucie Cares Behavioral Health Resource Guide with hopes that once the guide is in circulation it will inspire agencies to share their information to add to it. SLR plans to release updated editions as needed. St. Lucie RISE is also working with the Lead Epidemiologist at Catalyst to create a youth mental health survey.

IV. December Agenda & November Minutes

A motion was made by Sean Boyle to accept the December Agenda and November Minutes, seconded by Terissa Aronson. The motion passed unanimously.

V. October Financials

Christann Hartley presented the October financials.

A motion was made by Andrew Treadwell to accept the October financials, seconded by David Pickett. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

Lisa von Seelen, President of Healthy Start St. Lucie, presented. *(See PowerPoint)*

VII. Social Connections

Dr. Julie Radlauer, CEO of Collectively, presented. *(See PowerPoint)*

VIII. Agency Announcements/Updates

- Joseph Cracchiola – Train the Trainers in Mental Health First Aid scheduled.
- Clint Sperber- Thanked everyone for their help at the annual heart screening event.
- Jeff Lee – Big Heart Brigade served 300 turkeys, delivered 2300 individual meals on Thanksgiving.
- Erin Lowry – Thanked the board and looking forward to serving.
- David Pickett – Port St. Lucie Festival of Lights at 4:00 pm at the Mid-Florida Event Center.
- Adrienne Huggins – IGNITE Youth Alliance soft launch on 1/14/25 of the new building; an invite is forthcoming and sponsorships are available.
- Melanie Trewyn – Remember For Change Holiday Bingo event .
- Kevin Singletary – KAH is hosting two trainings that are open to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am