

Executive Roundtable of
Indian River County
March 12, 2020 @ 9AM
County Administration Building
1801 27th Street, BCC Conference Room

Minutes

Members Attending: Paul Carlisle, Michelle Morris, Kip Jacoby, Carrie Maynard-Lester, Peter O'Bryan, David Currey, Kyleigh Savioe, Keith Touchberry, Aimee Hill

Guests: Diamond Litty, LifeBuilders, Dan Acosta, Eric Kohrhamer,

I. Chairman Carlisle opened the meeting at 9AM

II. Chairman Carlisle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions were made and all were welcomed.

IV. Community Presentations- Diamond Litty, LifeBuilders – Ms. Litty gave history of her time in Public Defender's office. Life Builders is a public safety initiative. Ms. Litty wanted to make a difference and believes in a holistic approach to public defending. It started as a client services program which was a first of this type of program, advocated to give a meaningful sentence. From that, diversion courts started. They are not in all four counties. No other circuit has as many as our circuit does, because our circuit collaborates. Reentry services in all four counties, helps people when they are released to get a job, housing, addiction counseling, etc. The piece that was missing was to fill the gap that public funding cannot fill, such as transportation, steel tipped boots for work, etc.

Ms. Litty stated that eleven years ago, they realized that if a charity could be started that would provide for that little piece, what a difference that would make. LifeBuilders was born. They have received financial resources from the community and Indian River County. LifeBuilders has a big fundraiser each year at the Legacy golf and country club. This year it is being held on April 24 for the dinner/cocktail party with a golf tournament on April 26. The funds raised directly help people in the system. The criteria for assistance is that the person has to have touched the criminal justice system or dependency system in some way in the 19th circuit. They could also be victims. It can be anyone who has touched the system in any way. The other criteria is that they vet every application which makes them unique. 92 cents of every dollar goes to help people.

Caryn Toole mentioned that she runs the dependency system in IRC. She has worked with Eric with Life Builders for many things. Kids have gone home due to this money. It is such a special nonprofit that is run very well. In the dependency court realm, beds are a big one that they have helped with.

Carrie Maynard-Lester stated that Life Builders has helped with all of the Substance Awareness Center's programs and is a really great program.

Caryn Toole commended LifeBuilders on their out of the box thinking.

Peter O'Bryan stated that there are two bicycle clubs in IRC. They get used bicycles and work with Orchid bicycle to refurbish. This could be a resource for LifeBuilders.

Keith Touchberry asked if LifeBuilders need bikes.

V. Approval of Minutes (January 30, 2019) – Chairman Carlisle Motion to approve by David Currey with a second by Michelle Morris. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Treasurer’s Report- Kip Jacoby - Kip Jacoby disseminated a financial statement and reviewed it with the membership. The current balance is \$37,367. Motion to approve by Keith Touchberry with a second by David Currey. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

A. Juvenile Justice Update - Wydee’a Wilson- Not present

B. US Census Complete Count Committee - Chairman Carlisle – Sebastian has made Census banners, website and tv advertisements, banners at ballfields and events, a road banner going across Harrison street and called 25 churches. Carrie Maynard-Lester asked if there is a tagline and stated that she will remind clients, as will Caryn Toole. E.D. Hill will send out.

Ms. Toole stated that her office will be a mobile site for the Census if needed.

Keith Touchberry asked that ED Hill send information on confidentiality to him.

Michelle Morris discussed the effect that COVID19 may have on the Census.

VIII New Business

A. Grant Allocation – Chairman Carlisle- An overview of the grant allocation was given to the members. Keith Touchberry asked if a grant cycle has been established. The Roundtable does not yet have a grant cycle as processes are still being put into place.

Kip Jacoby stated that the Roundtable currently has 3 to 6 months of annual expenses sitting in reserves. We need to ensure sustainability which was the real issue with the impact 100 grant.

B. Grant Subcommittee Recommendation – Kip Jacoby- Explained the grant committee discussion. 14 agencies submitted the application. Gave overview of the allocation. The committee would like an additional \$512 in order to help one more agency.

Peter O’Bryan made a motion for an additional \$512.00 allocation with a second by David Currey. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Member Matters

Kyleigh Savoie mentioned that Tobacco Free Partnership will have smoke free signs at the fair. Michelle Morris suggested signs at the Shrimp Festival.

E.D. Hill is to disburse the grant funds and invite the winning organizations, along with press, to the next meeting.

X. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 10AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee Hill, Executive Director

