

Executive Roundtable of
Indian River County
January 28, 2016 @ 9:00
United Way of Indian River County

Minutes

Members Attending: Chairman Touchberry, Peter O'Bryan, Kip Jacoby, Bob McPartlan, Michael Kint, Leslie Spurlock, Casey Lunceford, David Currey, Michelle Morris, Deryl Loar, Bruce Colton, Wydee'a Wilson, Claudia Jimenez, Aimee McPartlan ED

Guests: Carol Bailey, Julianne Price, Lillian Torres-Martinez, Jacqueline Warrior, Barbara Pearce- GYAC

- 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 (December 10, 2015)- *A motion was made by David Currey with a second by Peter O'Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Treasurer's Report- Kip Jacoby- *Kip Jacoby gave the current balance of 47,366 and gave members a copy of first quarter financials. Motion to approve by Michael Kint. Second by Kip Jacoby. Motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Community Violence - Claudia Jimenez

Claudia-Thanked all for coming. Stated that she doesn't want the discussion to be construed in any way as being against any organizations. When things happen, she feels they are handled appropriately. It dovetails into Kids at Hope. Are the kids at hope or not? We are a small community. What can we do to be more proactive to serve children in our community.

Julianne Price- From their agency perspective- they have to been as proactive as was done in the past. Maybe that is something to focus on again.

David Currey- Vero Beach is looking at an ordinances for abandoned homes, decrepitness, etc, that invite problems. Julianne- Health dep can cite for some of the items like mattresses.

Wydee'a Wilson- Suggested an interagency agreement for the Roundtable. Mentioned that DJJ has prevention services and opportunities and an RFP for communities to apply for prevention and intervention service funding. Any time we are trying to keep kids from coming into the system, we have to look at the community and the environment around it. Bullying is an issue that the schools are addressing. There needs to also be something in the community to deal with bullying.

Claudia Jimenez- There is an ACE and there are gang members there.

Wydee'a Wilson- Anytime we send children anywhere, there are gang members.

Lillian- Mentioned that the school district does not expel kids often. Very low percentage of expulsions and only as absolute last resort. Expulsions and ACE admissions have been decreasing. Thanked members for supporting Kids at Hope. Dr. Torres-Martinez believes that as we move on with that... we will see a further decrease. Also doing restorative justice and revamped code of conduct with progressive discipline practices. The school district is using a document that addresses root causes of discipline in

schools. They have a good relationship with Sheriff's office, Sebastian PD, etc. Their goal at the schools is to keep everyone safe.

Keith Touchberry- Stated in response to Claudia's mention of a lack of resources: Are we lacking resources or a knowledge of the resources? How do we create the knowledge of the resources in the front line.

Bob McPartlan- Interested in the number of gangs. Maybe we should look into SLC gang program. Need more mentors, GAL's.

Jacqueline Warrior- Spent much time understanding how the Juvenile Justice system works. It's complex. People may not understand.

Kip Jacoby- County has a program through BBBS- Children of Promise- for children whose parents have been in jail.

Lillian- Upon expulsion, a student can be enrolled in virtual school if it is approved.

Four parts: Root causes, Aggravators, Gang influence, Student reaching out for help, Response and what happened. Focus on those four areas. What can we then do better.

Judy Miller- See if she would come to talk with us about the children of promise program.

Peter O'Bryan- One thing the county could do is to bring the abandoned houses to the attention of the County Commissioners. It is a problem that needs to be addressed more quickly.

Barbara Pearce- Mentioned that at the GYAC, they don't give up on kids that are having behavioral issues. Kids at Hope is a solution for our future.

B. Update on Kids at Hope - Aimee McPartlan-

a) Vero Beach Elementary - Training Complete

b) Tunnel of Hope - Wednesday, February 4, 2016 - Arrive at 9:45 and please help spread the word.

C. Discussion on Fundraising- Chairman Touchberry

a) Deryl Loar- Lou Holtz is coming to town and may be a possibility.

Peter O'Bryan- We will need a lot of time and effort to put together a big event. Needs to be very organized and therefore, should probably not be this spring.

Keith Touchberry stated that it's an election year and a lot of people are busy with that.

David Currey- Gloria Estefan cannot help us this year because of her Broadway production. He should hear from John Walsh or his staff any day.

Keith Touchberry- Proposed that retired captain, Winston Scott, who was an astronaut that flew on Endeavour and Columbia and spent over 24 days in space is willing to speak on our behalf. Normal fee is 5000. For non-profits, he does an honorarium. He proposes up to three hours including a reception. Presentation is 45 minutes to an hour and he talks about the satellite recovery that they did. End with a book signing. If we choose him- we charge a price that would include the book.

Peter O'Bryan- Emerson Center just hosted astronaut. 80 percent turnout. Peter will talk with them about the success of the event.

Claudia- that would be an excellent person to come talk to our children.

It was decided that we would not pursue Winston Scott at this time.

b) Date - No date chosen

c) Venue- No venue chosen

VII. Member Comments

Leslie Spurlock- Medical Marijuana is again on the ballot and she would like to get a feel for what the group consensus is. Last year, there was a person hired to lead a campaign against the amendment and it doesn't appear that anyone is filling that role this year.

Item was tabled and will be on agenda in February.

Feb 25- next meeting

Michael Kint- Mentioned that he would love to have the Sheriff and Police Chiefs talk to the members about gangs. What is the true level of gang activity and general info.

Deryl Loar- Need to focus on what the Roundtable's mission is.

Wydee'a Wilson- Promoting Procedural Justice with at Risk Minority Youth training is in April 5th- 8:30-5:30.

Deryl Loar- Informed members that IRC has lead the circuit on civil citations and interactions with juveniles.

Tonight there is a forum at Sebastian High for candidates at 7:00.

Michelle Morris- A CHS presentation on community schools will be Feb 3. 12-1:30

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Executive Director, Aimee McPartlan