

Executive Roundtable of Indian River County  
December 10, 2020 @ 8:30  
Marsh Landing Restaurant  
44 N Broadway Street  
Fellsmere, Fl

## **Minutes**

**Members Attending:** Paul Carlisle, Peter O'Bryan, Caryn Toole, Dan Acosta, Bob McPartlan, Mara Schiff, Casey Lunceford, Mark Mathes, Kip Jacoby, Keith Touchberry, Michael Kint, David Moore, David Currey, Carrie Lester, Ann Berner, Pedro Bernabe, Aimee Hill

**Guests:** Nathan Peterson, DRR; Bonnie Martinelli, Care Net Pregnancy Center

**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-** Bonnie Martinelli, Care Net Pregnancy Center- Ms. Martinelli gave PowerPoint presentation on Care Net. Care Net Pregnancy Center has been in existence since 1984. One of their highlights is the Earn to Learn program. If the mother or father watch educational videos, they receive money to shop in the Care Net shop. Care Net sees all people, no matter of their financial situation. They help a lot of homeless moms. They are affiliated with the national Care Net. Care Net gives pregnancy options counseling. Many of the women are happy to hear that they can have an open adoption. They are all about collaboration. No matter the choice the family makes, Care Net will walk through the decision with them. If there is one person who will support them, they often chose life. Care Net gives prenatal care and sends them to an OBGYN. They work with them for two years, and sometimes beyond.

There is an ultrasound program. Their nurse practitioner has delivered over 500 babies. They have a free ultrasound if they have not been under the care of a medical office. They then encourage OB care. Dr. James Presley has been a part of Care Net and is the medical director.

Education is very important. A Career College Counselor helps clients get GED's and have a better future. They have breast feeding classes as well. Earn while you learn has 200 streamed videos. They show the women what is going on with their bodies, development, etc. One of the videos is teaching bonding through eye contact. Care Net teaches life skills, co-parenting, toddler skills, etc. They have four client advocates that speak Spanish. Care Net has a Baby Boutique. Clients can earn baby bucks for various activities and can spend it in the boutique. They have an abortion recovery group as well.

The Glow Up program is a teen program that Care Net is trying to get into schools, clubs and churches, in order to prevent teens from unplanned pregnancies and STD's.

In 2020, Care Net saw 204 clients. They did not close for COVID. Clients could come pick up basic needs. 86 pregnancy tests were administered. They like to see their clients weekly in order to build a good relationship with them.

This summer, Care Net had four homeless pregnant mothers. They were able to get all four of them into homes and help three of them with adoptions.

Care Net is a nonprofit run by donations, grants and churches. They do Walk for Life and the Baby Bottle Campaign. There is a donor website, as well as a client website. Prevention, intervention and restoration is the focus.

## **Ann Berner, SEFBHN- Not Present**

- V. Approval of Minutes (October 29, 2020)** – Chairman Carlisle - Motion to approve by Kip Jacoby with a second by Bob McPartlan. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report- Kip Jacoby** – Mr. Jacoby gave current balance of \$17250.60. Motion to accept by Bob McPartlan with a second by David Currey.
- VII. Old Business**

**A. Juvenile Justice Update-** Nathan Peterson- Assistant chief until new chief is hired. Civil Citation (CC) info is on website. 18 arrests, actual arrests 35. No arrests referred for Civil Citation for month of November. A total of 53 youth eligible for CC. Only 18 received CC out of the 53. Utilization from November 2019 through October 2020 was 34%. DJJ is asking law enforcement to work on getting utilization rate up to 75%. In the community, 7 youth given CC. In schools, 8 were given CC and 3 were arrested. Want to see less arrests and more CC.

Keith Touchberry asked if the DV arrests are included in the total numbers. They are.

Mara Schiff asked if the school setting means that the youth was actually in school or that they were school age. The youth was actually at school when the arrest happened.

Carrie Maynard-Lester stated that it may have been whether or not the event occurred on school property. Carrie is happy to do any type of education with LE needed on the program.

Keith Touchberry asked Mr. Peterson to review the criteria with everyone on what is needed to give a CC.

Mr. Peterson stated that LE can decide if they are making an arrest or CC. If the victim disagrees, it used to be that the youth would be arrested. Now, it’s up to LE to make that decision. These are first time misdemeanor offences. DJJ wants minimal offenses to be CC. CC does work. Most youth that go through the program do not get into trouble again.

Kip Jacoby- What is the criteria that would prevent LE from being able to give a CC? If the parent isn’t reachable, does that prevent a CC? Mr. Peterson answered no. LE has the ability to recommend diversion. 6% recidivism rate with the CC program.

Caryn Toole stated that the offender’s parents have to agree on CC.

Chief Currey- We (law enforcement) are all for CC. But at the end of the day, it’s still up to the family to decide. If they say no, and will end up going back to LE, then it will be an arrest.

Chief Currey said that if LE is going to say yes to all of them, then they will need help from DJJ to follow up with the family within the next day or two.

Keith Touchberry stated that the reason the Roundtable is given these numbers is that DJJ needs an oversight board on CC’s. There are also new members on the Roundtable. Chief Touchberry would like for the data to be more substantive when presented because it isn’t representative of what is happening. For example, DV is represented in the data. But with DV, LE’s hands are tied.

Bob McPartlan stated that a lot of these discussions happen on the DJJ Advisory Board for the circuit. Ultimately, everyone he has seen supports CC. They have come up with a pamphlet to explain what the Civil Citation program is.

Keith Touchberry- The info conveyed needs to be less one sided and more objective.

Caryn Toole- Suggested that if DJJ can report the reasons why people aren’t getting CC’s, give some perspective on the data DJJ has, that would help.

Carrie Maynard-Lester stated that sometimes, for a lot of the kids, the path ends up looking the same which is why they want to push the CC. The Substance Awareness Center will call DJJ to help if the parent doesn’t want to do it. They are doing as much as they can on the front end. But at the end of the day, if it doesn’t work, the child will get arrested.

Mara Schiff- Thanked Chief Touchberry for explaining why the Roundtable is getting the CC data. Would like to know what happens once the child gets a CC. What works? What doesn't? How is it successful or not?

Chairman Carlisle noted that this was good dialogue and asked Mr. Peterson to follow up on Chief Currey's statement about the family's desire to do a CC. Asked if DJJ talks to the victim's family to convince them to do CC?

Bob McPartlan- Mentioned that they will go talk to the family of the victim. Ultimately if it doesn't work, they will get arrested.

Chief Touchberry recommended that Nathan provide Aimee Hill with the reasons why we get the CC dashboard.

Chief Currey suggested that if CC is rejected the night of the incident, and a few days later, the family changes their mind, they will allow the change to CC.

Carrie could give a presentation of what it looks like after the CC occurs.

**B. 2020 5K Subcommittee Update and Volunteers – Chairman Carlisle, ED Hill-** Chairman Carlisle gave overview of sponsorships. Aimee will send an email out about volunteers for 5K. Chairman Carlisle mentioned the golf tournament. We are hoping that that can be another fundraiser for us.

David Moore mentioned that Ms. Barenborg has met with staff and will have her get back with Aimee on the golf tournament.

David Currey gave check from forfeiture fund to Roundtable.

Peter O'Bryan- Unspent Cares Act dollars will be given to salaries in IRC. They will continue Cares Act programs that are currently in place and use 12, 13 million as long as they can, beyond the December 31 deadline.

David Moore- Got info from state that they are able to continue to offer all three models of schooling that they've been offering all year long. 84% of students are back in brick-and-mortar schools. They can remain in virtual school or transitional school if they do not want to come back to school. About 50 kids in the district are logging in but not doing the work.

Casey Lunceford- There is a new president at IRSC who is an entrepreneur at heart and has a new perspective on things. Casey is now the President of the Mueller Campus. Working on a mobile welding lab for the fall. Dr. Moore and his staff have been working with them. IRSC is opening their Sebastian site next semester. IRSC courses are only about 35% live. Most students doing online school. They will be increasing face to face instruction for the Spring semester.

## **VIII. New Business**

## **IX. Member Matters**

## **X. Adjournment-** Adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee Hill, Executive Director