

Executive Roundtable of  
Indian River County  
February 22, 2018 @ 9:00  
United Way of Indian River County

**Minutes**

**Members Attending:** Casey Lunceford, Keith Touchberry, Kip Jacoby, Michael Kint, Wydee'a Wilson, Bob McPartlan, Ann Berner, Leslie Spurlock, Caryn Toole, David Currey, Paul Nigro, Ann Berner, Michelle Morris, Robin Dapp

**Guests:** Myra Zilahy for Judge Metzger, Jamie Bond, Place of Hope, Carrie Lester SAC

- I. Chairman Lunceford opened the meeting at 9 AM.**
- II. Chairman Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- III. Introductions were made and all were welcomed.**
- IV. Community Presentations - Jamie Bond, Place of Hope-** Place of Hope is providing licensing and recruiting for foster families. They are the fastest growing and second largest organization in the area. They had the only certified sex trafficking safe home but it was just dissolved, as they are moving toward an education, prevention and outreach/recovery program. The safe house was located in Palm Beach County. Place of Hope has a maternity home for youth who are homeless and pregnant. In the county, they work with the dependency population and are currently working with approximately 180 children. Jamie is at the United Way weekly, on Thursday and Friday. Michael Kint commented that Place of Hope contracts with Devereux and that they are highly regarded. He would like to focus on the dependency system in our county, possibly led by Devereux. ED McPartlan to put on agenda in the near future. Leslie asked how many foster homes there are in the county. Ms. Bond answered that there are only 22 foster homes. Karen Deigl asked if Hibiscus counts in that. It does not as it is a group home. Ms. Bond explained the process that takes place after a child is sheltered from their parents and explained the flow from removal to relative placement to foster care or a group home.
- V. Approval of Minutes (January 30, 2018) - Chairman Lunceford-** Motion to approve by Bob McPartlan with a second by Michael Kint. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Treasurer's Report- Kip Jacoby-** Motion to approve by Keith Touchberry with a second by Leslie Spurlock. Motion passed unanimously. Decided not to have the audit at this time in order to save money.
- VII. Juvenile Justice Update - Wydee'a Wilson-** IRC is now at 57 % civil citation rate. Compared to the state, there are only five circuits above 60%. IRC is at 60% circuit wide.

Robin Dapp stated that all of the successful completions of services were counted. Only 11 of 41 children completed the SAC program. She would like to know where those kids are going for services. SAC has a specific program for civil citation, which is a state approved evidence based program, but it is not being used. Funding comes from DJJ. If the funding is not used, it will go away. There is concern that SAC will not have the program when things change and the referrals begin. The program is a life skills course that is designed for all of the crimes. Court administration does an assessment once a civil citation is issued. Community planning meetings have happened and it was decided that the referrals would go to SAC. Over the years, referrals have been declining.

Robin Dap is asking for Roundtable support on this issue. Leslie Spurlock stated that she would like to know the recidivism rate of kids who have not gone through the SAC program.

Michelle Morris suggested that SAC request another meeting with Court Administration and have it open to LE and Roundtable members.

### **VIII. Subcommittee Updates - None**

### **IX. Old Business**

**Continued Discussion on Program/Project to Support (Opioid Epidemic)-** Chairman Lunceford- Chairman Lunceford stated that as a Roundtable, we are the people that can connect the dots between the organizations already working on this.

**Ann Berner, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network-** Ms. Berner stated that approximately 85% of people addicted started with a prescription for pain meds. Florida received 27 million in grants to challenge the way that opioids have been treated in the past. There is a drug that blocks the effects of the opioid. Suboxone is one of those drugs but is limited. Doctors have to go through an education course and receive a waiver from the DEA to prescribe it. There is extensive regulation around this medication. The drug prevents the addictive chemical from attaching to the brain.

Methadone is one drug used to treat opioid addiction. It is always given in conjunction with treatment. Suboxone will cause a positive drug screen for an opiate. This is an FDA approved treatment. The challenging part has been that the traditional aftercare support groups like AA, NA have not welcomed in people who are on a medically assisted treatment. SFBHN is working on starting a medically assisted anonymous for those people. Most abuse of Suboxone is that some addicts keep in in order to prevent withdrawal.

Vivitrol is effective in treating alcohol addictions as well. Many of the issues in mental health court are related to alcohol. Residential treatment is not the recommended intensity level. It is much more affective if treated in outpatient environment.

The other piece is an effort to make sure that people who have opioid addiction have access to Narcan, which can save an individual from overdose. This is administered in a nasal spray. The person will be saved from overdose but will go into an immediate and severe withdrawal. Many people get lost at this point because the immediate urge is to go use again. The SAC can administer Narcan or provide a kit to anyone who is at risk or

has a relative of friend at risk. A quick training is provided. EMS has kits as do some law enforcement agencies.

Keith Touchberry stated that he would like to know what the Roundtable can do to help. Ms. Berner suggested outreach, awareness, establishing and helping to support the start of medically assisted anonymous groups and having sites for those groups. SAC has taken the lead on many of those areas. SEFBHA.org has additional info.

Chairman Lunceford suggested a subcommittee meeting on what the ERIRC's role should be and where we can help.

Michael Kint asked about the window for weaning off the medically assisted treatment.

Robin Dapp answered that the protocol for Vivitrol is 6 months to a year.

ED McPartlan to get with Beth Mitchell of the Sebastian Area Chamber of Commerce with regard to a symposium they are hosting.

David Currey stated that in the past three years there have been 70 deaths in the county due to this. Cocaine is still the leader in deaths in county.

Currey- house bill 21 was in committee – Trump signed 6 billion in budget for opioids.

**SAFIR Community Action Plan - Robin Dapp**- Robin Dapp stated that SAFIR has a plan so far for addressing the opioid crisis. They will provide bags for people that neutralize the medication in order to dispose of unused pills. This plan is what they know the community is doing thus far. It is not complete. Ms. Lester will be presenting to the opioid taskforce on what prevention is currently in place in our county. She could also present that to the Roundtable.

## **X. New Business**

**Amended Bylaws** - Chairman Lunceford- Bylaw amendment proposed in order to clarify the ability for Roundtable members to be the chairperson of a subcommittee. Table for now and will do via email. Executive Committee can approve.

## **XI. Member Matters**

Michelle Morris stated that Sebastian PD will be hosting their movie in Riverview Park. This month will feature the movie Zootopia.

Michael Kint stated that Up with People is coming to the IG center and is an organization that uses host families. They are in need of host families in IRC.

Jamie Bond- Place of Hope is hosting IRC State of the State at the Vero Beach Country Club on April 9. Kip Jacoby talked about the tax program that takes place at United Way. People can get help with taxes. This has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars into the community. Eve Balance is the contact person.

## **XI. Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Executive Director, Aimee McPartlan

