



**Roundtable Board Meeting
May 6, 2022
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Lisa von Seelen, Chair**

Roundtable Members Attending: Teresa Bishop, Tom Bakkedahl, Linda Bartz, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Carol Deloach, Debbie Hawley, Brian Hester, Diane Hobley-Burney, Curtis Johnson, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Heather Parker, Jessica Parrish, Nathan Peterson, Clint Sperber, and Lisa von Seelen.

Roundtable Members Absent: Terissa Aronson, Rosetta Bartell, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, Carol Deloach, John Prince, Wayne Gent, Michael Linn, Diamond Litty, David Pickett, Nate Spera, Peter Tesch, Dana Trabulsky, and Andrew Treadwell.

Guests Attending: Betty Bradwell, Dr. Pinkie Hendley, and Dr. Teresa Albizu.

I. Welcome

Lisa von Seelen opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m. and welcomed all members.

Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

II. May Agenda & April Minutes

A motion was made by Linda Bartz to accept the May agenda and April minutes, seconded by Robert McPartlan. Motion carried unanimously.

III. 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 that the Roundtable's Strategic Planning is underway, and the Roundtable (RT) will engage key stakeholders in this process beginning next month. Ms. Bishop also announced that Judge Michael Linn has completed his Roundtable Board Member Orientation and has agreed to join the Board. She shared the success of Kids at Hope's partnership with Children's Services Council on the "More Than a Game II" Fatherhood initiative, which had over 30 men in

attendance. The IGNITE Exploratory Committee has submitted its final recommendations on the sustainability of IGNITE. That report will be presented at the June RT Board Meeting.

Teresa shared a new grant opportunity from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) – “Enhancing School Capacity to Address Youth Violence”. The grant application is due by June 29th, 2022. There was discussion as to which agencies may want to apply and/or partner in applying for this grant. John Bolduc shared that the grant would require school district participation and inquired if any other agencies had an interest in applying. The Port St. Lucie Police Department would not be applying. Chief Hobley-Burney requested the grant information be forwarded to her for review and suggested that the Sheriff’s Office/SROs may be a better fit for the partnership. Chief Deputy Hester suggested the grant could do a lot for additional training for SROs that they would use in the work they do in the schools. Ms. Bishop recommended that the RT convene a meeting with all partners to determine the appropriate outcomes for the grant and to write the proposal.

Linda Bartz made a motion to approve the Roundtable’s discussion to partner with another agency in applying for this grant; John Bolduc seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Teresa updated the Board on the status of the Safe Neighborhood Network Gang Assessment which is currently underway. The community assessment/surveys will begin in June. The CYPM contract is currently being reviewed. Drug Free St. Lucie (DFSL) recently had a virtual federal site visit that went very well. The federal representatives would like to refer DFSL to other drug-free agencies due to our coalition’s successes. The One Youth Symposium is scheduled to take place in August and the planning/preparation is underway, headed by our DFSL Coordinator, Jovil Wharton. Ms. Wharton is also continuing her “*Hidden In Plain Sight*” tours at the I.N.C. location through June.

IV. Legislative Update

Lisa von Seelen shared that Dana Trabulsky would not be available to present due to illness. Ms. von Seelen opened the floor for discussion regarding current legislative news.

V. SafeSpace, Inc.

Dr. Teresa Albizu presented. See PowerPoint.

VI. Announcements/ Agency Updates

- Diane Hobley-Burney – The R.I.C.H. House (Resources in Community Hope) is available and located at Avenue I, Fort Pierce. July 6th – Unity in the Community Event at the Fort Pierce Recreation Center.
- Brian Hester – Law Enforcement Memorial Week in St. Lucie County; there will be several services and events in recognition of law enforcement officers, including Tuesday’s memorial services at St. Bernadette’s church.
- Linda Bartz – Working with United Way on a \$1-million-dollar grant related to family/children needs.
- Tony Loupe – ELC shares a monthly parent/provider newsletter, if any agencies would like to include their information, please notify Mr. Loupe.

- Jessica Parrish – Shared that the grant UW is working on with Linda Bartz is geared towards strong/healthy families. An informal vote will take place in May.
- Curtis Johnson – The City of Fort Pierce is working with the county on the Juneteenth celebrations during the week of June 13-19th, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned – 10:24 a.m.