



**Roundtable Board Meeting**  
**April 1, 2022**  
**8:30 am – 10:00 am**  
**Lisa von Seelen, Chair**

**Roundtable Members Attending:** Teresa Bishop, Terissa Aronson, Tom Bakkedahl, Rosetta Bartell, Linda Bartz, Ann Berner, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Carol Deloach, Debbie Hawley, Brian Hester, Curtis Johnson, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Heather Parker, Jessica Parrish, Nathan Peterson, David Pickett, Nate Spera, Clint Sperber, Peter Tesch, Dana Trabulsy and Lisa von Seelen.

**Roundtable Members Absent:** Brian Bauer, Michael Davis, Wayne Gent, Diane Hobley-Burney, Michael Linn, Diamond Litty.

**Guests Attending:** Arnold Gaines, Shantel Lariosa, Susan Hutcheson, Betty Bradwell, David Minner, Monica Jakobsen, and Pinkie Hendley.

**I. Welcome**

Lisa von Seelen opened the meeting at 8:31 a.m. and welcomed all members.

**Pledges**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

**II. March & April Agendas & February & March Minutes**

*A motion was made by Robert McPartlan to accept the March & April agendas and February & March minutes, seconded by John Bolduc. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. January and February Financials**

*A motion was made by Tony Loupe to accept the January Financials, seconded by Ann Berner. Motion carried unanimously.*

Jessica Parrish requested clarification on the income reported on the February Financials; Finance Manager David Minner will provide clarification at the next board meeting in May and a motion to accept at that time will be requested.

#### **IV. Chair Report / CEO Report**

##### Chair Report

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

##### Chief Executive Officer Report

Teresa Bishop shared with the board that the Roundtable has applied for two United Way grants for Kids at Hope and IGNITE Youth Alliance after receiving approval from the Executive Committee. The Roundtable (RT) is preparing to enter their strategic planning process with a focus on the CTC Framework that looks at risk/protective factors; the RT will be looking closely at violence and delinquency, and academic success. As seen on the SWOT survey question #11; the RT will be reviewing risk/protective factors surrounding favorable attitudes towards anti-social behaviors, poor family management, and lack of commitment to school. The RT will also pull data from schools to help strengthen attendance in St. Lucie County. RT networks will also be focusing on laws/norms favorable to drug use in our area. The Child Welfare Network/ IGNITE Youth Alliance, and the RT will work together on collective impact and how best to implement those strategies. Drug Free St. Lucie (DFSL) is reviewing indicators across St. Lucie County surrounding youth substance misuse. The RT recently completed the application for the continuation of the federal grant/Drug Free Communities for years 6-10/\$125,000 per year and will be looking at vaping, underage drinking, and working with law enforcement on compliance checks, how youth access alcohol, and high density of alcohol/signage in our area. The RT networks are also working together on the Youth Symposium that will take place later this summer. Teresa thanked Fire Chief Nate Spera for hosting the Kids at Hope (KAH) community training, there has been an increase in demand for this training. KAH is also partnering with Children's Services Council (CSC) on "More than a Game II", a fatherhood initiative. Carol Deloach shared that DCF has additional funding for fatherhood training. Teresa also shared the IGNITE Exploratory Committee has created a brief survey to request the Board's input on the sustainability of IGNITE, a survey link will be sent to all Board members for their input. The Safe Neighborhood Network is moving along as planned with the gang assessment, data collection is going very well and the RT is getting ready to survey local data. The research consultant is compiling the data and the RT hopes to have the assessment completed by early fall. The DFSL "Hidden in Plain Sight" room is currently available to tour by appointment in the Incubate Neighborhood Center in Fort Pierce through the month of April. The DFSL Coordinator, Jovil Wharton, is chairing the Youth Symposium planning meetings and partnering with Boys and Girls Club, PACE Center for Girls and other local agencies in the planning process. The Child Welfare Network is working on a contract with Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform to analyze the local system to determine where the bottleneck is on intake issues before we can implement the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM). The funding is in process with Children's Services Council and Communities Connected for Kids. Carol Deloach thanked Carlos Wells and Brett Peters for their commitment and involvement in the process. Ann Berner shared that she has been involved in CYPM in Polk County and it was very effective.

#### **V. Roundtable SWOT Survey Results**

Teresa shared the SWOT survey results with board members. See attached.

## **VI. Consultant's Assessment / Recommendations**

See PowerPoint Presentation. Board members participated in a discussion on the importance of dialogue with the public, those of greatest need in the decision-making process for the Roundtable (RT) and our respective organizations.

### Dialogue #1 Responses:

- Find out the needs of the community and check in often.
- Community involvement because not everyone agrees.
- Ask the community, those in need of the services, what they want/need.
- Be collaborative, not competitive.
- Build programs and initiatives along with the community, so they expand the program for you. They have to buy in, if they're involved then they can act as your "word of mouth".
- Listen to who we serve.
- Have public advocates.
- The community needs more marketing of the services that are available, they also need more knowledge about those services.
- Get public input before implementation.

Dialogue #2: What were moments of excellence that the Roundtable and/or your organization was at its best engaging the public, consumers of services, and those of greatest need in decision making:

- The gang initiative and the board coming together with community leaders to implement it.
- The gang assessment and the community's involvement in it.
- Youth Leadership – they built relationships and trust through hard/frank conversations.
- How the Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM) was developed, soliciting input, 15-20 people invited, a passionate group. Based on those meetings Lincoln Park Advisory Committee (LPAC) was developed as well.
- Townhall Meetings – small and informal. Townhall meetings with focus groups took place at all 40 schools. Permission was given for staff to talk openly to other agencies.
- Children's Services Council (CSC) does a survey every two years to survey the community's perception, this is essential for funding.
- Collective work with the community.
- Organizations together can make the change.

### Opportunities /Feedback:

- Speak to the community the way they speak; plain English so they understand.
- Return to "Coffee Connections" with CSC to engage agencies and share resources.
- Provide better access, ask the community their opinion.
- Get law enforcement and courts more involved in the community.
- We need agencies to come to the community, show up, engage, have lunch, and create a dialogue. The community/residents are not going to come to meetings like this.

## **VII. Announcements/ Agency Updates**

- Heather Parker – April 16<sup>th</sup> is our "Be a Hero" day at the Mets game is this month.
- Dana Trabulsy – Special session soon. Invited board members to reach out to her for any resources/collaboration she can make available through her participation on the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

- Clint Sperber – Thanked United Way and the St. Lucie County School District for funding the school health programs.
- Tony Loupe – Kids on the Move event moved to next Saturday due to weather, will be a drive-through event.
- Jessica Parrish – Expanded to Okeechobee. Partnerships with IRSC and Cleveland Clinic; kick-off at White City Elementary in January 2023.
- Robert McPartlan – Please remember it is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Rosetta Bartell – Change the mindset of public housing, all our residents deserve clean/updated housing. The housing authority is working to change that mindset for employees and tenants.
- David Pickett – Arts and Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday.
- John Bolduc – PSLPD has its motorcycle/antique car ride coming up. \$20 per car/\$5 per passenger; McCarty Ranch.
- Deputy Chief Robert Riddle – FPPD continues to make mental health assistance/awareness a priority for our staff.
- Ann Berner – Thanked the legislature for a huge increase in funding for behavioral health.
- Lisa von Seelen – They are seeing a need with homeless moms being trafficked, mental health and substance abuse issues, lack of access to care.

Meeting Adjourned – 10:22 a.m.