



**COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM
 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Title: Countywide Community Revitalization Team Meeting
 Facilitator: Houston Tate, OCR Director
 Minutes Prepared by: William Wynn, OCR Senior Planner
 Date/Time: May 10, 2022
 Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Joanna Aiken | SWA |
| 2. | Aaron Allen | |
| 3. | Valerie Aubourg | Foundcare, Inc. |
| 4. | Mohan Baijnauth | Limestone Creek Resident |
| 5. | Peretheiura Baker | Health Care District of Palm Beach County |
| 6. | Maria Charleus | Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition |
| 7. | Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 8. | Adam Davis | PBC Library |
| 9. | Nicole Davis | PBC PZB |
| 10. | Lisa Dean | |
| 11. | OM Fernandez | Epilepsy Florida |
| 12. | Elizabeth Figueroa | National Wildlife Refuge Association |
| 13. | Randee Gabriel | 211 |
| 14. | Saidy Garzon | Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc. |
| 15. | Lesley George | PBC Housing & Economic Development |
| 16. | Tanya Gibson | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 17. | James Green | PBC Community Services |
| 18. | Violet Howard | Optimistic Journey, Inc. |
| 19. | Margaret Humphrey | Lutheran Services Florida South Bay Early Head Start |
| 20. | Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 21. | Annie Ifill | |
| 22. | DaVatrice Lindsey | Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County |
| 23. | Kenyon Link | CPSFL |
| 24. | Hazel Lucas | Florida Rural Legal Service |
| 25. | Ruth Moguillansky | PBC Office of Community Revitalization |
| 26. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 27. | Nanci | |
| 28. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 29. | Cassandra Paniagua | Florida Rural Legal Service |
| 30. | Taysha Parra | Harmony House |
| 31. | Christine Pelaez-Pena | Epilepsy Florida |
| 32. | Casey Prankun | PBC Parks & Recreation |

33.	Pascale Reid	Florida Rural Legal Service
34.	Audley Reid	PBC OCR
35.	Patrick Rutter	PBC Administration
36.	George Schott	PBC OCR
37.	Milroy Senat	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
38.	Michael Sklar	PBC Housing & Economic Development
39.	Houston Tate	PBC OCR
40.	Clarissa Verduzco	Palm Beach State College
41.	Jasmine Walker	
42.	Cornelia Wantz	PBC Traffic Engineering
43.	Steve West	The IN-CROWD
44.	William Wynn	PBC OCR

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Tate introduced James Green, Director of the Palm Beach County Community Services Department, and Valerie Aubourg, Associate Practice Administrator with Foundcare, Inc.

II. PRESENTATIONS

James Green, Director of the Palm Beach County Community Services Department

Mr. Green started his presentation by sharing information on how the Community Services Department is aligned with the Board of County Commissioners’ (BCC) strategic priorities, which include Economic Development, Housing and Homelessness, Environmental Protection, Infrastructure, Public Safety, and Substance Use & Behavior Disorders). Three of these priorities are directly aligned with the work that Community Services does.

- Economic Development: To promote economic revitalization, business development, and retention by driving the creation of employment opportunities while reducing disparities and improving the quality of life for everyone.
- Housing and Homelessness: To promote the quality of life through targeted programs that address the housing and homelessness needs of the residents of Palm Beach County.
- Substance Use & Behavior Disorders: To address the substance misuse crisis and behavior disorders by providing evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment, and recovery support services.

Mr. Green then provided information on the different programs and services provided by his department. Highlights of this presentation included: the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program, the Utility Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and the Homeless Services Program. The ERA program, approved by the Board of County Commissioners last year, provides rental assistance to Palm Beach County residents who experience a loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19. LIHEAP is designed to provide financial relief from high-energy costs to prevent service disconnection for families in crisis, and the Homeless Services Program assists homeless individuals through outreach, assessment, and housing. A copy of the full presentation is provided as an attachment.

Questions/Comments

- Tanya Gibson, Country Club Acres resident, mentioned that a person was removed from a

relative's home and is staying in the neighborhood park during the day. Ms. Gibson would like to know where to go to get help for this person. Mr. Green asked Ms. Gibson to email him (jGreen1@pbcgov.org) the person's information if available or, if the information is not available, to advise him of the location of this person. Mr. Green will have the homeless outreach team contact this person. Mr. Green also provided the contact number 561-355-4792.

- Ruth Moguillansky, OCR Principal Planner, asked about the specific resources Community Services had for the homeless. Mr. Green replied if the person comes from another place and is homeless, there are resources to help the person get back home. If a person is a homeless resident, the homeless outreach team would go out and assess the person. Depending on the shelter availability, the person would be referred there until housing can be found.
- Violet Howard, with Optimistic Journey, Inc., asked how a person who is living with someone and is not on the lease but is behind on the rent could apply for assistance. Mr. Green replied that the person on the lease could go to www.RentalAssistancePBC.org to apply for services. Ms. Howard stated the lessee applied for assistance but was denied. Mr. Green advised Ms. Howard to forward him the person's application number to find out why the person was denied assistance.
- Ruth Moguillansky asked Mr. Green to please provide on the chat a link to the intake locations in the Glades area. Mr. Green advised that he would provide this information.

Valerie Aubourg, Associate Practice Administrator with Foundcare, Inc.,

Ms. Aubourg began her presentation by thanking OCR for the invite and explaining who Foundcare is and its mission. Foundcare originated as the Comprehensive AIDS Program (CAP) of Palm Beach County, Inc. in 1985. Recognizing the unmet need for access to health care among many Palm Beach County residents, the Board of Directors decided to expand services and launch Foundcare, Inc. as a community health center. Since then, the organization has remained committed to fulfilling unmet health care and social service needs, and has grown to seven sites throughout Palm Beach County.

Foundcare's mission is to provide comprehensive quality healthcare and social services for all individuals and families so that they have the opportunity to thrive and reach their full health potential while providing a vast variety of services in English, Spanish, French, and Creole to make our services inclusive for everyone.

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

Questions/Comments

- Bill McDonald, Plantation resident, stated that the residents of the Plantation CCRT area and Meadowbrook MHP have the need Foundcare's services. Mr. McDonald, with the assistance of Foundcare staff, has referred many residents to Foundcare. Ms. Aubourg stated that Foundcare provides healthcare to geriatric and pediatric patients and is looking forward to providing more services to residents in need.

Steve West, Founder, The In-Crowd

Mr. West began by stating that his goal is to give everyone who participates an advantage from the things that The IN-CROWD does. The IN-CROWD is aware that there is an uneven playing field between what communities have and do not have, and between the served and the underserved communities. The intent is to level the playing field, and The IN-CROWD has short and long-term goals to accomplish this. More information can be found on The IN-CROWD at <https://www.thein-crowd.org/whos-who/steve-west/>

III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Samantha Corr, ERM
 - ERM has two volunteer events coming up. Sign up at <http://pbcerm.com>
 1. May 18th at Hypoluxo Scrub Natural Area from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 2. May 21st at Limestone Creek Natural Area from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
 - Free land and virtual water safety presentations for audiences of all ages are still ongoing. If interested, please contact Anna Stewart at astewart@pbcgov.org
 - The free reduced class swim program for children 2-12 and for immediate caregivers is still ongoing. These swim lessons are held around the entire Palm Beach County.

- Joanna Aiken, SWA
 - Paint Your Heart Out will be in Gramercy Park, 5810 Haverhill Rd with the Dreyfoss School of the Arts volunteers on May 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - The SWA 3R program this summer. This program teaches students how to reduce, recycle and reuse. The student must be at least in the 6th grade, must have a 3.0 GPA, and must be in a related school club. Maximum of fifteen students. More information at <https://swa.org/>. Ruth Moguillansky advised that she has already shared the information about this program with all CCRT area school principals.

IV. OCR Updates

- Ruth Moguillansky reminded everyone about the Back to School PBC event. The registration deadline is May 15th. Register at <https://www.backtoschoolpbc.org/>
 - Ruth Moguillansky reminded everyone that OCR is a referral agency for Dress to Success for women and girls who need professional attire and support for job interviews. In addition, she mentioned that the OCR has just become a referral agency for Sweet Dream Makers, a nonprofit organization that promotes and improves the health and wellbeing of children and families in need by providing beds, bedding, and essential furniture.

V. Resident Questions/Comments

- Tanya Gibson, Country Club Acres resident, shared that the implementation of the basketball court project, which received NEAT grant funding began on May 10. She also stated that the emergency response class starts on May 18th and July 19th.
- Ms. Gibson mentioned that the culver project was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and would like to receive an update on this and the speed hump project currently underway. Audley Reid, OCR Senior Planner, advised that he would meet with Engineering and contact her afterward to provide an update on these projects.
- Ms. Gibson mentioned that the road at the traffic light has collapsed and asked who should be contacted. Mr. Tate advised Ms. Gibson to send him an email in reference to this.
- Saily Garzon, Executive Director of the Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc. gave an update on the grand opening of the new office location.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director


