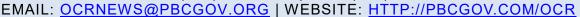


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### COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting

Facilitator: Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner

Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner

Date/Time: June 10, 2021

Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

#### MEETING ATTENDANCE

1. Joanna Aiken Solid Waste Authority of PBC

2. Belldy De Angelis Adopt a Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

3. D/S Michael Bickunas PBSO

Jayme Bosio
 Elyse Brown
 PBC Library System
 PBC Fire Rescue

6. Robin Bundy Cabana Colony Resident

7. Ralph Butts City of Belle Glade

8. Keith Clinkscale PBC Financial Management and Budget9. Diana Coho Federal Communications Commission

10. Samantha Corr PBC ERM

11. Adam Davis PBC Library System

12. Bambi Fanto Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County

13. Meghan Foley14. Randee GabrielUnited Way of Palm Beach County211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

15. Gwynne Gonzalez House of Representative District 81 Office

16. Violet Howard Optimistic Journey, Inc.

17. C. Jenkins

18. Ontario Johnson Neighborhood Renaissance
 19. Alexa Lee PBC Behavioral Health Coalition

20. Chrystal Mathews21. Ruth MoguillanskyPBC OCR

22. Bill McDonald Plantation Area Resident
 23. Fadi Nassar PBC Traffic Engineering
 24. Michael Owens School District of PBC
 25. Casey Pranckun PBC Parks & Recreation
 26. Denise Proffitt Palm Beach Harvest

27. Audley Reid PBC OCR

28. Patrick Rutter PBC Administration

29. Vivian Ryland PBC OCR

30. Virginia Savietto PBC District 2 Commissioner's Office

31. George Schott PBC OCR

32. Milory Senat Agency for Persons with Disabilities 33. Dearmayl Sherrod PBC Emergency Management

34. Michael Sklar PBC Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability

35. Carlton Smith Legal Aid Society of PBC

36.	Anna Stewart	Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County
37.	Houston Tate	PBC OCR
38.	Debra Tendrich	Eat Better Live Better
39.	Maria Thirbenny	Woodcrest Resident
40.	Bilsy Thomas	211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast
41.	William Wynn	PBC OCR

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed the meeting attendees.

George Schott, OCR Planning Technician, introduced the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members.

William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner introduced Randee Gabriel, Program Manager, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner introduced the co-speaker Diana Coho, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Specialist, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

### **II. PRESENTATION**

Randee Gabriel, Program Manager, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Mrs. Gabriel started her presentation by stating that 211 is a community helpline and crisis hotline that's been in existence for 50 years.

# • Types of Service

- Lines answered 24/7
- Information, Assessment & Referral
- Crisis Support/Counseling
- Suicide Prevention & Crisis Intervention
- Advocacy Programs
- Community Resource Database
- o Phone, Text, Chat, or Email
- Also 211 phone app

# How to Reach 211

- o Dial 2-1-1 or (561) 383-1112...24/7
- Text your zip code to TXT211(898211)...24/7
- o Chat Online 10 am 8 pm @
- www.211palmbeach.org or www.211treasurecoast.org
- Email your questions/concerns to:
- Help@211pbtc.org (answered within next business day)
- o Out of area (561) 383-1112 or (866) 882-2991

#### 211's Online Resource Directory

- o Easy to Use & Frequently Updated
- Safe & Convenient
- Professionals & General Community
- o Go to www.211palmbeach.org or www.211treasurecoast.org
- Click on "Get Help Now"

Search Hundreds of Local, State, and National Resources!

#### • Other Lines Answered

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK
- National Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990
- o Alzheimer's Community Care-After Hours 1-800-394-1771
- Palm Beach County Victims Services 561-833-7273

# Highly Trained Staff

- o 100 hours plus (& additional certifications)
- Rogerian Technique- caller centered
- All Levels of calls/contacts...
- Simple I & R to complex Suicidal Crisis
- Role Play- asking the hard questions
- Shadowing/Buddy Shifts- prior to solo work
- o Internal Quality Assurance

#### What we Do

- o Listen...
- Empathize
- o Crisis Counseling
- o De-escalate when needed
- & link to mobile response teams
- Share information on services

#### Accreditation & Certifications

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL)
- Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH)
- American Association of Suicidology (AAS)
- o Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS)
- o Florida Counsel Against Sexual Violence
- Nonprofits First: Accredited for high standards in Management/Administration/Governance

### Examples of Calls- Prior

- Suicidal Concerns
- Bullied & Stressed Teens
- o A single mother unable to pay her electric bill
- o Elder with concerns: health, food insecurity, or a depressed friend
- Domestic Violence / Rape Crisis
- Parent of a child struggling with substance abuse or behavioral problems or a child with special needs

#### COVID-19 Resources

 211 staff compiled extensive resources & services to provide an easily accessed centralized hub for providers & the community at large.

### Regional Snapshot Data

- Total Calls/Texts/Emails: 101,504 \*
- o Total Referrals: 132,184
- Total Online Database/Mobil App Visits: 21,513
- \* 13,095 more than previous year

#### 211 Statistics During Pandemic

 Requests for help nearly doubled, going from a daily average of approx. 200 (2019) to over 400 during the weeks following the declaration of a national emergency (2020)

- In the following months, volume remained high and has recently stabilized at 10-20% above last year
- By the year's end of 2020, 211 staff had answered over 13,000 more requests for help from the previous year.

### • The Mental Health Crisis Post-Pandemic: the 3rd Wave

- o 40% of respondents reported struggling with mental health
- o 11% reported thoughts of suicide (vs. 3% prior)
- Substance use more than doubled
- o Post disaster, peak suicidal ideation occurs 12-18 months post event
  - Younger Adults
  - Racial/Ethnic Minorities
  - Essential Workers
  - Unpaid Adult Caregivers
  - Disproportionately Worse
  - Outcomes

# • Suicide Prevention-Warning Signs

- Say that there is no reason to live
- Have lost their sense of connection/purpose
- Be preoccupied with death & dying
- Withdraw from friends/social activities
- Have a recent, severe loss
- Experience drastic behavior change
- o Loss of interest: hobbies, work, school etc.
- Have attempted suicide before
- o Learn about other signs and information
- visit <u>www.211palmbeach.org/suicide-prevention</u> or www.211treasurecoast.org/suicide-prevention
- o 211 staff listen for red flag statements
- Lethality is assessed for level 1, 2 or 3 (the highest lethality assignment)
- Staff work to build a rapport, to de-escalate & stabilize person in crisis
- o Safety plan is created. Caller is linked to providers that can help.

### 211 Advocacy Programs

- All Areas Served:
  - Sunshine Daily Phone Call
  - MYFLVET peer support- veterans/family
  - Help Me Grow
  - Caregiver Project
- Palm Beach County specific:
  - Special Needs HelpLine
  - Elder Crisis Outreach

### • 211 Sunshine Program

- Sunshine is a free telephone reassurance program to check on the well-being of seniors (60 plus), the homebound or disabled (can be younger)
  - Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee Counties
  - Sunshine service is provided seven days a week between the hours of 7:30am & 5:00pm.
- 2020 Regional Yearly January- December
  - Served 663 Clients
  - Follow up provided in 228 incidents

### 211 Help Me Grow

- Help Me Grow (HMG) is part of a national program that is designed to identify children at-risk for developmental, behavioral, or social challenges. This program is designed to support questions and concerns of families, while providing access to resources and supports.
  - Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee Counties
- Help Me Grow (HMG) offers:
  - Information, Resources, Materials
  - Referrals with advocacy and follow-up
  - Screenings for health and development
  - Enrollment in community programs
- o 2020 Regional Yearly January- December
  - 964 Children served (20.73% of all children served in state)
  - Conducted 2090 Developmental and Behavioral Screenings
  - 11 Screening Events

#### 211 MYFLVET

- 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast is part of a statewide program of 2-1-1 providers that is dedicated to helping Florida veterans. Veterans can receive both emotional support and linkages to community resources.
  - Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee Counties
  - Comprehensive information and referral to VA-funded services and hundreds of additional community-based services
  - Emotional support provided by trained peer professionals with lived life experiences.
- 2020 Regional Yearly January- December
  - 2581 Veterans/Families called 211
  - Over 5230 referrals
  - 263 Veteran callers were linked to care coordination

### • Elder Crisis Outreach

- Elder Crisis Outreach is a service devoted solely to serving elders, 60 years of age or older, their families and/or caregivers.
  - Palm Beach County
  - Supportive crisis counseling
  - Comprehensive needs assessment
  - Linkage to community services
  - Advocacy with family or service providers
  - Suicide evaluation
  - Follow-up
- 2020 Regional Yearly January- December
  - Served 759 Clients
  - Delivered emergency food to 99 clients
  - 99.74% Clients made aware of available resources
  - 98.42% were able to stay in their least restrictive environment

#### 211 Special Needs Helpline

- Families of children birth to 22 with special needs in Palm Beach County can easily and effectively navigate the maze of available services.
  - Palm Beach County
  - Comprehensive needs assessment
  - Linkage to community services
  - Advocacy with family and/or service providers

- Follow-up
- 2020 Regional Yearly January- December
  - 663 families of children with disabilities (0-22yrs) called 211
  - 345 callers were linked to the Special Needs HelpLine Advocate
  - 97.10% of Special Needs HelpLine clients had their crisis stabilized

# • 211 Caregiver Project

- Caregiver Project serves individuals who are 18 years or older and caregiving for another adult of any age, this program provides:
  - Supportive crisis counseling
  - Comprehensive needs assessment
  - Linkage to community services
  - Advocacy with family or service providers
  - Follow-up

### Seasonal Services

- VITA-Free Income Tax Preparation
- Summer Meals
- Back to School
- o Flu Season
- Diabetes Awareness
- Winter Holiday Meals & Toys
- Hurricane Preparedness

#### 211 In Review

- Free, Confidential, Available 24/7
- Serving Palm Beach & Treasure Coast
- Help locating community resources
- o Crisis Intervention
- Programs/services for all ages
- Someone to listen without fear of being judged

#### **Questions/Comments:**

- George Schott, OCR Planning Technician, inquired how many lives have 211 saved from suicide calls. Mrs. Gabriel replied that she didn't have the answer but will find out and forward the information.
- 2. Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, inquired since there is a shortage of emergency beds, how does 211 determine emergency housing inventory? Mrs. Gabriel replied for the homeless it has always been an issue. 211 only give referrals to other agencies.
- 3. Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, inquired Mrs. Gabriel how she remains motivated. Mrs. Gabriel replied that she loves what she do.
- 4. Violet Howard, Optimistic Journey, Inc., inquired what 211 goals are set for this year, 2021. Mrs. Gabriel replied that 211 goal is to always be of service to the community and for this year is to help the community get through the COVID-19 pandemic and provide as much resource information as possible.
- 5. Denise Proffitt, Palm Beach Harvest, advised that recently a family in need was referred to their organization by 211
- 6. Bambi Fanto, Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County, stated that as a former victim advocate she is very familiar with 211 and have nothing but good things to say about 211

<sup>\*</sup> PowerPoint available upon request

Diana Coho, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Specialist, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) started her presentation by stating the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. The Emergency Broadband Benefit opened its enrollment on May 12, 2021. The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary program developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will end once the program funds are exhausted, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares and end to the pandemic, whichever comes first. The program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). They also administer the Lifeline program. USAC hosts the application portal and the GetEmergencyBroadband.org consumer website.

#### What Is the Benefit?

- Eligible households can receive:
  - Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service and associated equipment rentals;
  - Up to \$75/month discount for households on Tribal lands, and;
  - A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

### Who Qualifies for the Benefit?

- o A Household Is Eligible If Any Member
  - Received a Pell Grant in the current award year;
  - Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced school lunch program or school breakfast program in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
  - Experienced a substantial loss of income, due to a job loss or furlough since 2/29/20 and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 (single filers) or \$198,000 (joint filers); or
  - Meets the eligibility of a participating providers' existing low-income or COVID-19 program.
- Households That Qualify for Lifeline, Also Qualify
  - Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet.
     Eligible customers will get up to \$9.25 (up to \$34.25 on Tribal lands) toward their bill.
- o How Do I Qualify for Lifeline?
  - Household income is less than 135% of the Federal poverty guidelines or
  - A member of the household participates in one of these programs:
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
  - Medicaid
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
  - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
  - Tribal programs (and you live on qualifying Tribal lands)

#### What Is a Household

- A household is a group of people who live together and share money (even if they are not related to each other.) If you live together and share money, you are one household. If you either don't live together or you don't share money, you are two or more households.
  - A household can qualify because of eligible dependent children that meet the eligibility criteria.

- You may have to answer questions about your household when you apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.
- A household worksheet will be available to assist in determining household eligibility.

# • Multi-Unit Dwellings

- Eligible households within multi-unit dwellings such as apartment buildings, nursing homes, and group homes can also take advantage of the benefit.
  - Households within multi-unit dwellings, where the landlord or the property manager is the internet account holder, may be able to apply the benefit to that broadband service if they otherwise qualify.
  - If the household has a bill or other liability for their broadband access that someone else, such as the property owner, is helping to pay, the household could switch temporarily to using EBB support to pay for broadband service instead of relying on that third party's support.

#### Consumer Protections

- Participating providers must give households notice about the last date or billing cycle
  that the full benefit will apply to their bill and the date or billing cycle that a partial
  benefit will apply to their bill, in addition to information about the cost of broadband
  service after the program ends.
- O Households will need to opt-in or request to continue broadband services with their provider. If they don't opt-in or select a new service plan with the provider, their broadband service will end once the program ends. Even if they had service with the same provider before enrolling in the Emergency Broadband Benefit, they will need to opt-in to continue broadband services after the program ends.

# Participating Providers

- The program is open to all broadband providers, not just those currently offering Lifeline services.
  - Fixed broadband services are provided to your home, or a single location. These include cable, fiber optic, DSL, satellite, and fixed wireless services.
  - Mobile broadband services are device-based and available throughout the service provider's cellular coverage area, similar to cell phone services.
- Check with the broadband providers in your area to learn about their plans for program participation and eligible service offerings. You can find a list of participating providers by state and territory linked on www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit.
- Not all providers plan to offer connected devices through the program.

#### How Do I Enroll

- There are three ways to apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit
  - Option 1: Contact a participating broadband provider directly to learn about their application process.
  - Option 2: Go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
  - Option 3: Send a mail-in application, along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband, Support Center, P.O. Box 7081, London, KY 40742

#### Enroll Via Provider

- Contact a service provider. Find a list of participating service providers by state at: www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit
- The service provider assists the consumer (in-person) with applying through the National Verifier Service provider portal; or

- The service provider helps the consumer apply using their FCC approved alternate verification process.
- \* PowerPoint available upon request

#### **Questions/Comments:**

- 1. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, inquired for verification if the discount is \$50.00 per month? Ms. Coho replied that the discount amount per month is up to \$50.00. The discount does not pay towards cable to or its equipment, only towards the internet and internet equipment portion of a bill. The discount never goes over the \$50.00 maximum.
- 2. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, inquired since the EBB program is a temporary program. How long could an individual receive the discount? Ms. Coho replied that the EBB program enrollment opened on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 3.2 billon dollars was appropriated for the program so it will depend on how many people enroll and how much money they're getting.
- 3. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, inquired thus far how much of the funding has been spent. Ms. Coho replied that recently a tracker tool has been added to the website and every week the number of households will be updated and once a month the amount of available funds will be updated.
- 4. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, stated that OCR serves 85 communities within unincorporated PBC where there are a very large number of families with low and very low income so any resources that can be provided to the communities that OCR serves are welcomed. Now with the pandemic the need is much greater so programs such as the EBB are unbelievable.
- 5. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, thanked Ms. Coho for taking the time out of her busy schedule to come and share the this information with the CCRT.
- 6. Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, wanted verification that the income for a single person is \$99,000 and under. Ms. Coho replied that for the EBB program that income level is associated with the substantial loss of income revision for persons that lost their job after February 29, 2020. The eligible amount is \$99,000 for single and \$198,000 for joint because of the need for children in school and for job search.
- 7. Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, inquired if a college student was sharing a home with three other students, will all have to put in an application of just that one student? Ms. Coho replied being that they're all in one household there can only be one discount.
- 8. Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, inquired if she could get the information off of <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit">https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit</a> to share with others. Ms. Coho replied this information can be shared from the website. Ms. Bundy stated that this information would be good to share on the Cabana Colony community Facebook page. Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, stated that she added the information to the OCR Facebook page and she will go back to <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit">https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit</a> and get documents to share the information with other CCRT area communities.
- 9. C. Jenkins inquired about how you contact the FCC. Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, replied at https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

#### III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Jayme Bosio, PBC Library System
  - ➤ Ms. Bosio advised that the summer reading program began on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue until July 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes for anyone that reads at least five books

- also they can enter to win a grand prize. <a href="http://events.pbclibrary.org/events/digital-activities/summer-reading-program-2021">http://events.pbclibrary.org/events/digital-activities/summer-reading-program-2021</a>
- There are library museum passes available for children to allow them to get into some local museums for free. http://www.pbclibrary.org/lamp-pass
- Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation
  - ➤ Ms. Pranckun thanked OCR for letting her be a part of the NEAT steering committee
  - ➤ P&R is waiting for the delivery of dedication brick pavers for Limestone Creek Park which was purchased with the assistance of a NEAT grant.
  - > P&R will be expanding the parking area at Haverhill park
  - > The basketball court at San Castle is now open
- Bambi Fanto, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
  - Swimming lessons have begun. Parents can find the application at <a href="https://discover.pbcgov.org/drowningprevention/Pages/default.aspx">https://discover.pbcgov.org/drowningprevention/Pages/default.aspx</a> there is limited applications for adults up to 50 as well.
  - If a child is in the program and the parent can't swim the parent can receive a voucher if they want to learn how to swim.
  - For more on water safety Be Water Smart booklets are available at <a href="https://discover.pbcgov.org/drowningprevention/PDF/Be-Water-Smart-Booklet.pdf">https://discover.pbcgov.org/drowningprevention/PDF/Be-Water-Smart-Booklet.pdf</a>
- Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering
  - Mr. Nassar advised that he is assisting OCR with some speed hump projects. Audley Reid stated there are several components of the speed hump projects that he is working on with Mr. Nassar.
- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM
  - ➤ Ms. Corr stated that ERM manages over 31,000 acres of natural area. These areas will preserved for years to come. One of the natural areas, Winding Waters Natural Area is located in the vicinity of the Gramercy Park CCRT area
  - Free Guided Adventures @ Winding Waters Natural Area
  - ➤ July 10th Sensory Walk, Registration opens June 26<sup>th</sup> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adventure-awaits-sensory-walk-registration-157838885355?aff=ebdsoporgprofile">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adventure-awaits-sensory-walk-registration-157838885355?aff=ebdsoporgprofile</a>
  - ➤ July 14th Buggy Bio Blitz, Registration Opens June 30<sup>th</sup> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adventure-awaits-a-buggy-bio-blitz-registration-157826823277?aff=ebdsoporgprofile">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adventure-awaits-a-buggy-bio-blitz-registration-157826823277?aff=ebdsoporgprofile</a>
- Michael Sklar, PBC HES
  - ➤ Mr. Sklar advised that the Housing & Economic Sustainability (HES) name has changed to Housing and Economic Development (HED)
  - ➤ June 13<sup>th</sup> the department's draft Action Plan will be published
  - ➤ June 21<sup>st</sup> will be holding a public in-person/virtual meeting on the Action Plan
  - ➤ To attend the Action Plan public meeting send an email to <u>HESComments@pbcgov.org</u>
- Elyse Brown, PBC Fire Rescue (FR)
  - ➤ Ms. Brown advised that FR is still doing their outreach to the community in an modified form due to COVID-19
  - > FR can provide presentations virtually at this time

- > FR is still offering virtual assistance with child passenger seats
- FR can provide car seats for a \$35.00 donation this comes with instructions and assistance call 561-616-7033 or website https://discover.pbcgov.org/pbcfr/Pages/default.aspx
- > The month of June is Safety month
- > Ruth Moguillansky inquired for Ms. Brown to send an email on how a parent can obtain assistance to get the child passenger seat and the installation
- Ms. Moguillansky also inquired about the status of the smoke detector installation program. Ms. Brown advised that FR is not doing community wide blitzes there is a handful of one on one assistance FR can offer due to the COVID precautions. It is more streamlined and is limited by phone and in person.

#### IV. OCR UPDATES

- Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner advised that the registration for Back to School PBC! Drive up event officially closed on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. OCR staff is currently in the process of finalizing the registration. Also OCR is asking all to assist with getting volunteers for the event for July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Event set up is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the event is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. More volunteers are signing up for the afternoon shift, morning shift volunteers are needed
- Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner shared information about the SWA
  - SWA's June Household Hazardous Waste Tip
  - ➤ When exploring South Florida's beautiful natural environments, be watchful of what you leave in your wake. Items such as:
    - Flares,
    - · Fire extinguishers,
    - Deep cycle batteries,
    - · Mercury float switches,
    - · Fuels and oils.
    - · cleaning products and
    - Even boats themselves all need to be disposed of properly.

Fortunately, proper disposal of many harmful boating products is easy and free for Palm Beach County residents. Bring these items to any of the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers listed below, where they will be recycled or disposed of properly.

- The SWA's locations include (from north county to south county):
  - Jupiter North County Transfer Station, 14185 N. Military Trail (SWA Road)
     Monday Friday: 7 a.m. 5 p.m. & Saturday: 7 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Chrystal Mathews, OCR Senior Planner
  - ➤ The review committee for the 2022 NEAT grants met on May 26<sup>th</sup> and recommended sixteen grant applications
  - > The recommended total funding is \$150,000.
  - The items will be going to the BCC tentatively on September 14, 2021
  - Ruth Moguillansky stated that hopefully next year OCR will get additional funding for this program

Ruth Moguillansky stated that if there are any further questions regarding the presentations or ar
of the discussions send an email to OCRnews@pbcgov.org. Ms. Moguillansky thanked the reside
for attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.	
Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director	