



Roundtable Meeting
May 7, 2021
Lisa von Seelen, Chair

Roundtable Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Tom Bakkendahl, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Carol DeLoach, Chris Dzadovsky, Debbie Hawley, Ed Kiley, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Heather Parker, Jessica Parrish, Nathan Peterson, David Pickett, Clint Sperber, Andy Treadwell, and Lisa von Seelen.

Roundtable Members Absent: John Bolduc, Bruce Colton, Wayne Gent, Diane Hobleby-Burney, Curtis Johnson, Diamond Litty, Bob Meadows, Nate Spera, Pete Tesch, and Garry Wilson.

Guests Attending: Kevin Perry designee for Wayne Gent, Linda Hudson designee for Curtis Johnson.

I. Welcome

Lisa von Seelen welcomed all members and guests.

II. Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

III. May Agenda & March Minutes

Motion was made by Brian Bauer to accept the May agenda and March minutes, seconded by Tony Loupe. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. March Financials

Esperanza Morales presented the March financials (see attached).

Motion was made by Tony Loupe to approve the March financials, seconded by Ed Kiley. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Chair Report/Executive Director Report

Chair Report

Lisa von Seelen thanked everyone for being in attendance today and did not have any announcements.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director Report (see attached).

VI. Virtual Town Hall Series: Focused Community Conversations on Race Equity

Upendo Shabazz with Allegany Franciscan Ministries stated why they have financed this project. She noted that it is intentional of them to help the community in Lincoln Park to thrive. Canieria Gardner is the project lead and presented on the town hall meetings. She noted they are concentrating on health, education, economics, and criminal justice.

VII. Child Welfare & Criminal Justice Network Priority Issue

Heather Parker presented the scope of work of the Network and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) crossover youth. Youth are being held at DJJ for extended periods of time, and they would like to make the process smoother and shorter. Carol DeLoach added that persistent youth rack up new charges and escalate in offending. We need to bring help to them – offering mental health and substance abuse services - but this is up to the family unless the court mandates it.

VIII. Announcements/Agency Updates

- Sean Boyle – Children’s Services Council is sponsoring 23 summer sites this year.
- Heather Parker – The Guardian ad Litem program has moved to 300 Orange Avenue, on the second floor. They will be sponsoring a grand opening in the near future.
- Ed Kiley – The Housing Authority is in the midst of assessing their goals and mission statement. Teresa Bishop will be presenting to the Board in September regarding Ignite.
- Kevin Perry – The School District is now in their testing season. On May 25 they are offering graduations at Lawnwood Stadium.
- Tom Bakkendahl – He is willing to offer an attorney to serve on the Child Welfare Network. Chief Justice Courts are now open, with masks and distancing still in effect.
- Brian Bauer – They are offering the Summer of Success to 107 students this year. There is a new grant to hire an Intake Navigator to cover the opioid problem. This is a two-year staff position.
- Carol DeLoach – Child removal rates are decreasing and adoptions are increasing.
- Clint Sperber – Since January Covid deaths are decreasing, showing that vaccines are working. So far, 77,000 doses have been administered in St. Lucie County.
- Nathan Peterson – They have 66 youth in detention, with 28 of them from St. Lucie County.
- Andy Treadwell – IRSC has 1,300 graduates this year. Soon they will be wrapping up the construction of their new building, which will offer manufacturing, automobile, and welding trades.