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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time: April 17, 2018
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1W-47, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Joanna Aiken | Solid Waste Authority |
| 2. Ana Atkinson | San Castle Resident |
| 3. Jayme Bosio | PBC Library |
| 4. Deputy Cassie | PBSO |
| 5. Larry Diegert | Plantation Resident |
| 6. Shannon Doughney | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 7. Sgt. Frankiewicz | PBSO |
| 8. Sgt. Hightower | PBSO |
| 9. Chris Jankow | Palm Beach County Library |
| 10. Curtis Johnson | |
| 11. Lawrence Leon | Palm Beach Schools Police |
| 12. Lana Martinez | San Castle Resident |
| 13. Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 14. Jean Matthews | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 15. Sandra Meredith | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 16. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 17. Brenda Oates | Camelot Community Care |
| 18. Michael Owens | School District of Palm Beach County |
| 19. Dalia Perez | |
| 20. Audrey Piedra | Rep. Slivers Office |
| 21. Robin Rance-Hoffman | PBC Commissioner Burdick's Office |
| 22. Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 23. Millie Rodriguez | Health Care District PBC |
| 24. Deputy Russell | PBSO |
| 25. Christine Shaw | PBC Legislative Delegation |
| 26. Bob Smallacombe | PBC Fire Rescue |
| 27. Houston Tate | PBC OCR |



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| 28. John Varano | Everglades Trust |
| 29. Dawn Wynn | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 30. William Wynn | PBC OCR |

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. and introduced all in attendance.
- II. **Community Conversation: School Safety – Deborah L. Robinson, M.D., Vice Chairwoman, Palm Beach County School Board**

Lawrence Leon, Chief, Palm Beach County School District Police
Chief Leon briefly discussed school safety procedures and the partnership that the School Board Police has with Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO).

Dr. Robinson touched on The Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS), which focuses on school districts that have a large urban component. The CGCS provided a team to evaluate the security systems in place at the School District of Palm Beach County. The School district is waiting on the official report from the CGCS to determine what improvements need to be addressed within the school district.

Dr. Robinson expressed that her main concern is the internal threats within the schools. She stated that her mission is to create a position inside the schools to notice red flags amongst students and to address them. The position would be the Multi Teared System of Support (MTSS) Coach. They serve as a triage for the expert school psychologists and guidance counselors. This person would have the responsibility for the emotional and social issues on the school's campus. This person will also be responsible for what is outline is in the school based team meeting in reference to students that are having academic or behavioral problems. Currently there's no full time MTSS coaches to solely monitor and counsel the students that have emotional or social issues. There are currently twelve (12) part time coaches on staff and another ten (10) in the future budget. Dr. Robinson truly feels that what is missing is the addressing of the emotional and social needs of students.

The major components of the MTSS Coach work are:

- serve as the connection between the school-based teams and agencies that serve the social and emotional needs of children and families.
- lead the Restorative Justice processes in school
- be the lead for Positive Behavior Support initiatives
- is the adult to has face to face conversation when student has urgent need whether self referral or sent by staff
- monitors for school based team triggers e.g. absences, tardies
- conducts small group counseling (in collaboration with guidance counselor and school psychologists, based on individual skill set)
- monitors the well being "checks the eyes" of students in certain circumstances
 1. change in attendance pattern...tardies and absences
 2. returning from suspension
 3. new to the school
 4. in foster care
 5. formerly incarcerated
 6. offspring of active duty/ready reserve military
 7. being raised by grandparents
 8. unstable living situations



9. offspring of military-active duty/ready reserve
10. death or illness in family
11. divorce in family
12. history of abuse
13. history of substance use disorder

Dr. Robinson was asked if there are any MTSS coaches assigned to the Youth Corp (YC). Chief Leon responded that there is a person that works with the YC. This person is a licensed social worker with a psychology background. Chief Leon also stated that the school districts YC has a minimal recidivism rate of 6%, which is great. The YC centers around encouraging students to live a life of influence, to be productive citizens, lifelong learners and take responsibility for their lives, family and community.

Dr. Robinson also added that what keeps the schools safe are the students and staff by being observant and reporting. Chief Leon advised that The School District of Palm Beach County and the District Police Department joined with PBSO to provide students and parents with a new tool to connect schools directly with law enforcement which is The Student Protect app. This app allows students, parents and staff to report threats and suspicious activity anonymously directly to local law enforcement. It also has the ability for the user to dial 911 and have the exact GPS location of their mobile device sent to first responders.

Chief Leon was ask what happens to the student(s) that play a part in another student acting out. Chief Leon replied that this is more of a bullying situation and it can also be reported using the Student Protect app which will in turn be reported to Safe Schools and the schools administration but if this act becomes criminal the District Police will step in. Dr. Robinson added that the School District has a bullying hotline as well. Dr. Robinson also stated the students can be retaught. This is the reason that the restorative justice process was put in place.

A question was ask at what age do you teach a child to report. Chief Leon replied as young as elementary school students are taught to speak out. Again, there are policies in place for bullying and harassment. Dr. Robinson added that the Safe Schools department is the leader in advancing the concept of anti bullying and making sure that the schools are emotional safe places. She feels that it's important that preceeding events are also reported.

Chief Leon was asked what would ve an arresstible offense in schools. Chief Leon replied if it's a students first offense for drugs the student will be sent to Youth Court. If a student violates probation, have multiple drug offenses, weapons, battery on school employees, police officers and major battrery on other students they will be arrested. If it's a felony offense there is no option but to make an arrest. No offense no matter the level of the offense will not go without being investigated.

Chief Leon was asked if there's a policy in place to determine the amount of times a student can be suspended or expelled. Chief Leon replied there are some requirements but the District Police does not handle suspensions or expulsions. This is left up to the schools administration unless there's a criminal act involved.



III. Department Updates

Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation (P&R)

- **Project Description: Canal Point Park and Community Center**
Canal Point Park and Community Center will undergo a playground renovation. New playground equipment for 5-12 and 2-5 year-olds will be installed, along with new engineered playground mulch, and walkway connections.

Project Update:

Notice to Proceed March 13, 2018.

- **Project Description: Lake Lytal Activities Building Playground Renovation**
Lake Lytal activities building playground renovation. New playground equipment for 5-12 and 2-5 year-olds will be installed, along with new engineered playground mulch, bike rack, and walkway connections.

Project Update:

Notice to Proceed March 13, 2018. Playground is currently under construction.

- **Project Description: Kenwood Park**
Kenwood Park – new playground equipment

Project Update:

Construction documents are complete.

- **Project Description: WUD Plant #8 Community Park**

Project Update:

Conceptual design finalized, meeting with stakeholders planned in near future. \$1,000,000 in IST funding allocated in FY17

- **Project Description: Sanders Drive Playground Improvements**

\$32,750 allocated for improvements to the playground.

Project Update:

Construction documents are complete

- **Project Description: Cabana Colony Basketball Court Resurfacing and Pathway Repairs**

Project Update:

A total of \$20,000 allocated towards repair projects within park

- **Project Description: Watergate Park Shade Sail Structure to cover the playground area.**

Project Update:

The Parks & Recreation Department is coordinating with OCR to encumber funds for this potential project. The proposal has been updated and construction feasibility is being verified.



• **Project Description: CDBG Funded Projects**

Project Update:

CDBG Funds have been approved to upgrade the surfacing at six playgrounds (from sand to Engineered Playground Mulch, which meets ADA standards).

The playgrounds include Affron Park, Ixora Park, Kennedy Estates Park, Lake Lytal Park, Lake Belvedere Estates Park, and Sanders Drive Park.

Funds have been approved to improve the Basketball Court at Lake Belvedere Estates Park and to replace the asphalt courts at Lake Lytal Park with new concrete basketball courts.

ADA parking improvements with new asphalt has been approved for Paul Rardin Park.

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA)

Monthly Upcoming CCRT Area Programs/Activities/Initiatives/Grants/etc.

• **Project Description: RTPB – Home Depot - Sears**

May 4, 2018 Fence Installation funded by Home Depot and Sears

Project Update:

Installation of a fence for a veteran who recently received his service dog but does not have a fence for the dog to roam.

• **Project Description: PYHO**

May 19, 2018 – West Palm Beach
Toastmasters/FPL Volunteer Group

Project Update:

Pressure cleaning, prep and paint the home

• **Project Description: PYHO**

May 19, 2018 – West Palm Beach
The Benjamin School Volunteer Group

Project Update:

Pressure cleaning, prep and paint the home

• **Project Description: Signage**

May 26, 2018 – Riviera Beach

Project Update:

The unveiling of the Inner City Youth Golf (ICYG) sign

IV. Residents Comments

N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director _____