



**Roundtable Board Meeting  
September 2, 2022  
8:30 am – 10:00 am  
Lisa von Seelen, Chair**

**Roundtable Members Attending:** Linda Bartz, Ann Berner, Teresa Bishop, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Jessica Parrish, David Pickett, Clint Sperber, and Lisa von Seelen.

**Roundtable Members Attending via Phone:** Debbie Hawley and Tony Loupe.

**Roundtable Members Absent:** Terissa Aronson, Tom Bakkedahl, Rosetta Bartell, Brian Bauer, John Bolduc, Carol Deloach, Brian Hester, Diane Hobley-Burney, Curtis Johnson, Michael Linn, Diamond Litty, Robert McPartlan, Heather Parker, Nathan Peterson, Dr. Jon Prince, Nate Spera, Peter Tesch, Dana Trabulsy, and Andrew Treadwell.

**Guests Attending:** Christann Hartley, Stefanie Myers, Kimberly Reid, Jovil Wharton, Kevin Singletary, Shelly Batton, Randall Hunt, Ann Marie Campbell, Deputy Chief Robert Ridle, and Brett Peters.

**I. Welcome**

Lisa von Seelen opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m. and welcomed all members.

**Pledges**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

**II. September Agenda and August Minutes**

*There was not a quorum present to make a motion.*

**III. July Financials**

Christann Hartley presented the financials.

*There was not a quorum present to make a motion.*

**IV. 2022-23 Budget**

Christann Hartley presented the budget.

*There was not a quorum present to make a motion.*

## **V. Chair Report / CEO Report**

### Chair Report

Lisa von Seelen shared that the fetal/infant mortality action team will be incorporating the Roundtable's Fatherhood Initiative curriculum and a Doula program will begin rolling out shortly.

### Chief Executive Officer Report

Teresa Bishop shared that the Kids at Hope (KAH) team had a very successful Tunnel of Hope at Dan McCarty Middle School with over 100 Treasure Hunters showing up to support the youth and a touching video was created by the school and posted to social media. The Roundtable will receive the Hope Honors Award at the KAH Master's event in Arizona this month and the KAH team will be present to accept on behalf of the Roundtable. The KAH team continues to build new relationships in our community and recently partnered with John Carrol High School to incorporate the KAH culture in their school. Ms. Bishop reported that she is still gathering information and finalizing budget information in an effort to prepare her recommendations on the next steps of IGNITE Youth Alliance (IYA). She highly recommends the creation of a sustainability workgroup to determine the future of IYA beyond 2022/23. Ms. Bishop will include the Safe Neighborhood Network in her report as they are involved in the sustainability of IYA. The IYA MOU has been signed by 22 of the 23 signors; the last signature will be collected when the new CEO is put in place at Tykes and Teens. IYA Outreach Worker Michael Johnson has left for a new job with the CDC on the Opioid Task Force and the Roundtable is very happy for Michael. IYA will be interviewing to fill two Outreach Worker positions. Ms. Bishop has submitted the no cost extensions to OJJDP that IYA will rollover to 22/23 if approved. One St. Lucie Youth Con had several conflicts with other unexpected events in the community and we are in the meeting stages now to reschedule as soon as possible. Drug Free St. Lucie was denied the continuation grant with Drug Free Communities for years 6-10. Ms. Bishop gave thanks to Ann Berner and Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network for providing additional funding to support the ongoing work of Drug Free St. Lucie. Ms. Bishop and Drug Free St. Lucie Project Coordinator, C. Jovil Wharton both attended the recent Florida Behavioral Health Conference and had discussions with various attendees about the state deciding to no longer use the FYSAS and YRBS surveys. Ms. Bishop shared that she recently met with State Representative Dana Trabulsy to share her thoughts about House Bill 7 and the state's decision to eliminate the FYSAS and YRBS. The Child Welfare Network is continuing to pull data and additional information for the Crossover Youth Practice Model assessment. The Safe Neighborhood Network is still working hard at collecting the various surveys in the community for the gang assessment. The Economic Sufficiency Network is launching an Entrepreneurs CEO program/class at Incubate Neighborhood Center to guide and possibly fund new businesses.

## **VI. Roundtable Bylaws**

Teresa Bishop presented the proposed revisions to the Roundtable Bylaws. Feedback from the board consisted of suggestions to lower the requirements for a quorum and presenting an attendance list at each board meeting. The members present recommended the quorum requirement remain at fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of voting members must be present. The board members present also suggested that an attendance record be shared monthly and that the Executive Committee Chair, not the Chief Executive Officer, reach out to those board members with chronic absenteeism.

*There was not a quorum present to make a motion.*

## **VII. Nominating Committee Report**

The Slate of Officers was presented as follows:

- Tony Loupe, Chair
- Heather Parker, Vice Chair
- Ann Berner, Treasurer
- Jessica Parrish, Secretary
- Carol Deloach, Member At Large
- Lisa von Seelen, Past Chair

*There was not a quorum present to make a motion.*

## **VIII. School District Success Update**

Dr. Helen Wild presented on the success of the St. Lucie County School District. See attached PowerPoint. A video from Dan McCarty Middle School was shared with the board that presented their successful and well-attended Kids at Hope tunnel at the start of the school year.

## **IX. Strategic Planning 2022**

Teresa Bishop updated the board on the progress of the strategic plan. The Roundtable will be incorporating the social determinants of health in their assessment. The RT will include these determinants and language in the final report. Next steps include the upcoming Community Stakeholder Meeting on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fenn Center. At this meeting, the Teen Pregnancy, Academic Success, and Healthiest Weight Network Chairs will be presenting in two breakout sessions to collect data and assess risk factors and resource gaps.

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

- Ann Marie Campbell/DJJ – Reported that Civil Citation is working very well and they continue to strive to improve the process. The Department's Back to School Bashes were successful and held in St. Lucie, Okeechobee, and Martin with over 250 backpacks and supplies distributed.
- Deputy Chief Robert Ridle/FPPD – Courageous Kids event has been a success and they will continue hosting them weekly on Tuesdays at First Step Park.
- Jessica Parrish – United Way released nonprofit BOCC funding opportunity, it will close in September. Funding starts in January. United Way's Day of Caring will take place on 10/8 in Okeechobee and 10/15 in St. Lucie County, volunteers are needed. Homegrown Harvest Culinary in partnership with Adams Ranch will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup>, visit their website to register. The Blue Skies Community Night Golf Tournament is being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fairwinds Golf Course in Fort Pierce. More information can be found on their website.

- Sean Boyle – On September 15<sup>th</sup> CSCV will hold their public hearing; increase program allocation by 11%; reduce millage by 12%. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, CSC will host a Chamber event at IRSC, recognizing those in our community who are champions for children. Jim Dwyer retired after 27 years with CSC, Tonya Andreachio was promoted to his position, and CSC is currently interviewing to fill the Program Specialist role.
- Linda Bartz – Civil Citation is working very well for youth in our area. The county is working to collect information so that this might be used with adults as well, so that minor infractions do not result in incarceration. Opioid/Fentanyl testing strips are being sold on Amazon that allows a person to test if a drug is laced with Fentanyl. Ms. Bartz reported that she was informed that in some states, including Florida, a person could be arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia if these tests were found in their possession.
- Clint Sperber – Seeing a reduction in Hepatitis C and HIV with the needle exchange program's success. The Jessica Clinton Heart Screening event is taking place on November 5<sup>th</sup>. A virtual diabetes planning forum will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup>; CEU/CNES offered. The Department will launch four diabetes prevention programs next month, 2 virtual and 2 live. Infant mortality in St. Lucie County is lower than the state (SLC 4.5/ State 5.9); white infant death (State 4.2 /SLC 3.2); black infant death (SLC 7.1 / State 11.5) rates are per 1,000 births.
- Michael Davis – Thanked the board for allowing him to participate and for their work on behalf the children of our community.
- Tony Loupe – VPK started in August, but children can still be registered. ELC does have funding to cover therapies for four-year-olds who may have challenges such as speech, occupational, etc and VPK is not appropriate.
- Kevin Singletary/Kids at Hope – Youth Leadership St. Lucie is accepting new members.
- Kim Ried/Kids at Hope – COSA showcase will take place on 9/21 at the PSL Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned – 10:11 a.m.