

Thursday, May 6, 2021
3:30 – 5:00 PM
AGENDA

Meetings are generally held the 1st Thursday of each month

OFFICERS

Corporal William Lawson
Chair

Tarra Dimanche
Vice Chair

Chris Mathews
Secretary

Samantha Staley
*Community Recognition
Representative*

MEMBERS

Constance Shaw

Daphne Lampley

Deputy Eric Ford

LaShante Keys

Nikishea Wright-Richardson

Patsy Buker

Phyllis Ware-Winchester

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Pinellas County**

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER– <i>Corporal William Lawson, Chair</i> | 3:30 PM |
| II. | CONSENT ITEMS- <i>Corporal William Lawson, Chair</i>
A. Approve September 2020 Minutes
B. Approve April 2021 Minutes | 3:35 PM |
| III. | JWB UPDATES- <i>JWB Representatives</i> | 3:40 PM |
| IV. | COUNCIL BUSINESS– <i>Corporal William Lawson, Chair &
Tarra Dimanche, Vice-Chair</i>
A. JWB Strategic Plan
B. Review Timeline, Bylaws, and Workplan | 3:45 PM |
| V. | OPEN AGENDA- <i>Tarra Dimanche, Vice-Chair</i> | 4:30 PM |
| VI. | ADJOURN- <i>Corporal William Lawson, Chair</i> | 5:00 PM |

Future Meetings/Notices

Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:00 AM JWB Board Meeting 14155 58th St. N. Clearwater, FL 33760

Monday, May 17, 2021 9:00 AM 14155 58th St. N. Clearwater, FL 33760

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does.”**
Margaret Mead, Anthropologist



SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 AT 3:30 PM

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
14155 58TH STREET NORTH
ZOOM MEETING
CLEARWATER, FL 33760**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Millicent Battle, Community Planner and Council Liaison, stated the JWB South County Community Council Meeting on September 3, 2020 is being held via Zoom Webinar and telephone conference due to the current State of Emergency in Florida caused by the outbreak of COVID-19. Governor Ron DeSantis extended Executive Order 20-69 which suspends the Sunshine Law requirement to have all meetings in a public location and have a quorum in person.

Deputy Lawson, South County Chair, called the meeting order at 3:08 PM by followed by a Moment of Silence.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Deputy William Lawson	Council Chair	Present
Tarra Ofosu	Council Vice Chair	Present
Chris Mathews	Council Secretary	Present
Samantha Staley	Council Community Recognition Representative	Present
Constance Shaw	Council Member	Present
Daphne Lampley	Council Member	Present
Deputy Eric Ford	Council Member	Present
Julia Neely	Council Member	Present
LaShante Keys	Council Member	Present
Nikishea Wright-Richardson	Council Member	Absent
Patsy Buker	Council Member	Absent
Phyllis Ware-Winchester	Council Member	Present
Robert Ellis	Council Member	Present
Ta'Quera Riou	Council Member	Present

Guest: Wanda Stuart, Ellen Snelling, Katrina Jenkins, Willie Harris, Makeba Huntington- Symons, Athian Early, Ronald Wade, Michelle Roberge, Michelle Christie, Nicole McCutchan, Deborah Green Staff: Beth Houghton, Judith Warren, Yaridis Garcia, Michael Thomas, Jaime Peele, and Millicent Battle.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Council Minutes for August 6, 2020

Deputy Lawson called for approval of the Consent Items

The items were approved without discussion.

ACTION: Ms. Chris Mathews moved to approve the Consent Items as presented; seconded by Ms. Tarra Ofosu. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

II. **JWB UPDATES**

A. Organizational Updates- *Ms. Beth Houghton, CEO, Juvenile Welfare Board*

FY21-26 Strategic Plan will to the Board September 15, 2020, documents can be viewed on the website. Programmatic focus area and refocus on *Early Childhood Development* and a holistic approach throughout the plan addressing social, emotional, and academic needs was highlighted. The plan continue to focus on *Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. School Readiness, School Success, and Strengthening Community*. JWB mission and values were also updated to commit to diversity, equity and inclusion. In addition, organizational capacity was added as a sixth focus area to disaggregate participant data and strengthen staff and funded organizations around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

B. Program Updates- *Ms. Judith Warren, COO, Juvenile Welfare Board*

Over 80 contracts have been executed with funded organizations. Out of school time and childcare providers report a decreased attendance up to 50% of capacity and in school programs using virtual platforms to offer support to children and caregivers. Work continue with 211 Tampa Bay Cares, Neighborhood Family Centers, and system navigators to help families obtain COVID Cares funding by assisting with the application process. In addition, JWB is working with partner agencies to distribute school supplies.

C. Community Planning Updates- *Ms. Yaridis Garcia, Community Planning Manager, Juvenile Welfare Board*

Community Wellness Mental Health First Aid Training scheduled on Monday September 28th, 12:30-5:00 PM send email to ygarcia@jwbpinellas.org if interested in attending.

III. **COUNCIL UPDATES- Ms. Tarra Ofosu, Vice-Chair**

A. Participants were invited to attend future JWB sponsored events and meetings. SPC collaborative lab strategic plan artwork was shared with the Council. Focus areas were reviewed and council asked to begin thinking of how to incorporate into the Council's work plan. JWB programs in Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect was discussed with acknowledgement of the opportunity for Council to look at the strategies and embrace parental engagement and support. Ms. Constance Shaw offered ReadStrong as a conduit for the Council to reach families.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. *Prevention Focus Area*

1) *LiveFree!-Ms. Daphne Lampley VP of Prevention Services & LiveFree! Director & Ms. Wanda Stuart LiveFree! Program Director*

LiveFree! Coalition of Pinellas County raises awareness about substance abuse prevention. LiveFree! focuses on education and sharing resources that addresses alcohol abuse due to underage drinking and over consumption, prescription drug misuse, illicit marijuana consumption, and emergent substance abuse issues with youth, young adults, and adults. Past projects include Pinellas Alcohol Coalition in collaboration with Pinellas Park High

school students created a coasters which were distributed in Largo and St. Petersburg service areas. Operation Medicine Cabinet collaborated with Pinellas County Sherriff's Office to place permanent drop boxes throughout the County to properly dispose of medication and combat prescription drug misuse. In collaboration with Pinellas County Sherriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency, drug take back days are held twice a year. Drug disposal bags are available at Operation Par St. Petersburg for pickup. September is Prevention Month and October 23rd-31st is Red Ribbon Annual Campaign. Daily post will educate about drug usage. October 27th's theme is *Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free*. Youth will have an opportunity to showcase their talent. Donations are needed such as masks and incentive items. September 24th is the next Coalition meeting, follow on social media. To obtain more information, join the distribution list, or request virtual presentations contact (DLampley@OperPar.org or wstuart1@operpar.org)

2) *Supersized Alcopop Research-Ellen Snelling, Board Chair of the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance*

Nearly two-thirds of underage drinkers have consumed alcopop within the past month. Alcopop was introduced 1980's as a single serving RTD transitional product equal to 1 standard alcoholic beverage. Supersized Alcopop was introduced 2002 to 2007 single serving RTD transitional product equal to 4.7 to 5.5 standard alcoholic beverages. Alcopop is the perfect storm, it comes in a large container, easily accessible, high alcohol content, heavily flavored, cheap, strong, taxed low and has appealing marketing. US regulator strategies include classification to a distilled spirit, increase price, remove from stores where youth most often obtain alcohol, and monopoly states could delist. Possible Florida strategies includes increase tax, require placement in liquor stores, limit alcohol content to 8%, advocate for prevention of underage drinking and harmful consequences. Marketing of alcopop has increased during the pandemic. Advocating for alcopop policy change will assist in prevention of underage drinking, binge drinking, youth alcohol poisoning, alcohol related crashes, sexual assaults, deaths and will save lives. The next steps are media advocacy around COVID 19 alcohol policy, public health concerns, local ordinance to limit restaurant/ bar hours, state legislation to prevent permanent to-go cocktails, support local compliance checks, including alcohol delivery, state legislation to restrict underage access to supersized alcopops.

V. **OPEN AGENDA**

Mr. LaShante Keys Empath Health Suncoast Hospice, free 6 week COVID grief counseling available, contact for more information. (LaShanteKeys@empathhealth.org)

Ms. Chris Mathews, Kinship, September 13th is Grandparents' Day more information activities will be provided. (cmathews@childrenshomenetwork.org)

Ms. Deborah Green, Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center, food pantry serve 20-25 families a week, back to school event was successful with over 200 backpacks and supplies given to the community, after school programming is going well, and center has a new parking lot and van. (dgreen@sanderlinfamilycenter.org)

Ms. Millicent Battle reminded of the census deadline, JWB website, and email resources. Michael Thomas, was introduced as the new JWB Community Project Coordinator (mthomas@jwbpinellas.org).

VI. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by Millicent Battle, Council Liaison



SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Guest: Athian Early, Deborah Green, Chris Dan, Keshia Baker, Asha King, Ahmad Washington Staff: Millicent Battle.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Council Minutes for August 6, 2020

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ACTION: No action taken due to lack of quorum.

II. JWB UPDATES

A. Organizational Updates- *Millicent Battle, Community Planner, Juvenile Welfare Board*

- Staff will be returning to the office beginning of July.
- We have added 2 temps, 3 new staff members and have two openings.
- JWB has established a new internal DEI committee-Equity Leadership Council

- Our Internal Process Quality Improvement committees continue to meet to identify, analyze and improve existing processes to optimize our programs and services performance
- External work groups surrounding our initiatives are still active. Grade level reading offered Lectio to smaller groups, grade level reading and childhood hunger currently have external grant opportunities.
- Children’s Mental Health is offering ACES training
- The board will be asked to approve funding in quality early learning and children’s mental health in upcoming board meeting
- We mourn the untimely loss of Bernie McCabe and there is a tribute video on our web site.
- We continue to invest in additional food to be distributed in the community – St. Pete Free Clinic is the administrator of the food which is pushed out to the community by a variety of providers.
- We are looking at increasing the investment in literacy by approximately 1.4 M which includes expansion of both Shirley Proctor Puller and Y of St. Pete who cover South County.
- Summer Bridge will be for four weeks this summer – expanded hours in the transformation zone schools. Transportation will be provided for the children who participate in the instruction portion only. JWB will continue to fund wrap care for all the schools.
- In April, we will be putting forth expansion in Mental Health Services.
- At the May Board Meeting we will spotlight our 0-3 work.

III. **COUNCIL UPDATES- *Corporal William Lawson, Chair***

A. Timeline for the was presented as follows:

- April-resume in person meetings
- May-June review JWB strategic plan to determine how the council want to support JWB through their work, which will be reflected in the workplan
- July-August Review bylaws, workplan
- September-Elections, approve bylaws and workplan

IV. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. *Asha King, Visionary/President Pathway to Success Ministries* Pathway.success@yahoo.com

B. *Ahmad Washington Founder/CEO Changing Lives, Resorting Communities, Uprising Education, Mental and Economic Development (C.R.U.M)* crumcog@gmail.com
www.crumog.org

V. **OPEN AGENDA**

VI. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by Millicent Battle, Council Liaison