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Minutes January 4, 2024, JWB North Community Council

Call to Order. The January 4, 2024, meeting of the North County Community Council, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, was called to order by Vice Chair Carmen Lake at 6:07 p.m. at Advent Health North Pinellas Hospital in Tarpon Springs, FL

In attendance: Council Members Carmen Lake, Eric Clark, Ellen Anderson, Mark Hopkins, Dawn Handley, and Pinellas Sheriff Deputy M. Stickney; JWB Attorney Colleen Flynn; JWB staff Joanne Reich, and Elicia Hinson; and guests Ebony Blackshaw (Learning Empowered) Adriana Palacio (Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center), Caprice Edmond (Help Me Grow), Charles Ponella (Boley Centers), Ron Haddad (Rotary)

Absent: Mary Sharrow, Nadine Spring, John White, Beth Hovind, Michael Arendall

Introductions: Members of the Council, Community Engagement Advocate Reich, and public guests introduced themselves.

JWB Presentations: Colleen Flynn, ESQ, JWB's attorney spoke on sunshine laws, conflicts of interest and Roberts rules of order. Flynn conducted a 15 to 20 minute training for 2024 conflict of interest and giving detailed overview of JWB's specific law requirements. Members and guests present were able to ask questions and discuss information presented. Flynn also spoke high level overview of the council's bylaws and the integration into the board's laws and regulation requirements.

Elicia Hinson transition discussion into the turbo babies' campaign and presented to the council current updates and events in the community. Hinson shared upcoming opportunities for community engagement and handouts to inform and advocate for the campaign's stakeholders being children and families of Pinellas County. Eric Clark opened discussion with Hinson on the opportunity for development tracking in the campaign. Hinson assured staff is capturing data on how the campaign is positively impacting the community and showing success as more families are educated on the campaigns message for early child development.

Council Business: Joanne Reich provided an update on behalf of chair Beth Hovind on the Grandfamilies Campaign. Updates and help needed was shared with the council. Spring event time and date possible subject to change due to event location change. More information to come as the campaign team continues to meet and work details of the event.

Due to presentations and topic discussions, work plan review and approval moved to next council meeting: February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chair Carmen Lake moved the minutes of the December 2023 meeting to be approved. Eric Clark seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Community engagements: Attendees circled the board room providing community updates and upcoming events for engagement opportunities. Reich to follow up and communicate key dates with council if interested.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes captured by Eric Clark