

## **Community Engagement Task Force Meeting**

**January 19, 2022**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

Members Present: Mike Edmondson – State Attorney’s Office, Barbara Cheives, Converge and Associates, Francine Adderley, John Viola, Ricky Petty- Healthier Boynton, Chief Javaro Sims, Major Chris Keane, Richard Riffland – All County Bonds, Marc Freeman, Josh – South City Bail Bonds, Carmelle Marcelin – Healthier Lake Worth, Annie Ifill – Healthier Belle Glade, Dr. Angela Best – Palm Beach County Schools, Jane Tierney, Joanna Peluso – Healthier Jupiter, Terry Casul, Tommy Richards, Cheo Reid, State Attorney’s Office

Staff Present: Regenia Herring, Rosalind Murray, Bert Winkler, Damir Kukec

Chairman Cheives opened the meeting at 12:04 pm. She welcomed everyone back and wished all a Happy New Year.

MINUTES AND AGENDA WERE APPROVED.

Chairman Cheives provided an update of activities for the past 1 ½ years, all starting with the Black Elected Officials request after killing of George Floyd. She described the nine policing forums. She described the community actions. She made comment on many of the community actions. She described that the CJC wanted a public presentation the Annual Meeting by all nine groups. The date for the Annual Meeting has been delayed as we watch the omicron variant. The CJC will then decide project that they want to see move forward. Community input is important. Comments regarding the Community Dialogue Experience:

Cheo Reid, State Attorney’s Office stated that there was a clear benefit to hearing from the community. He sat in on five groups. Folks were genuinely happy to speak to criminal justice professionals.

Carmelle Marceline stated that the community was happy and satisfied with the engagement now actions must follow.

Major Chris Keane stated at PBSO was happy to participate in 5 Of 9 events All citizens want competent and professional law enforcement.

Jane Tierney stated that she was pleased with the awareness and how well informed citizens were about criminal justice.

Ricky Petty state that the Dialogues have bridged relationships. Ms. Cheives discussed MacArthur Conference and community engagement presentation, the week of Feb. 2-4, 2022. It is an all site meeting with participation across the country.

February 1, 2022 as part of same conference, Chief Sims will be presenting with the International Association of Chiefs of Police on a panel.

Chief Sims stated that we should not minimized the impact of the work we have done. Sounds simple but it is very important. We must take the leadership in ensuring that all nine items/tasks are vetted by

CJC. It requires advocacy from all of us. We need an action plan to move these items forward to CJC. We must be intentional.

Carmelle stated we should meet monthly in order to communicate and get an action plan going. Must not lose momentum. We must meet in February and March.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 23, 2022.