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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: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
Date/Time: March 12, 2024
Location: 2300 N Jog Rd., Room 1E-60, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Audley Reid | PBC OCR |
| 2. Casey Pranckun | PBC Parks & Recreation |
| 3. Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 4. Deputy J. Williams | PBSO |
| 5. Deputy R. Woods | PBSO |
| 6. Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 7. George Schott | PBC OCR |
| 8. Giselle Badillo | PBC OCR |
| 9. Houston Tate | PBC OCR |
| 10. Jayda Bonner | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 11. Jessica DiViccario | Jessica DiViccario Real Estate |
| 12. Katharine King | CAM Estates Resident |
| 13. Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 14. Millie Rodriguez | FoundCare, Inc. |
| 15. Milroy Senat | Agency for Persons with Disabilities |
| 16. Nicole Davis | PBC OEBO |
| 17. Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR |
| 18. Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 19. Steve West | The IN-CROWD |
| 20. Susan Foley | PBC Behavioral Health Coalition |
| 21. Stefania Russell | PBC HED |
| 22. Tamia Williams | PBC Youth Services |
| 23. Tanya Bostic | SWA of PBC |
| 24. William Wynn | PBC OCR |

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston L. Tate, OCR Division Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. OCR staff introduced themselves.

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation
 - The Gramercy Park community center project groundbreaking will be on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 11:00 am.
- Tamia Williams, PBC Youth Services
 - Youth Services' Summer Camp Scholarship Program is open. The program provides full tuition and covers fees for summer camp for children coming from families with income at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Parents can apply at https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx Registration is open until April 12th. Application assistance for parents is being provided at the Youth Services office Monday through Friday from 8 am – 5 pm, Tues and Thurs until 7 p.m. (appt. only), at 50 S Military Trail, Suite 203, in West Palm Beach. Application Assistance will be also provided on Saturday, April 6th from 10 am to 3 pm at the Palm Beach County Main Library, 3650 Summit Boulevard, in West Palm Beach.
- Stefania Russell, PBC HED
 - HED currently has three RFPs for developers through the Housing Bond Loan Program (HBLP)
 1. For-Sale Housing Development - The deadline for submittal of proposals in response to the RFP is Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 4:00 pm.
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/HED/Pages/RFP-HED.HBLP.2024.3.aspx>
 - SHIP Foreclosure Prevention funds are available online at <https://www.pbcgov.org/pbc-cares4housing>. Maximum Award Amount is up to \$20,000. Assistance will be awarded as a deferred loan secured by a five (5) year mortgage. Applications are accepted on a first-submitted, first-qualified, first-served basis, subject to funding availability. For more information, contact the Mortgage and Housing Investments Division, located at 100 Australian Avenue, 5th Floor, in West Palm Beach or by phone at (561) 233-3600 (Receptionist) or Antoinette Prescott (561) 233-3606.
- Samantha Corr, PBC Environmental Resources Management (ERM)
 - Palm Beach County ERM is now accepting resumes for Green Futures, a PAID 6-week summer internship for 17 – 22-year-olds. If you are or know of someone interested, please send a resume or your questions to Samantha Corr at scorr@pbcgov.org!
 - PBC ERM has a paid year-round student internship (limited to 1,000 hours a year) for college students ages 18 and over to perform independent field or office tasks. Positions are open on a needed basis. Prospective applicants should submit a resume to Samantha Corr at scorr@pbcgov.org! Also, check for open positions on the county's website at <https://secure.co.palm-beach.fl.us/onlinejobs>
 - PBC ERM has volunteer opportunities for ages 16 and up. Volunteers spend 3 hours working on environmental projects in a natural area. Week and weekend events and community service hours are given. Volunteers 15 and under must be accompanied by a parent. Contact Ann Mathews at amathews@pbcgov.org

III. OCR UPDATES

- Ruth Moguillansky
 - Registration for Back to School PBC! 2024 opened on February 1st. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 1st, The event will be held on Saturday, August 3rd. The event will be held at four different locations throughout the county for students who reside in one of the designated CCRT areas or MHP within

unincorporated PBC. There will be healthcare professionals and various other vendors at the locations. Students can register for the event at <https://www.backtoschoolpbc.org/> Please help OCR disseminate information about the event.

- Millie Rodriguez, FoundCare, Inc. advised that they would like to participate in the Back to School event. A letter would need to be sent to FoundCare by OCR making the request.
- Chrystal Mathews
 - The Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation Grant (NEAT) program is currently underway. The mandatory pre-application workshop was on March 6th at 6 pm. The Letter of Intent deadline is April 11th but if you did not attend the workshop, you cannot submit a Letter of Intent. FY2025 NEAT Grants recommendation meeting Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 9:00 am. More information can be found on the OCR/NEAT website at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/ocr/Pages/NEAT-Program.aspx>

IV. PRESENTATION

Houston L. Tate, OCR Division Director introduced the presenter **Susan Foley, Project Specialist with the Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition (PBCHC).**

Ms. Foley began her presentation by giving an overview of what the Behavioral Health Coalition does and the coalition partners.

- Ms. Foley asked the trivia question about what drug is most used in Palm Beach County middle and high schools. The answers are marijuana, alcohol and nicotine.
- Ms. Foley advised that there is a teen coalition group named TEENCIA. This group is comprised of students from throughout Palm Beach County. The group meets on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Monday of each month via Zoom. For more information contact Ms. Foley at susanfoley@pbcbhc.org
- Topics for drug prevention are
 - • P&R Factors Scavenger Hunt
 - • RX & OTC Medication Safety
 - • National Drug IQ Challenge
 - • 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens
 - • Alcohol Literacy Challenge
 - • Marijuana & Vaping Prevention • Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Module
- Ms. Foley asked which organs alcohol harm. Ms. Foley stated that most people know and recognize the liver, but also your brain as well as the heart. The heart is going to be affected by everything that goes into your body. The liver is affected by toxic things because it is the filter.
- The School Bus media contest has been going on for 14 years. March 13th is awards night. Scholarships from \$100 - \$1,000 will be awarded. Students also earn community service hours by submitting a poster, and a video reel, and there was a Jam for Humanity performance category this year.
- Ms Foley showed one of the winning videos submitted by one of the students on the effects of alcohol.
- The PBCHC Poster Day will be held on March 25th from 9 – 11 am to be held at 6 bus depots around the county. Students can earn 4 community hours. Ms. Foley advised that she would forward the link to the event for OCR to share.
- Ms. Foley asked what age the brain matures. Twenty-five (25) is the answer. The brain is still developing into young adulthood. Substances can affect temporarily or permanently the way brains function.
- PBCBHC partners with other agencies for the Youth Summit. The summit included peer-to-peer training, drug prevention, community connections, healthy habits, team building, and just plain fun.

- Youth Summits Making Waves for Change will be on Saturday, April 27th from 9 am – 4 pm at Palm Beach Lakes High School. Students text [YOUTHSUMMIT2024](#) to 888-687-0035 for the registration link. Hundreds of students are expected to come out free. There will be music, food, prizes, and presentations.
- Ms. Foley asked what percent of Palm Beach County high school teens did not vape nicotine in the last 30 days. 87.6% is the answer. This does not mean the teens did not vape at all just not regularly.
- PBCBHC in the past offered a Teen Summit Internship. This grant-funded initiative has since ended. PBCBHC is trying to figure out ways to get this initiative back.
- PBCBHC will be partnering with FoundCare to do vape training during the week of March 18th they will also will be having a teen focus group.
- Present at the Plate Program is where PBCHC if invited will come out to your dinner and give a short 15 to 60-minute presentation.
- Contact Information:
*Susan Foley, Project Specialist
 Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
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 Boynton Beach, FL 33426
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 Cell: 561-628-3951*

* A copy of the full presentation is included as an attachment.

Questions/Comments

- George Schott, OCR Information Management System Specialist, asked if OCR could use the winning posters as stickers for the 2024 Back to School PBC! event. Ms. Foley advised that she would speak with upper management about this proposal.
- Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner stated that she would like Ms. Foley to make a presentation to the board of the Hispanic Education Coalition. Ms. Foley advised that PBCB HC has recently received a grant for Hispanic students.

V. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Steve West, Founder of THE IN-CROWD, gave a brief overview of the services that his organization provides to low-income families. The IN-CROWD is an informal local organization, to offer virtual training sessions, assist families and students with homework and other academic needs, and ESOL Classes. The IN-CROWDS' Love Your Neighbor Program connects neighbors and donors for the distribution of resources and services to those residents in need within the community. All of these personal services allowed residents to take charge of their development, and become more independent and self-sufficient.

Mr. West advised that he currently have a donated washer and dryer available for a needy family. Mr. Tate advised that he would get back to Mr. West about the washer and dryer. On March 13th it was decided that the washer and dryer would be donated to K. E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School in Canal Point, FL for their students who do not have the means to have clean clothes daily. The washer and dryer will be picked up on Thursday, March 21, 2024, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dr. Derrick Hibler, Principal, K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary School thanked Mr. West for this generous donation of providing K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary School with a washer and dryer. Dr. Hibler also stated that the washer and dryer will help several families to know that the school can and will help ensure that their children can come to school with clean clothes every day. Dr. Moneek McTier, Instructional Superintendent for the Glades Region stated that the washer and dryer would help with one of the main barriers of why students do not come to school regularly. Dr. McTier acknowledged that the donation was very much appreciated and thanked Mr. West for supporting the families and school. Dr. McTier further stated that the

washer and dryer are a wonderful gift to support the students as they engage in science explorations and other environmental studies that may soil their clothes. Lastly, Dr. McTier thanked the donors for helping to remove the hidden barriers that adversely impact student achievement. Angela Avery Moore, Glades Region Superintendent also thanked Mr. West for donating the washer and dryer to K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary School.

- Millie Rodriguez, Outreach and Engagement Manager with FoundCare, Inc., shared that FoundCare provides medical services. FoundCare has been granted a part of the network to provide behavioral health services to veterans. There is currently an outreach initiative targeting the homeless including the veteran homeless. Ms. Rodriguez indicated that they would love to partner with food distribution initiatives and agencies that have health initiatives. FoundCare services are for all ages. FoundCare is part of the Riviera Beach Health Initiative. They also have a mobile bank to serve the homeless and individuals who do not have access to services or insurance. FoundCare has seven locations and an eighth location in Riviera Beach has been approved for construction. <https://foundcare.org/centers>
- Katharine King, CAM Estates resident, presented the following concerns.
 - Motorists are parking in handicapped parking spots at different plazas and shopping centers in her area. Deputy Woods advised Ms. King not to approach people when she sees this. He advised her to call the authorities.
 - Ms. King asked for an update about the light pole at the community's main entrance. Mr. Tate advised that OCR staff is still working to resolve this issue. There is no organization claiming this light. He stated that he would continue to try to find a solution.
 - Ms. King would like a traffic study done at Belvedere Rd and Brian Way to see if it warrants a traffic light. Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering advised that there was a study done in the past and the area did not qualify for a traffic light. He will look into having the area evaluated again.
 - Chrystal Mathews advised that the CAM Estates community apply for a NEAT grant for some type of solar lighting. Mr. Johnny Gillins a CAM Estates resident attended the NEAT meeting. This makes the community eligible to apply for as many NEAT grants as they wish. Ms. Mathews advised Ms. King that she should make contact with Mr. Gillins and the community to apply for a solar lighting NEAT grant. Ms. Mathews repeated that the community should apply for a NEAT grant. Another option, the community could get right-of-way rights from PBC for the community to install their lighting in the right-of-way.
 - Ms, King mentioned that there are still semi-trucks causing issues with the community. George Schott advised that he spoke with PBOS Sgt. Fresneda. He gave Mr. Schott his business card and advised Mr. Schott whenever there was an issue to contact him and he will send an officer out.
- Rae Milmore, Park Ranger / Urban Refuge Coordinator ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
 - There is a Pathways biology internship opening here at A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Applications close on March 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm. Apply on USAJobs here: Student Trainee (Biological Sciences),

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

