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Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
Facilitator: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director
Minutes Prepared by: Audley G. Reid, Senior Planner
Date/Time: April 14, 2015
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Meeting Attendance:

1. Joanna Aiken	Solid Waste Authority
2. Shayla Davis	Department of Economic Sustainability and Water Utilities
3. Sargent James Hightower	PBC Sheriff's Office
4. Casey Prancun	PBC Parks & Recreation
5. Michael Owens	PBC School District
6. David Rafaidus	PBC Community Services Department
7. Kenny Willson	Florida Department of Health Palm Beach
8. Debbie Bester	Memory Trees Corp
9. Rudi Bester	Memory Trees Corp
10. Deputy Ledford	PBC Sheriff's Office
11. Deputy Ellis	PBC Sheriff's Office
12. Deputy Diejuste	PBC Sheriff's Office
13. Mary Johnson	Lee Crossing/Homes of Lantana Community
14. Sarah Vizcarrondo	Light House of Hope
15. Bill McDonald	Plantation Community
16. Reginald Brown	PBC Health Department
17. Laura Martinez	San Castle Community
18. Carmen SiFonte	San Castle Community
19. Samantha Loude	WXEL-TV
20. Robin Rance-Hoffman	Commissioner Burdick's Office
21. Reverend Padgett	Gramercy Park Community
22. Audley Reid	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
23. William Wynn	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
24. Anne Helfant	PBC Attorney's Office
25. Tammy Fields	PBC Youth Services Division
26. Greta Godaert	City of Pahokee resident
27. Carlos Poueda	Florida Atlantic University

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves.

II. Department Updates

Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority representative, reported the following:

- On Friday, April 17th, the SWA Rebuilding Together, Riviera Beach CRA, and Sears will be partnering to install impact windows for a resident located in Riviera Beach. The resident is a retired City worker, legally blind who is quite active in his community.

David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services Department representative, reported the following:

- An RFP allocating \$13-\$15 million is now available. Please go to the CSD website. Possible funding opportunities are available for projects focusing on homelessness and domestic abuse.

James Hightower, Sergeant, Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office, reported the following:

- Eileen Long, long-time resident and leader of the Old Trail community had a minor stroke recently. She is recuperating in rehab. Deputy Willie Brookings visited her. Sergeant Hightower asked the CCRT to keep Ms. Long in our prayers.

John Ellis, Deputy PBSO, reported the following:

- Deputy Ellis thanked the SWA led by Joanna Aiken, for assisting in a community clean up of the Gramercy Park CCRT area. The possibility of a community garden for the cleared area was brought up by OCR Director Houston Tate.

III. Special Presentations

Tammy Fields, Director, Palm Beach County Youth Services

Ms. Fields presented "Youth Services Programs and Initiatives" to outline and introduce the responsibilities and work that the department is charged with. See attached.

Houston Tate, OCR Director

The upcoming Back to School Bash will be an opportunity to partner with some of the things Youth Services would like to do. The Bash will serve 14,000 children on the same day. Some locations will offer haircuts to the kids as well as immunization services. There might be a way to provide donated gifts to school children as well.

Tammy Fields, Director, Palm Beach County Youth Services

Ms. Fields suggested looking into providing donated uniforms to students who are without or who are making due with frayed uniforms. Some children are actually bullied because they wear older uniforms.

Houston Tate, OCR Director

On April 7, the BCC officially approved a lease agreement for the former Head Start office building in San Castle, which has now been leased to Community Partnership to provide community services and programs to the San Castle community. The facility is slated for opening in October this year. If feasible, personnel could also work with those at Youth Services to offer programs at the new building.

IV. OCR Staff Reports

Chrystal Matthews, OCR Senior Planner

Mrs. Matthews stated that REAP was successfully completed and turnout was impressive. In Pahokee, attendees averaged 40 people while in Central County it averaged 84 people. There is a total of 4 recommended grants from Pahokee and a total of 37 submitted grants from Central which is the pool from which actual recommendations will be made. There is a Steering Committee meeting slated for the

following Monday to decide on the recommended grants from the Central region. The REAP graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 9th.

Houston Tate, OCR Director

Mr. Tate commented that, over the years, the quality of project submissions for REAP has improved noticeably.

V. New Business

Greta Goddart, Pahokee Resident stated that as the Back To School Bash is coming up, we should keep in mind that some things need to come from the ground up. For students needing uniforms, maybe a uniform exchange of some sort with clean donated clothes could be offered.

VI. Residents Comments

Greta Goddart, Pahokee resident stated that she attended this years REAP and will be submitting a grant application next year. A "fire was lit" with her and other residents and they will be better prepared next year.

Laura Martinez, San Castle resident thanked OCR for the opportunity to attend REAP and stated that she will be ready to apply for and obtain the grant based on this years' experience.

She also requested assistance in obtaining streetlights in her community as there are serious concerns regarding theft and crime. Her vehicle was stolen on the previous Sunday night.

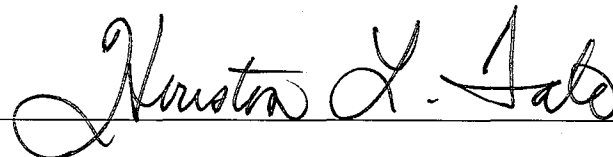
OCR Director stated that the office is pushing for funding and that William Wynn, Program Manager for the Neighborhood Street Lighting Program (NSLP) has also expressed the need for more funding.

Sara from Renew Life Center stated that the organization has partnered with PBSO, churches, and other groups to offer the Live the Dream mentoring program. The program is geared towards boys 6-18 years old. The program is offered during the summer camp program. She encouraged interested attendees to contact her or Renew Life for more information on Live the Dream.

VII. Follow-ups

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director



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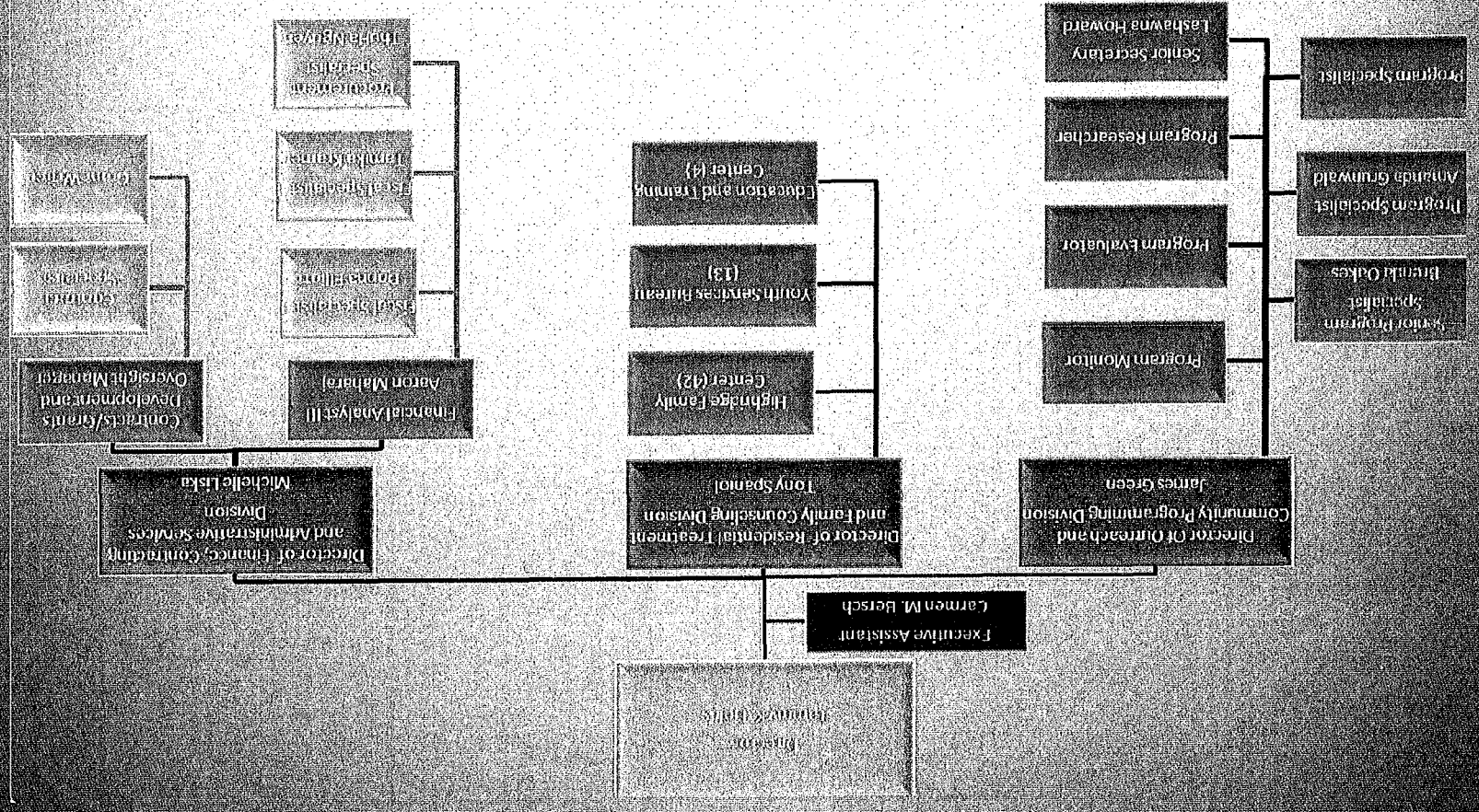
Presentation to Countywide Community Revitalization Team

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Organizational Chart

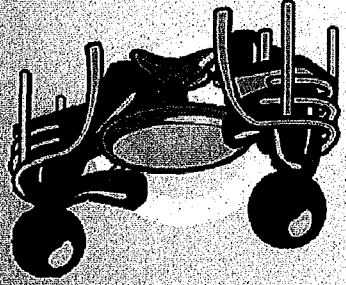


Outreach and Community Programming



- Summer Food
- Summer Camp Scholarships
- Financially Assisted Agencies
- Youth Violence Prevention
- GREAT
- Youth Empowerment Centers

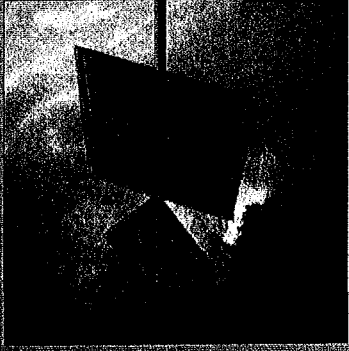
Residential Treatment and Family Counseling



- Highridge Center
- Education and Training
- Youth and Family Counseling
- In schools
- Belle Glade
- Palm Beach Gardens
- Delray Beach
- West Palm Beach

Finance, Contracting and Administrative Services

- Budget
- Payroll/Human Resources
- Purchasing
- Payables
- Agenda items
- Records Management
- Fixed Assets



New Responsibilities

- Interagency Coordination
- Interdepartmental Coordination
- Community Leadership
- Liaison with Juvenile Court
- Special Needs Transition Support
- Vocational Training Support
- Family Visitation/Exchange
- Additional Youth Programming

- Increase positive birth outcomes
- Improve healthy, safe, permanent and nurturing environments
- Improve physical, developmental, mental/behavioral health
- Increase school readiness
- Increase educational performance
- Increase adolescent pro social behavior
- Increase career readiness

Child and Youth Symposium Objectives

• Questions



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