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## Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director  
Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner  
Date/Time: July 11, 2017  
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

### Meeting Attendance:

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| 1. Christopher Irizarry  | Health Care District Palm Beach County  |
| 2. Robin Kish            | Health Care District Palm Beach County  |
| 3. Millie Rodriguez      | Health Care District Palm Beach County  |
| 4. Bill McDonald         | Plantation Community                    |
| 5. Barry Hoffman         | San Castle Community                    |
| 6. Bonnie Hodges Leeh    | San Castle Community                    |
| 7. Carmen SiFonte        | San Castle Community                    |
| 8. Lana Martinez         | San Castle Community                    |
| 9. Ontario Johnson       | San Castle Community                    |
| 10. Sheila Brown         | PBC Economic Sustainability             |
| 11. Bob Smallacombe      | PBC Fire Rescue                         |
| 12. Deputy Diejuste      | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 13. Deputy DeLaura       | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 14. Deputy Ellis         | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 15. Deputy Bush          | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 16. Deputy Willis        | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 17. Sgt Hightower        | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 18. Michael Owens        | PBC School District                     |
| 19. Kenny Wilson         | Florida Department of Health Palm Beach |
| 20. Sam Roman            | PBC Sheriff's Office                    |
| 21. Alexis Levy          | Living Hungry                           |
| 22. Maura Plante         | Living Hungry                           |
| 23. Jonasse Pierre-Louis | Limestone Creek Community               |
| 24. Darren Romelus       | Commissioner Bernard's Office           |
| 25. Robin Rance-Hoffman  | Commissioner Burdick's Office           |
| 26. Joanna Aiken         | Solid Waste Authority                   |
| 27. Wesley White         | PBC Animal Care and Control             |
| 28. Samantha Corr        | PBC ERM                                 |
| 29. Mary Atkinson        | PBC ERM-Intern                          |
| 30. Nicole Andreas       | PBC ERM-Intern                          |

31. Sammy Gedeon	PBC ERM-Intern
32. Casey Pranckun	PBC Parks & Recreation
33. Audley Reid	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
34. William Wynn	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
35. Chrystal Mathews	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
36. Inger Harvey	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
37. Ruth Moguillansky	PBC Office of Community Revitalization
38. Houston Tate	PBC Office of Community Revitalization

## **Meeting Minutes**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Houston Tate, Director OCR, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and asked the group to introduce themselves and to state “what would you like to take from this meeting?”
  
- II. **Presentation- Christopher F. Irizarry, MPA, Vice President and Executive Director of Clinic Services, Health Care District Palm Beach County.** Mr. Tate introduced Mr. Irizarry and informed the group about his bio and background.

Mr. Irizarry’s presentation shared **an overview of The C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics.** IN 1988 Palm Beach County voters had a vision to approve the creation of the Health Care District and fund this safety net system with ad valorem, or property taxes.

1. **The mission of the Health Care District is to:**
  - To provide compassionate, comprehensive health services to all Palm Beach County (Florida) residents, through collaboration and partnerships, in a culturally sensitive environment.
  
2. **The Health Care District consists of:**
  - The C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics
  - Pharmacy Program
  - Health Coverage – District Cares and Maternity Care Programs
  - School Nurses staffing health rooms in nearly 170 public schools
  - Skilled nursing at the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
  - Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade, the county’s rural teaching hospital, serving the agricultural communities bordering Lake Okeechobee
  - Oversight of the county’s lifesaving Trauma System, including the Trauma Hawk Aeromedical Program
  
3. **Established as Federally Qualified Health Centers in 2013**
  - In 2012, Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County and the Health Care District decided to migrate the oversight of the primary care clinics to the Health Care District

- The Health Care District was awarded a grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) beginning in January 2013

**4. Adult and Pediatric Clinic Services**

- Medical evaluations
- Yearly physicals
- Well visits and sick visits
- Laboratory services
- Diabetes/hypertension screenings
- Women's Health, Maternity health care, Well-Woman check-ups
- Mammogram and specialty care referrals
- Immunizations
- Hearing and vision testing
- General and preventive dentistry for adults and children
- Mental health counseling
- Pharmacy services
- Employment, school, Department of Transportation and sports physicals
- Health care for the homeless and agricultural workers
- School forms DH 680 and DH 3040
- Financial counseling

**5. Health Care District Ten Clinic Locations**

- Belle Glade – Primary Care
- Belle Glade – Dental Clinic
- Delray Beach – Primary Care
- Jerome Golden Center – Patient Clinic
- Jupiter – Primary Care
- Lantana – Primary Care
- Lake Worth – Primary Care
- Palm Beach Lakes Community High School - School Clinic
- West Boca Raton – Primary Care
- West Palm Beach – Primary Care

**6. Health Care District Then and Now**

**a) 2013**

- 80 Employees
- 4 Clinic Sites
- 2 Services
- 13,781 Unique Patients
- 29,046 Patient Visits

**b) 2016**

- 240 Employees
- 9 Clinic Sites
- 5 Services

- 36,509 Unique Patients
- 100,313 Patient Visits

\* A copy of the presentation is available from OCR upon request.

Following the presentation, attendees offered questions and comments which are summarized below:

### III. Department Updates

**Millie Rodriguez, Health Care District PBC:** In relation to the CBSB Mrs. Rodriguez stated that the Health Care District cannot provide physicals or immunizations in their clinics for several different reasons. During the CBSB they will be present at Roger Dean, Village Academy, South and Belle Glade. Any child that needs a physical will be signed up at these locations to have a physical at a later date before the start of school. Also there will be 500 hygiene bags provided at each above site. In addition, for the children from South Bay and Belle Glade dental screening will also be provided.

Ruth Moguillansky asked if there was a need for help with table signs Mrs. Rodriguez advised that there was no help needed with table signs.

**Joanna Aiken, Solid Waste Authority (SWA):** Ms. Aiken stated that the SWA for the month of July through the Adopt-a-Spot program have 45 clean-ups set up so far. There are 15 Paint Your Heart events planned so far for July as well. On July 10<sup>th</sup> there was a PYHO event which included volunteers from The Breakers and on July 8<sup>th</sup> there was a PYHO event in west Delray Beach which included volunteers from the FAU football team and coaching staff.

Rebuilding Together of the Palm Beaches have 5 programs in progress at this time. Starting July 20<sup>th</sup> Brand Star Productions have invited Rebuilding Together to be a part of their show production which will be for a military makeover (rehab) of a Lake Osborne Estate veterans' home. The entire makeover will be videoed by Brand Star. Home Depot and The Breakers will also take part of this makeover. Hours will be from 9a.m. -1p.m. on July 20,21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24, 25 and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Samantha Corr, Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM):** Ms. Corr stated ERM administers a range of environmental programs designed to protect, preserve, and enhance Palm Beach County's natural resources, both on land and water. Fresh drinking water, unpolluted waterways, a large tree canopy, and controlling mosquito populations provide a welcoming outdoor tropical experience to snorkel and dive, visit sandy beaches, fresh or saltwater fish, kayak waterways, hike in the woods all while viewing wildlife in their natural habitat. From Lake Okeechobee to the Atlantic Ocean, ERM's programs cover the County. Ms. Corr also gave a brief overview of the ERM programs and sites.

**Lt. Wesley White, PBC Animal Care and Control:** Lt. White stated that if anyone has or know of anyone that have a pit-bull dog (square head dogs), Animal Care and Control spay and neuter this particular breed free of charge.

**Sheila Brown, Department of Housing & Economic Sustainability (DES):** Ms. Brown stated that on July 11<sup>th</sup> the DES staff was seeking approval from the BCC for the 2017-18 DES Action

Plan. The DES name will be changing in the near future. Ms. Brown gave a brief overview of the HOME Program, the CDBG and the ESG program which are all federally funded programs.

**Casey Pranckun, Parks & Recreation:** Ms. Pranckun state that P&R is a recipient of CDBG funding from the DES. With some of these funds two playgrounds (Lake Lytal Park & Canal Point) will be renovated.

The OCR management have been in contact with P&R in reference to acquiring of two parcels within the Plantation Area for a community park. The OCR advised that PREM should be the department leading in the purchasing of the properties. Property & Real Estate Management (PREM) will be notified and in turn PREM should make contact with the property owners about the purchasing of the two properties for the community park before the CDBG funding is recouped.

**Bob Smallacombe, PBC Fire Rescue reported:** Fire Rescue along with American Red Cross will be partnering to installing smoke alarms within the Plantation community. Also community partner volunteers will be educating the residents on the proper use and maintenance of the smoke alarms.

#### IV. Residents Comments

**Bill McDonald, Plantation community representative** responded to the presentation by stating six years ago when he began working with his community there were no resources but within the past 3 years he has been assisting residents in going to receive healthcare services from the health care clinics. He also expressed how much the services of the Health Care District is appreciated.

Mr. McDonald stated a few weeks ago the Lake Worth Drainage District cleaned the canals and they also worked an area that they haven't cleaned in 57 years. He also stated that there's fish kill in the area that was cleaned up. He asked Ms. Corr, the ERM representative if she would come out meet with him to see what has happened. Ms. Corr stated that she would exchange contact information with Mr. McDonald.

Mr. McDonald stated that a few weeks ago a dog owners were attacked by his own dog. The dog breed was Dalmatian. The dog was secured and later euthanized. He wanted to thank Animal Control for their prompt response in handling this situation.

Mr. McDonald also expressed his thanks to P&R for the effort they're giving to help get the neighborhood park.

Mr. McDonald stated that the Plantation community now has a partnership with Florida Career College. The college will be providing a space for the Plantation community to have their meetings. He thanked Inger Harvey of OCR for being instrumental in making this partnership happen.

The Plantation community will be working with the American Red Cross for smoke alarm installations. There will be a door to door registration for the smoke alarms on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Approx. two weeks following the registration there will be the installation of the smoke alarms with assistance of the American Red Cross.

**Bonnie Hodges, San Castle community representatives, reported the following:** They have been identifying many piles of garbage throughout their community on almost every street. Ms. Hodges asked what can the residents do to address this issue? Joanna Aiken of SWA responded

that there is a terrible issue in this community with trash dumping and the SWA is working to rectify this problem. In the process of rectifying this problem there may also be criminal charges brought against any person caught illegally dumping within this community. SWA has personnel in this community every day working along with the contractors removing the trash piles. Also Code Enforcement and PBSO are in constant contact with the SWA identifying the dumping locations. SWA is willing to work with the community residents to eradicate this problem.

**Ontario Johnson, San Castle community representatives** Mr. Johnson expressed an interest in having illegal dumping signs posted within the community. Ms. Aiken stated that the SWA has all types of resources that could assist this community with eradicating this problem and is willing to help. Mr. Tate of OCR stated that there should be a meeting set up with SWA and Code Enforcement to discuss this issue.

Bill McDonald, Plantation community representative stated that the community and/or SWA should look into getting a REAP grant to assist with getting deer cameras for the community to help find out who the perpetrators are. Mr. Tate of OCR stated that this is a good idea but there would have to be a meeting with PBSO to discuss this avenue.

**Carmen Sifonte, San Castle representative, reported the following:** The ERM Hypoluxo Scrub area have homeless persons frequenting the area.

Ms. Corr of ERM stated that there have been meetings on this site as well as other sites. ERM is aware that there have been issues not only at this site but other sites as well. ERM has PBSO deputies (4) that only patrol the ERM properties. These properties consist of 31,000 acres from Boca Raton north to Tequesta. ERM along with PBSO are working diligently to rectify this problem.

**V. Follow-ups**  
**N/A**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director \_\_\_\_\_