

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING

DRAFT Minutes - March 30, 2017

LANTANA LIBRARY

4020 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth, FL 33462

7:15 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Members Present: Barbara Cheives - Vice Chair, Converge and Associates, Chief Frank Kitzerow - Vice Chair, Jupiter PD, Abby Murrell – Healthier Delray Beach, Dr. Angela Bess – PBC Schools, Carrie Brown – Healthier Jupiter, Ricky Petty Healthier Boynton Beach, Jane Tierney – Catalyst for Justice, Greta Britt – United Believers of Delray, Mark Strach – FL Dept. of Corrections, Dan Eisinger – Public Defender's Office, Lt. Beth Krivda -PBSO, Cheo Reid – State Attorney's Office, Ontario Johnson- Community Partners

Staff: Kristina Henson, Executive Director, Allison Orr, Executive Assistant

I. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Barbara Cheives and Frank Kitzerow. Barbara stated that this table should represent the community. It's important that we move the meetings around the county. We will discuss the calendar for the year as well as locations. Healthier Together is an initiative of the Palm Health Foundation. The six communities selected each have a particular focus. Please make sure people speak up and say what they are feeling. Perhaps we should have presentations from agencies each month. Let's think about how we will spend the time.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting were presented. The approval was made by of the minutes by Chief Kitzerow, and Chief Mooney seconded.

III. Approval of Agenda

A. The agenda of March 30, 2017 was presented. The agenda was approved. There was a motion by Chief Kitzerow, and seconded by Chief Mooney.

IV. Old Business

Kristina Henson discussed the survey of law enforcement agencies. We are still reaching out to a few law enforcement agencies. We will bring copies to the next meeting. Chief Kitzerow talked about using the document as a review of best practices. Chief Mooney discussed using it to spur multi-agency initiatives.

McArthur Foundation discussion ensued with Kristina discussing the incarceration rate nationally and locally. 12 million people cycle in and out jails nationally. 78% of the people in our jail are there pre-trial. CJC is also looking at racial and economic disparity in jail. Why do some stay in jail longer than others? We are also proposing strategies to look at this. She discussed some pre-trial proceedings, and the potential risk assessment tools. CJC selected the Virginia model with eight elements. FUSE Project is the other project. It's a look at folks who frequent the jails, and hospitals and how they impact these facilities. They are looking at those who enter the jail three or more times, and we will provide services. We have a list of 100 people by name. They are also homeless. Community Engagement will not necessarily impact the jail but last year with the nationwide tensions about police stops, shootings and arrests, we hope the continued work will have impact. We are looking at systemic reform.

Chief Kitzerow stated that we need to stay engaged with the youth. It is important to get your agencies message out. Kristina went on to discuss the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy. Chief Mooney stated that since the Academy takes place in the Glades that we should capitalize on that opportunity. Chief Kitzerow supported that idea and the opportunity to learn how to continue to do their jobs better. As an example, he chose the following topics; Fair and Impartial Policing, why is it called lethal force, why not use, Response to Aggression? We should all use our Circle of Influence to advance these issues. Chief Kitzerow also mentioned Clergy on Patrol, a program that he was aware of. Barbara Cheives discussed the DJJ Program that took place at her church, Tabernacle. The statistics by zip codes was enlightening. They are starting with four churches.

V. New Business

Barbara mentioned the meeting schedule for the year. This would be the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Kristina stated we will use Libraries and Community Centers when possible. It is difficult to get everyone because of their schedules. We can provide a list of dates at the next meeting. Greta Britt stated Tuesday – Thursday are Bible study nights in black community. Dr. Bess shared

that Board members may want to host a meeting in their districts. Marsha Andrews is the School Board representative in that area.

VI. Old Business

Kristina Henson discussed the Draft Action Plan. The plan is a blue print about how we get out into the community. We discussed panel discussions. Lunch and Learn are an idea. We would pick a topic; we have a complete list. We would spend on hour learning for instance about body cameras. We would pick up lunch and host these in various communities. We can do public service announcements as well. We can also build upon the survey results to get feedback. We should narrow down a target audience. Who is our focus?

VII. Feedback and Next Steps

Dr. Bess stated there are 40 churches in area. In June there is a large Youth Meeting for this dialogue. Perhaps a workshop in collaboration with CJC with interaction. There could be up to 1,000 persons. The 35 years and old summit discussions are ongoing according to Cheo Reid. We are using social media along with PBSO.

Should our inaugural event be part of something or a separate branded event? Chief Kitzerow stated that Dr. Bess has good suggestions for a collaborative meeting. Daniel Eisenberg stated engagement is finding out what others want. It's the courageous move. The engagement portion is what people are hungry for. It's important to host the first meeting out west. Dr. Bess talked about engaging the ministerial alliance in the Glades and others. Kristina stated that we wanted to have an event in April or May. The decisions may be made without the entire body because of time constraints. Please include the member list at next meeting. Multiple uniforms from different municipalities is important.

VIII. Member Comments

Barbara Cheives mentioned the Law Enforcement Sunday on May 7 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Jane mentioned the religious organizations that are under distress. We can reach out to religious organizations as well.

The meeting was adjourned.