



Roundtable Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2023
8:30 am – 10:00 am via Zoom
Tony Loupe, Chair

Roundtable Members Attending: Terissa Aronson, Teresa Bishop, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, Sean Boyle, Joseph Cracchiola, Debbie Hawley, Jeff Lee, Tony Loupe, Robert McPartlan, Troy Norman, Heather Parker, Nathan Peterson, David Pickett, Dr. Jon Prince, Clint Sperber, and Andrew Treadwell.

Roundtable Members Absent: Tom Bakkedahl, Rosetta Bartell, Linda Bartz, Ann Berner, Richard Del Toro, Carol Deloach, Thomas Epsky, Diane Hobley-Burney, Curtis Johnson, Michael Linn, Diamond Litty, Peter Tesch, Dana Trabulsky, and Lisa von Seelen.

Guests Attending: Christann Hartley.

I. Welcome

Tony Loupe opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m. and welcomed all members.

Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

II. August & October Agendas, and June & August Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Parker to accept the August and October Agendas, seconded by Carol Deloach. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Bauer to accept the June and August Minutes, seconded by Robert McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

III. May, June, July, & August Financials

Christann Hartley presented the Roundtable financials to the Board.

A motion was made to accept the May, June, July, and August Financials by Clint Sperber, seconded by Carol Deloach. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2023-24 Budget

Christann Hartley and Teresa Bishop presented the 2023-24 Roundtable Proposed Budget. A further explanation was requested by Carol Deloach regarding the drop in the Supplies line expense. Christann Hartley and Teresa Bishop explained that this decrease is a result of the transition of IGNITE to Cayuga Centers. Sean Boyle inquired about the Projects budget and the expenses allocated to that line. Christann

Hartly explained that the funds allocated to Projects are specific to the pending approval of a contract with Cayuga Centers that is related to the transition of IGNITE Youth Alliance; and that this expense line acts as a pass-through for payments for that contract. Tony Loupe inquired about the Printing/Copying expense significant increase - Christann Hartley explained that the increase is due to specific requirements for marketing, brochures, and education materials that are requirements of the new SAMHSA grant. Carol Deloach inquired about the Advertising/Website expense line - Teresa Bishop explained that this line includes a new virtual *Hidden In Plain Sight* interactive page on the Roundtable's website and is a required grant deliverable.

A motion was made to accept the proposed Roundtable 2023-2024 Budget by Carol Deloach; seconded by Bob McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Chair Report

Tony Loupe informed the Board that there was a delay in establishing a Nominating Committee in June and per the Roundtable Bylaws it is important that the Board establish the Executive Committee Officers in October to begin the new fiscal year. He shared per the bylaws: "No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office"; and that the existing Officers have only served one year in their current office and are prepared to continue for another year if no other members express an interest and there are no new nominations; the only exception is the Steering Committee Chair – Debbie Hawley, who has reached her term limit. No Board members expressed an interest and there were no new nominations. Tony presented to the Board, if there are no objections, that the existing Officers will remain in their current office for one more year and that the current Steering Committee Chair, Debbie Hawley will be replaced by Sonya Gabriel.

The following Slate of Officers was presented for approval:

- Chair – Tony Loupe
- Vice Chair – Heather Parker
- Secretary – Robert McPartlan
- Treasurer – Ann Berner
- Past Chair – Lisa von Seelen
- At Large – Carol Deloach
- Steering Committee Chair – Sonya Gabriel

A motion was made by Sean Boyle to accept the Slate of Officers presented; seconded by Jeff Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

Tony Loupe opened a discussion regarding the status of continuing implementation of the Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM) following IGNITE's transition to Cayuga Centers. (Due to technical difficulties, it was necessary for Teresa Bishop to fill in for Tony Loupe at various times during the discussion). Teresa Bishop explained that due to the transition of IGNITE Youth Alliance (IYA) to Cayuga Centers the IYA staff will now work to provide services including, Targeted Case Management and mentoring to the program youth; they will no longer be implementing the CGM to fidelity. Teresa explained the need for funding to hire a CGM Coordinator to continue implementing the intervention component of the CGM via coordination of Intervention Team meetings, communicating with law enforcement, schools, local agencies, and track local data, and more. Teresa Bishop estimated the cost to fund that position at approximately \$100,000 and includes salary, administrative costs, and other miscellaneous expenses. A more precise budget can be created if the board has an interest in moving ahead with this option.

- Robert McPartlan – If we do not move ahead immediately and something [violence in the community] gets worse, do we have to restart the entire process?

- Teresa Bishop – We would have to rely on the newspapers or law enforcement to notify of us an increase in crime in the community.
- Tony Loupe – Noted that we do not have any law enforcement at this meeting representing the Fort Pierce Police Department or the Port St. Lucie Police Department, nor do we have any City Commissioners from Fort Pierce. Their input is vital to this discussion. This is a discussion that has been going on for a long time and it may be that it needs to be put on pause until we can gather all the entities to discuss the work, the need, and the funding.
- Teresa Bishop – Outreach Workers are not supposed to report to law enforcement, that is the coordinator's role. If those lines are blurred it violates the CGM model. The Fort Pierce Police Department is very busy, but they have not made this a priority. Does the board want to have one more conversation with the city of Fort Pierce or do we want to sunset the CGM? Currently the Roundtable has not gained any traction with the City of Fort Pierce.
- Sean Boyle – Suggested that the Roundtable (RT) create a one pager explaining this request and the changes happening with IYA and the implementation of the CGM.
- Teresa Bishop – The Roundtable has moved two of the five components of the CGM to Cayuga, therefore the CGM is not going to be done with integrity. The community mobilization and intervention piece did not go to Cayuga. Teresa will prepare a one-pager.
- Carol Deloach – Entities benefiting most from the model are not present today. Suggested doing a one-pager and meeting with the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Police Department. If the CGM is not being implemented to fidelity, then law enforcement will have more work on their hands.
- Troy Norman – The players who benefit most are not participating. It is hard to measure which crimes IYA is preventing, it is subjective.
- Teresa Bishop – The RT completed an Impact Report several years showing the results of IYA's work in the community. The new assessment is due any day showing we contributed to the reduction of gang violence and crime in general.
- Troy Norman – Recommended using the new RT Impact Report and Assessment when presenting to the City of Fort Pierce and Board of County Commissioners.
- Tony Loupe – Inquired on the status of the completed report.
- Teresa Bishop – The final report should be ready in the next two weeks.
- Tony Loupe – Inquired on which components of the Comprehensive Gang Model have stopped.
- Teresa Bishop – In the last 30 days, the RT has been winding down following the transition of IGNITE. The Safe Neighborhood Network (SNN) still needs to review the final gang assessment and Impact Report to determine what is next. Community mobilization is being done in-kind through the Kids at Hope staff. Informed suppression/Intervention Team meetings are no longer facilitated. The biggest piece missing is the coordination, community mobilization, and assessments.
- Tony Loupe – Recommended that the board wait on the final gang assessment and Impact Report to review and if agreed at that time the board can move forward with additional conversations with particular board members.
- Teresa Bishop – The SNN Steering Committee meeting will meet to discuss in November. The Board can meet to discuss how to move forward after that meeting.
- Clint Sperber – The RT needs a champion, maybe that is Asst. Chief Del Toro since he knows and understands this so well.
- Nathan Peterson – The IYA program has been very important to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Gang violence rippled through the community before IGNITE existed, and it has been a Godsend. The program needs to stay, and he hopes partners will work collaboratively to keep it going.
- Teresa Bishop – Will create a one-pager and an overview of findings to present to the SNN to see if they want to try and salvage it. Hopefully a decision will be made by December to fund it and continue, or to sunset the CGM.

VI. CEO Report

Teresa Bishop shared that the Roundtable was awarded the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Partnership Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,875,000; \$375,000 per year for five years. This award will be launched under St. Lucie RISE as a Mental Health Collaborative. There are four areas of funding for which the Roundtable will collaborate with community partners to provide the following – Family Functional Therapy with Cayuga Centers, Teen Mental Health First-Aid with Boys and Girls Club, Pediatric Integrated Care with Southeast FL Behavioral Health Network, and various social norms campaigns with Drug Free St. Lucie. Teresa Bishop updated the board on the status of the Community Assessment Report (CAR) and Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) report, both are nearly complete. Ms. Bishop is working with a consultant to assist with finalizing the CAR and a meeting is pending to review the data for the CYPM. She also shared that Drug Free St. Lucie has been successful in having the Cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie, as well as St. Lucie County sign proclamations supporting and recognizing Red Ribbon Week. DFSL will host the Champions of Prevention and Annual Meeting on October 26th, as well as a DEA Drug Take Back Day on October 28th at Jackson Drugs in Fort Pierce.

VII. Agency Announcements

- Sean Boyle – Children’s Services Council is partnering with the Chamber for the Annual Impact Awards on November 8, 2023.
- Joe Cracchiola – Department of Corrections has initiated the Fatherhood Initiative Program with 20 probationers. It will be an 8-week program and it is off to a successful start.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:43 a.m.