



Roundtable Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2025

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Location: Zoom

Chair: Heather Parker

Roundtable Board Members Attending: Tom Bakkedahl, Ann Berner, Teresa Bishop, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Michael Broderick, Joseph Cracchiola, Carol Deloach, Thomas Epsky, Adrienne Huggins, Jeff Lee, Tony Loupe, Erin Lowry, Bob McPartlan, Anastasia Norman, Heather Parker, Nathan Peterson, David Pickett, Clint Sperber, Andrew Treadwell, and Lisa von Seelen

Roundtable Board Members Absent: Terissa Aronson, Brian Bauer, Diamond Litty, Leo Niemczyk, Dr. Jon Prince, Robert Ridle, Peter Tesch, Dana Trabulsy, and Rosetta Washington

Guest Attendees: Jongelene Adams, Amanda Callaghan, Amanda DeMan, Shamra Gilles, Caleb Gillette, Christann Hartley, Carmine Izzo, Melanie Manning, Dr. Kevin Perry, Kevin Singletary

I. Welcome

Heather Parker began the meeting at 8:02 am and welcomed all members.

Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

II. September Agenda / August Minutes

A motion was made by Carol Deloach to accept the September Agenda and August Minutes, seconded by Thomas Epsky. The motion passed unanimously.

III. July Financials / FY 25-26 Draft Budget

Christann Hartley presented the July financials.

A motion was made by Jeff Lee to accept the July Financials, seconded by Lisa von Seelen. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Anastasia Norman abstained.

Christann Hartley presented the proposed 2025/26 Roundtable Budget.

A motion was made by Carol Deloach to accept the proposed 2025/26 Roundtable Budget, seconded by Tony Loupe. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Norman abstained.

A motion was made by Carol Deloach to increase the CEO salary by 4% for the 2025/26 fiscal year, seconded by David Pickett. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Norman abstained.

IV. Chair Report

Heather Parker presented the proposed slate of officers for a vote:

Chair: Heather Parker

Vice Chair: Carol Deloach

Secretary: Ann Berner

Treasurer: Nathan Peterson

Past Chair: Tony Loupe

Steering Committee Chair: Adrienne Huggins

At Large Member: David Pickett

A motion was made by Tony Loupe to accept the slate of officers for the 25/26 Executive Committee, seconded by Tom Bakkedahl. The motion passed unanimously.

V. CEO Report

On August 18th, the Roundtable hosted an Advocacy Training with Representative Dana Trabulsy, providing partners with valuable insights on effective advocacy and engagement strategies. Thomas Epsky reported that United Way of St. Lucie & Okeechobee is beginning to transition from isolated funding toward a collective impact model. The Steering Committee Retreat was held on August 28th with the purpose of developing a plan to achieve the goals outlined in the Community Assessment. An additional half-day training is being planned to continue this work. The Roy A. Hunt Grant for \$10,000 was submitted; this grant has been awarded annually for the past several years. Kids at Hope's Tunnels of Hope engaged 27 schools, including one private Christian academy and one charter school, reaching more than 20,000 students with the support of numerous community partners. Thank you to all Roundtable Board Members and community members who helped make the Tunnels of Hope a success! H.Y.P.E is continuing its partnership at Fort Pierce Central High, maintaining momentum at Northport K-8, and exploring opportunities to expand to new schools. Mothers at Hope is partnering with ALPI to host the next Mothers at Hope peer support group for pregnant and postpartum mothers. They are also planning the next Hope-to-Go Pop-Up Boutique on September 13, 2025, and are actively seeking volunteers and vendors for the event. Donations had to be closed due to the overwhelming support from the community. IGNITE Youth Alliance successfully transitioned to RiteLife Services. Drug Free St. Lucie's progress report was submitted and approved, and continuation funding for FY 25/26 has been awarded. While this is encouraging, it is important to remain cautiously hopeful, as only Congress can remove funding and changes could occur given the current climate.

The Virtual Hidden in Plain Sight program is now live. Planning is underway for YouthCon in September 2025, in partnership with the Opioid Response Network, which will feature music and a focus on mental health. Drug Free St. Lucie has also partnered with New Horizons to conduct Environmental Scans. Additionally, planning is in progress for the DEA Drug Take Back event with Jackson Drugs and the National Guard. A Red Ribbon Week calendar will be released at the beginning of October. Registration is now open for St. Lucie RISE's next Adult Mental Health First Aid Training on October 21st. SAMHSA has not yet received approval for continued funding; although we were asked to modify the language, the final decision remains uncertain as the Senate and House continue negotiations, despite the President's original proposal to remove this funding. A QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer.) Training link has been sent to all board members, with the Roundtable sponsoring 30 spots on a first-come, first-served basis, fulfilling the Zero Suicide funding requirement. In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month, St. Lucie RISE hosted a special presentation by Monique Robbins of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.