



**North County
Community Council**

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I. Call to Order. The March 6, 2025 meeting of the North County Community Council, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, was called to order by Vice Chair Carmen Lake at 6:06 p.m. at Dunedin Mease Hospital, 601 Main Street, Dunedin, Florida.

In attendance were: Council Members Carmen Lake, Michael Arendall, Nadine Nickeson, John White, and Maria Amado, as well as guests Adriana Palacio of the Area Agency on Aging Pinellas & Pasco; Kelly Roy, JWB Community Engagement Advocate for South County Community Council and YLC Adviser; Aiden Campbell of Palm Harbor University High School and Member of the YLC; Lisa Mansell of the Church of Scientology; Tracy Hawkins of the Clearwater Community Volunteer Center; Shakerah Molligan of R'Club; Darice Flournoy of Boley Centers, and Jennifer Riegel of Eleos Wellness.

Absent were: Council Members Beth Hovind, Mark Hopkins, Mary Sharrow, Eric Clark, Dawn Handley, Niko Stergiotis, and a representative of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

A quorum of the Council was not present.

Introductions: Council Members and guests introduced themselves briefly.

II. Council Picture: The picture was taken immediately prior to the meeting's start.

III. JWB Updates

- A. Deputy Nocera has been reassigned by the Sheriff's Office, and we will have a new deputy assigned soon.
- B. Special Presentation by the Youth Leadership Committee: Kelly Roy, Community Engagement Advocate for South County Community Council, introduced herself and shared brief details about the YLC over the last several years. Youth Leadership Committee Member Aiden Campbell, PHUHS, introduced himself, and presented the YLC's Mission Statement. Kelly and Aiden walked the Council through a presentation handout, and they shared details about the Committee's membership eligibility and fiscal year, tracking with the annual school district calendar. The Committee meets monthly, primarily virtually but also in person. Committee members re-apply each year and are very active in their communities, and they earn Bright Futures hours through their service on the Committee. Aiden shared the Committee's service project on November 24, 2024, preparing a full meal for the Ronald McDonald House. Kelly discussed the Committee's service work at JWB's hurricane relief Mobile Food Truck on October 26, 2024 and at the Committee's Mid-County Community Council Holiday Project on December 28, 2024. Aiden emphasized that the Committee is always looking for projects, sharing

that the Committee had a Mindfully Unwinding event on February 8, 2025 to help youth learn techniques to deal better with stress and overcome anxious situations. The Committee is also working to prepare Teen Food Kits for each Grand Families Event this spring.

IV. Council Business

- A. The Council is reminded of the NCCC Grand Families Event on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Adriana and Dawn will be working in an arts and crafts room. Some student athletes at TSHS will be available to help families take things to the car or help provide directions and support. After a question from Michael about surveying method for the GFE, Joanne shared that some of the volunteer roles will be to help collect survey responses from attendees.
- B. Consideration of the Council's December 2024, January 2025, and February 2025 minutes was postponed.
- C. The Council is advised of a change to the normal meeting schedule: for April, the meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month, April 17, 2025, in the community room(s) of the Dunedin Mease Hospital.

V. Community Updates

Carmen shared that there will be an event at Mt. Moriah in Tarpon Springs sponsored by the Supervisor of Elections on the same day as the Grand Families Event, April 26, 2025, to encourage voters not only to be a registered voter but also to be registered to receive a mail ballot if desired.

Joanne shared that there will be a literacy street fair in Tarpon Springs on the same day as the Grand Families Event, April 26, 2025.

Joanne also advised that JWB will be at Kiwanis' Art Fair in Safety Harbor on Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 9:00am to 4:00pm to promote the Turbo Babies campaign, and volunteers are sought.

Nadine shared that on March 22, 2025, the Mattie Williams Center and Kiwanis will be putting on an event from 3:00pm-10:00pm called Bands on the Bay, with a \$15 admission. There are four bands playing, food trucks, and other activities on the Safety Harbor waterfront.

Lisa and Tracy of the Church of Scientology announced that there will be a Charity Coalition Luncheon at the Fort Harrison in downtown Clearwater from 11:30am-1:30pm on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Lisa shared that there is an Easter egg hunt in Coachman Park on Easter Sunday, starting at 11:00am until 2:00pm, with lots of activities and food options.

Shakerah of R'Club shared that they are continuing their enrollment campaign for summer programs, serving ages 2 months to 5 years. They are encouraging families to look into the School Readiness Scholarship.

Maria shared that Empath Health has two positions open in its community health division.

And, there being no further business, on a motion by Michael that was seconded by John, the Council adjourned without objection at 6:58 p.m. The Council's next meeting is Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Dunedin Mease Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Arendall
Secretary