

Executive Roundtable of
Indian River County
May 26, 2016 @ 9:00
United Way of Indian River County

Agenda

Members Attending: Chairman Touchberry, Deryl Loar, Casey Lunceford, Leslie Spurlock, Claudia Jimenez, Bruce Colton, Michael Kint, Robin Dapp, ED Aimee McPartlan

Guests: Cindy Almes, Cheri Sheffer, Debbie Butler, Barbara Pierce GYAC, Michelle Simpson

- I. Chairman Touchberry opened the meeting at 9:00AM.
- II. Chairman Touchberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Introductions were made and all were welcomed.
- IV. Approval of Minutes (April 28, 2016)- *A motion was made by Bob McPartlan with a second by Casey Lunceford. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Treasurer's Report- Kip Jacoby- *Kip Jacoby was not present. Motion to table by Michael Kint. Second by Leslie Spurlock. Motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. Presentations- Devereux - Cheri Sheffer- *CEO of Devereux. Devereux has contract with the state for 29 million dollars to provide services to all children in dependency system. CEO Sheffer gave overview of dependency system. Debbie Butler, Guardians For New Future, gave background on Sanctuary for Kids—a temporary shelter for children removed from DCF. They have raised \$200,000 for the shelter and will be breaking ground within months. They have now started a new campaign for an additional \$200,000 and are trying to get on funding cycle of various non-profits. The building should be completed by September.*
Cheri Sheffer stated that Devereux's perspective is that this community partnership for Sanctuary for Kids is what community based care is meant to be.
Michael Kint asked how many children are able to be there at once. The sanctuary will be licensed for 8 children. The targeted time that they leave is within 23.5 hours.
Leslie Spurlock- As a board member for Devereux, as hard as we have tried to get new foster homes, we are lacking in foster homes. The Sanctuary helps fill the void.
Claudia Jimenez- How many children are removed in IRC, year to date? Cheri Sheffer answered, 175 children under supervision. We have 22 foster homes. We remove an average of 5 children per month. 125 kids are in out of home care now.
Bruce Colton asked which children go to Hibiscus House? Cheri Sheffer answered that most of them are teenagers who are harder to place.
Ms. Sheffer stated that the time to become a foster parent has been significantly shorter, instead of 10 months it can now be turned around in three months. There are four foster care recruitment agencies in the county. Robin Dapp stated that traumatic childhood experiences have lasting consequences, have actually been linked to cardiovascular disease.
- VII. Juvenile Justice Update and Civil Citation Procedure- Robin Dapp and Wydee'a Wilson-
Update from Michelle Simpson: SLC Roundtable organized a bridging the gap event. It was successful and they would like to do the same in IRC. A set of youth and a set of law enforcement officers get

together and exchange perspectives in order to build relationships. They would like to have one over the summer. Dr. Torres is trying to organize two for next school year at Vero Beach High. Chairman Touchberry asked if the event will include multi agencies or just Vero. Michelle Simpson answered that she thought it would be multi agency.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Discussion/Feedback on Fundraising Event- *Leslie Spurlock stated that she received positive feedback from many. Michael Kint stated that someone mentioned that the website is not very helpful. But, heard positive feedback from people. Debbie Butler stated that she didn't know about the event.*
Bruce Colton stated that the time most people are here is February, March and April. Debbie Butler can send future event info to her database. It may be possible to partner with Riverside to advertise. The culinary team at IRSC can do the food next time.

IX. New Business

- A. Summer Meeting Schedule- *We will meet in June to further discuss civil citation procedure. A motion to skip the July meeting was made by Bob McPartlan with a second by Casey Lunceford. The motion passed unanimously.*

X. Executive Director Matters- *None stated*

- XI. Member Matters- *Chairman Touchberry thanked the Sheriff for a \$5,000 donation to the Roundtable as well as \$1,000 from Quit Doc.*
Leslie Spurlock stated that Dr. Jessica Spenser will be leading a campaign against amend 2. She will be available to speak to anyone. Leslie stated that because this is an amendment, the location of the shops would not be able to be regulated. This needs to be discussed within the community.
Claudia Jimenez stated that Roundtable members will be getting invitations for a summit to discuss Moonshot Moment, on June 22.

XII. Adjournment