



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASKFORCE MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2024

12:00 PM

Robert Weisman Government Center

301 N. Olive Ave.

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

10th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Members

Barbara Cheives, Co-Chair
Chief Javaro Sims (Retired)
Ricky Aiken, Inner City Innovators
Jaime Lee Brown (remote)
Ontario Johnson, Renaissance Partners
Rev. Kevin Jones, City of West Palm Beach
Captain Todd Baer, PBSO
Major Chris Keane, PBSO
Dan Eisinger, PD Office
Kenya Madison, Healthier Delray Beach
Latronda Hayes, Riviera Beach Drug Court
Norman Austin Inner City Innovators
David Rae, Inner City Innovators

Staff

Rosalind Murray, CJC
Damir Kuvec, CJC
Katherine Shover, CJC

- I. Welcome was provided by Ms. Cheives and Chief Sims, (retired) at 12:05 pm. Introductions were made.
- II. Motion to approve, the minutes of July 12, 2023 made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion to accept the minutes was approved.
- III. Motion made by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Ms. Madison to accept agenda as presented. The motion to accept the agenda was approved.
- IV. **New Business**



- A. **Discussion of Scope of Work** - Rosalind Murray introduced the proposal put forth by Community Partners, accepted and endorsed by the MacArthur Foundation to approve the Dialogue to Change process in a continued form. Jaime Lee Brown spoke of the effort to rebuild trust in the Dialogue to Change process to move beyond recommendations regarding programs to that of policy. This capacity building process will create a true system of change. She hopes to reconnect, and rebuild the network. The nine former groups will be contacted as well as others interested in this process. Our goal is to prepare participants and ready them to serve on policy boards through the county. We will assist them in sharpening the tools in the tool kit. The MacArthur Foundation has also endorsed the Resident Leadership Academy, a training which is part of the process. There will be pre and post-tests to determine what was learned. Rosalind Murray, as staff will help guide the process. We will create a Guiding Committee similar to last time.

Ms. Cheives asked about the time line; Ms. Brown stated it is a full year from the start of the contract. Ms. Brown stated there were 170 participants earlier, now there may be some consolidation. It is all to be determined. The contract has been signed by all parties, according to Ms. Murray, but is waiting for approval from Mr. Bonlarron our Acting Director. We hope to have this contract executed by the end of the first quarter of the calendar year, which is March 31, 2024.

- B. **Why Did You Stop Me?** Captain Baer, of PBSO discussed this upcoming seminar and thanked the CJC for their support in recruitment efforts and sponsorship. This is the second year and we hope it will be as successful as the first year. Mr. Rae asked what this class does for the community. Major Keane discussed the active role-play. The goal is to improve the relationships. Ms. Cheives encouraged participation. Chef Sims stated that he believed in the value of role-playing. Channel 20 and You Tube would be great to reach a wider audience.

V. Member Comments

Mr. Norman stated that we need stakeholders aligned with community members. We need empathy around many of these issues.

Ms. Shover added that the CJC is looking to expand its board with community members who are crime survivors, youth, and at-large positions by February 7, 2024.

The Executive Director's position had forty-five applicants.

The new Bond Schedule will be under review by FSU to see if there is an impact on the average daily jail population.

VI. Close

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next Community Engagement Meeting is Monday, March 25, 2024.