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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: February 18, 2020  
 Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Meeting Attendance:**

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| 1.  | Vivian Brooks      | PBC OCR                                   |
| 2.  | Deputy Cassie      | PBSO                                      |
| 3.  | Deputy Cruz        | PBSO                                      |
| 4.  | Deputy Ellis       | PBSO                                      |
| 5.  | Deputy Forde       | PBSO                                      |
| 6.  | Deputy Fresneda    | PBSO                                      |
| 7.  | Randee Gabriel     | 211 Helpline                              |
| 8.  | James Green        | PBC Community Services                    |
| 9.  | Jodi Guthrie       | PBC Code Enforcement                      |
| 10. | Helene Hvizd       | PBC Attorney's Office                     |
| 11. | Deputy Joseph      | PBSO                                      |
| 12. | Hazel Lucas        | Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. (FRLS) |
| 13. | Chrystal Mathews   | PBC OCR                                   |
| 14. | Bill McDonald      | Plantation Resident                       |
| 15. | Ruth Mognuillansky | PBC OCR                                   |
| 16. | Fadi Nassar        | PBC Engineering                           |
| 17. | Michael Owens      | School District of PBC                    |
| 18. | Deputy Plesnik     | PBSO                                      |
| 19. | Ike Powell         | PBC Youth Services                        |
| 20. | Casey Pranckun     | PBC Parks & Recreation                    |
| 21. | David Rafaidus     | PBC Community Services                    |
| 22. | Audley Reid        | PBC OCR                                   |
| 23. | Leroy Rouse        | Gramercy Park Resident                    |
| 24. | Milroy Senat       | Agency for Person with Disabilities       |
| 25. | Daisy Shah         | School District of PBC                    |
| 26. | Cynthia Sinkovich  | West Palm Beach Resident                  |
| 27. | Michael Sklar      | PBC DHES                                  |
| 28. | Bob Smallacombe    | PBC Fire Rescue                           |
| 29. | Houston Tate       | PBC OCR                                   |
| 30. | William Wynn       | PBC OCR                                   |

## Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston L. Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and asked the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members and attendees to introduce themselves.

## II. Department Updates

### **Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services (YS)**

- Mr. Powell reported that YS is in the process of accepting parent applications for the summer camp scholarships on the YS website through the end of March 2020.
- [http://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer\\_Camp.aspx](http://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx)

### **David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services**

- Mr. Rafaidus stated that Ike Powell of YS will be the keynote speaker on “Strategies for Improving Outcomes for Boys and Young Men of Color” on Thursday, February, 20, 2020 in the Governmental Center, 7th Floor, OFMB Conference Room.

### **Vivian Brooks, PBC OCR**

- Mrs. Brooks mentioned that she along with Chrystal Mathews and Ruth Moguillansky are working on the CCRT Areas Reassessment to determine the future direction of the CCRT.
- Ms. Brooks also stated that she is work on the assessment of the Abundant Community Initiative (ACI) pilot project.

### **Michael Sklar, PBC Housing Economic Sustainability (HES)**

- Mr. Sklar reported that on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:00a.m. HES will be having their one year Action Plan kickoff meeting at 100 Australian Avenue, 5th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

### **Fadi Nassar, PBC Engineering**

- Mr. Nassar reported that Plantation area speed hump project is going well, the Pahokee project has an issue that needs to be addressed with one proposed location, the San Castle project work order has been signed for the remaining speed humps that need to be installed and with the Seminole Manor project Engineering is working with OCR to get petitions for project approval.
- Engineering is working on the sidewalk project in San Castle. Issues need to be resolved with water lines that need to be addressed.

### **Bob Smallacombe, PBC Fire Rescue**

- Mr. Smallacombe reported that FR partnered with Red Cross and installed 150 smoke alarms and 40 carbon monoxide detectors in the Delray Beach, Boynton Beach area.
- FR recently finished taking applications for FR new hires.
- FR will be conducting interviews for new fire fighters at the end of March 2020.
- FR is currently hiring approximately 100 fire fighters per year.
- FR is looking for an additional two communities for the smoke alarm installation program for this fiscal year.

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

- Ms. Pranckun reported that the Bridgeman Drive Park is 60% complete, with possible completion within the next 60 days (two months).
- With funding from the PBC Infrastructure Sales (Penny) Tax (IST), P&R is installing new playground equipment at the Kenwood Park.
- OCR will have an agenda item going to the BCC for the Limestone Creek and San Castle basketball courts on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

- The Glades Pioneer Park Fitness Zone located in South Bay, FL is close to completion

**Michael Owens, School District of PBC**

- Mr. Owens reported that the school district is doing sales tax school maintenance projects. Currently working on 10-15 schools.
- Mr. Owens stated that the school district Public Affairs office may be able to help with the Back to School PBC.

**Helene Hvzid, PBC Attorney's Office**

- Ms. Hvzid, Assistant County Attorney, stated that she represents a few departments in the county which includes Community Services, Youth Services and the Office of Community Revitalization.

**III. Presentation: James Green, Director, Palm Beach County Community Services Department**  
*"Securing Our Future: An Initiative to Increase Economic Mobility and Reduce Poverty in Palm Beach County"*

Mr. Green provided a detailed presentation on the initiative. Highlights of the presentation included:

1. The Team
  1. Community Services Department
  2. Birth-To-22-Alliance
  3. Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services
2. The Partners
3. The Problem
4. The Goal
5. The Strategy
6. The Theory of Action
7. The People
8. The People at the Center
  1. Personal and Professional Growth
  2. Support Benefits
  3. Human & Social Capital
9. The Partnerships
10. Developing Partnerships
11. Internship
12. Policy
13. Prioritize Policy Agenda
14. How You Can Help
  1. Support for families involved with the initiative.
  2. Support with program evaluation component.
  3. Support with developing a policy agenda.

\* The power point presentation is attached

\* A copy of the entire presentation is available from OCR upon request.

\* Website: <http://securingourfuturepbc.org/>

**IV. Questions/Comments:**

- Michael Sklar of HES stated that a lot of older hotels are magnets for the poor and addicts. How can this type of environment be transformed? Mr. Green replied that Community Services has actually looked at older hotels and motels to create affordable housing opportunities with the IST sales tax but as of currently it hasn't done. The repair and maintenance to these structures is very

costly. There would also have to be different types of counselors on staff at these locations to address the various issues of the residents. This would be extremely expensive endeavor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director \_\_\_\_\_



# SECURING OUR FUTURE

*An Initiative to Increase Economic Mobility  
and Reduce Poverty in Palm Beach County*



# OUR TEAM



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



BIRTH-TO-22 ALLIANCE



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



# OUR PARTNERS



## THE PROBLEM

Poor children are less likely to graduate from high school.

By age 3, poor children have heard 30 million fewer words than non-poor children.

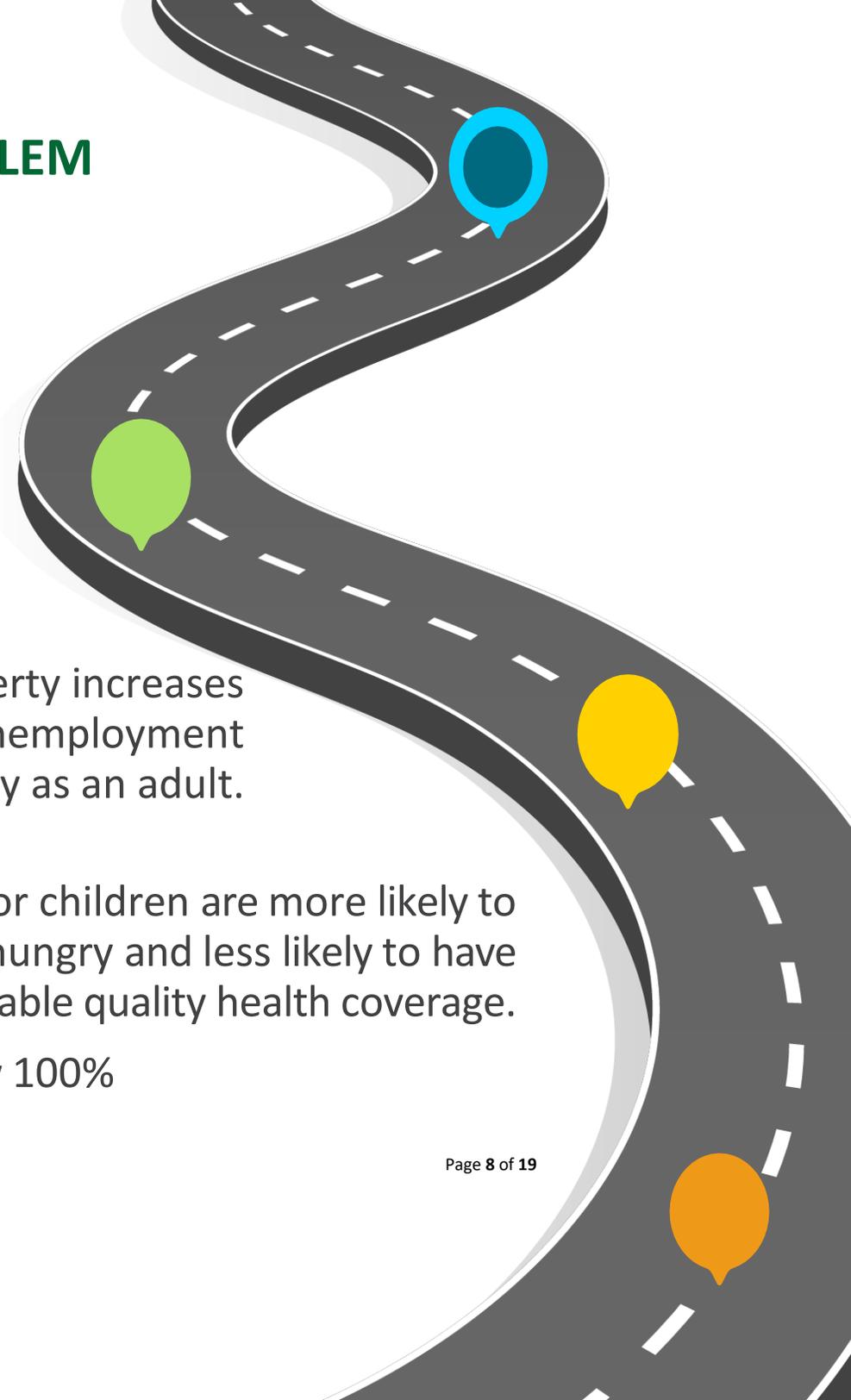
1-in-5 children live in poverty.

22% POVERTY RATE IN 2017

Child poverty increases the risk of unemployment and poverty as an adult.

Poor children are more likely to be hungry and less likely to have affordable quality health coverage.

60,000 children in Palm Beach County live below 100% Federal Poverty Level.



## OUR GOAL

**T**o reduce the poverty rate by 10% over the next ten years by moving 188 households (with children ages 0-18) beyond the federal poverty threshold and eventually beyond the living wage or ALICE threshold every year for the next decade.



## OUR STRATEGY

To accelerate the building of integrated Health & Human Services to create more seamless, effective, and sustainable interventions that advance social and economic mobility and improve the health and well-being of Palm Beach County residents.



# OUR THEORY OF ACTION



We believe that the **Pathway to Prosperity** is achieved by:

1. Putting **people** first.
2. Creating meaningful **partnerships**.
3. Developing an aggressive **policy** agenda.

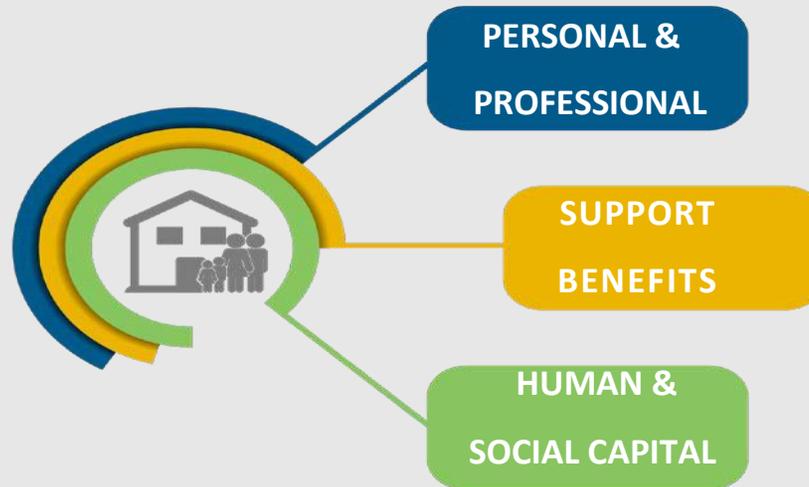


## PEOPLE

Keeping **people** at the center of our work by:

1. Creating opportunities for personal and professional growth.
2. Providing support benefits to help families meet their basic needs and increase financial stability.
3. Helping families build human and social capital.

# PEOPLE AT THE CENTER



## Personal and Professional Growth

- Mental, physical and spiritual health
- Resiliency/life skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Employment skills and education
- Career orientation

## Support Benefits

- Safe and affordable housing
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Food

## Human and Social Capital

- Savings and investments
- Social networks
- Community/political engagement
- Mentors
- Support from family and friends

## PARTNERSHIPS

**Develop partnerships to improve access to service and economic opportunity:**

1. Facilitate enhanced coordination to improve access to Health and Human Services providers.
2. Support the alignment of education, economic development, and workforce development systems.
3. Engage businesses to facilitate career exposure and more on-ramp quality employment opportunities.



## DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS

Support the efforts of the Business Development Board's Academic Leaders Council and CareerSource Palm Beach County's One-Stop Center.

Link families to *internship/apprenticeship opportunities* offered by:

- Business Development Board (career showcase)
- CareerSource Palm Beach County
- Municipalities
- School District
- Leadership PBC
- Chamber of Commerce
- Association of General Contractors
- Other Entities



# POLICY

Developing a prioritized set of Health and Human Services **policy** recommendations across sectors in order to:

1. Ensure economic and workforce development policies (i.e. economic incentives, fiscal cliff, etc.) work in conjunction at the national, state and local levels.
2. Ensure alignment of policies and institutional practices across systems (i.e. healthcare, housing, criminal justice, etc.) that prevent access to employment and support services.



# PRIORITIZED POLICY AGENDA

Examples of policy areas that may prevent economic mobility:



## Employment

- Living wage ordinance
- Ban the box
- Fiscal benefits cliff



## Criminal Justice

- Decriminalization of marijuana
- Record expungement
- Fines and fees



## Healthcare

- Premiums and other costs
- Eligibility requirements
- Incentives for businesses offering healthcare



## Housing

- Legislation preventing sweep of the Sadowski Trust Fund
- Inclusionary zoning
- Eviction laws

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A close-up photograph of several hands holding white puzzle pieces against a warm, orange-toned background. The puzzle pieces are arranged in a circular pattern, with some pieces being held up by fingers, creating a sense of assembly or completion. The lighting is soft and warm, highlighting the texture of the puzzle pieces and the skin of the hands.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- 1. Support for families involved with the initiative.**
- 2. Support with program evaluation component.**
- 3. Support with developing a policy agenda.**



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Board of County Commissioners



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