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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 11, 2021
Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Joanna Aiken | Solid Waste Authority of PBC |
| 2. | D/S Andrew Forde | PBSO |
| 3. | Jamie Baker | The Baher Foundation |
| 4. | Betty Barnard | |
| 5. | D/S Michael Bickunas | PBSO |
| 6. | Elyse Brown | PBC Fire Rescue |
| 7. | Robin Bundy | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 8. | Cannongate POA | |
| 9. | Maria Castillo | Epilepsy Florida |
| 10. | Nicola Chung | Health Council of Southeast Florida |
| 11. | Keith Clinkscale | PBC Financial Management and Budget |
| 12. | Samantha Corr | PBC ERM |
| 13. | Herbert Crawford | School District of PBC |
| 14. | Adam Davis | PBC Library System |
| 15. | Adam Faustini | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 16. | Tanya Gibson | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 17. | Deputy Gomez | PBSO |
| 18. | Gina Griffin | |
| 19. | Bonnie Hodges | San Castle Resident |
| 20. | Violet Howard | Optimistic Journey, Inc. |
| 21. | Margaret Humphrey | Lutheran Services Florida South Bay Early Head Start |
| 22. | Helene Hvizd | PBC Attorney's Office |
| 23. | Ontario Johnson | Neighborhood Renaissance |
| 24. | Tammy Kausch | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 25. | Alexa Lee | PBC Behavioral Health Coalition |
| 26. | Ann Marie | |
| 27. | Chrystal Mathews | PBC OCR |
| 28. | Catherine Mitchell | Cabana Colony Resident |
| 29. | Ruth Mognillansky | PBC OCR |
| 30. | Adriana Monslave | |
| 31. | Bill McDonald | Plantation Area Resident |
| 32. | Fadi Nassar | PBC Traffic Engineering |
| 33. | Michael Owens | School District of PBC |
| 34. | Amber Pelish | Country Club Acres Resident |
| 35. | Amy Pettway | |
| 36. | Francky Pierre-Paul | A Different Shade of Love |

37.	Maura Plante	Living Hungry
38.	Suzanne Plesnik	PBSO
39.	Ike Powell	PBC Youth Services
40.	Casey Prancun	PBC Parks & Recreation
41.	David Rafaidus	PBC Community Services
42.	Audley Reid	PBC OCR
43.	Eddie Rhodes	Belle Glade Resident
44.	Deputy Robinson	PBSO
45.	Rhonda Rogers	Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc.
46.	Leroy Rouse	Gramercy Park Resident
47.	Edna Runner	Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center
48.	Vivian Ryland	PBC OCR
49.	Dawn S	
50.	George Schott	PBC OCR
51.	Michael Sklar	PBC Department of Housing and Economic Sustainability
52.	Carlton Smith	Legal Aid Society of PBC
53.	Houston Tate	PBC OCR
54.	Penni Thomas	
55.	Deputy Woods	PBSO
56.	William Wynn	PBC OCR

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston L. Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and read a quote from George Saunders an American writer of short stories. He also thanked all the CCRT communities that have been participating in the food distribution events for over the past year.

George Schott, OCR Planning Technician, introduced the Countywide Community Revitalization Team (CCRT) members.

Mr. Tate introduced the speaker for the meeting Jamie Baker, Co-Founder, The Baher Foundation. Mr. Baker has been helping with Back to School event for the Glades area. Mr. Baker has also agreed to submit the registration documents for the Glades Back to School event. He also has been a volunteer with the food distribution events

II. PRESENTATION

Jamie Baker, Co-Founder, The Baher Foundation

Mr. Baker started his presentation by stating that he had an opportunity to go to the Belle Glade area on May 7th and meet all the people who is involved in the upcoming backpack drive for the Glades area.

Mr. Baker gave a brief history about The Baher Foundation. He stated that he, along with his sister, Karen started The Baher Foundation in 2015 in Ocala and the Alachua county area. Their main premise was to give back to the community. Prior to this, Mr. Baker participated in case studies within the area communities to gauge their challenges. Through the case studies it was found that there were so many wonderful organizations within these communities but they could not meet the needs of those communities. This is when Mr. Baker and his team figured out that

their best use would be to become a bridging gap for those organizations. Many times it was found that there would be a program starting with funding, six or eight weeks into the program there would be a deficit whether it be lack of volunteers or the organizations not being able to bring all the needed resources together. Having programs start and stop was devastating to the communities which created uncertainty. The foundation wanted to help leaders in these communities to be more efficient and be able to have sustainable programs to help families get the right support they needed. They wanted to be consistent with the goals of the particular grant or the organization that was helping a particular community.

The Baher Foundation has participated in a Lacrosse program. Through this program, it was found that sports have a big impact on children developing their self-esteem, discipline and learning how to work as a team. The foundation has supplied all of the equipment and partnered with elementary schools to help introduce the game of Lacrosse in several schools throughout the state, mainly north Florida. The foundation has since expanded into art and other areas. Success has been achieved in partnering with charter schools and using the foundation's executive board and its skills to help the communities.

Houston L. Tate, OCR Director, asked Mr. Baker what exactly he does aside from the foundation. Mr. Baker replied that he is into the private equity world of finance, investment banking and also owns an investment firm that does workforce housing, development and commercial real estate. Mr. Baker also purchase and acquire small, mid-size and large companies. Mr. Baker is currently involved in a project in north Florida where it is critical to have sustainable housing. Mr. Baker stated that he believes that permanent housing is the foundation for building on other activities to help improve the lives of families. Lastly, Mr. Baker stated that he is involved in private equity in terms of different businesses, primarily in commercial development in the states of Florida, Texas and California.

Robin Bundy, Cabana Colony resident, asked which of all the programs the Baher Foundation is involved in is the most successful? Mr. Baker replied "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey. *Habit 1: Be Proactive, Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind, Habit 3: Put First Things First, Habit 4: Think Win-Win, Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, Habit 6: Synergize, and Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw; Growth.*

The program has really been able to get families involved collectively. It was found that during the children's STEM programs if the families weren't involved there was a disconnect, and the foundation has been able to effectively assist families in this regard. Mr. Baker stated that he would be happy to talk with Ms. Bundy and share any insight he can to be helpful.

Ms. Bundy also asked Mr. Baker how a community could get through obstacles and move forward based on his expertise. Mr. Baker stated that getting everyone on the same page by collectively working together, figuring out strengths and weaknesses, and working together from there for positive outcomes will help achieve the overall goal. Ms. Bundy stated that she would love to have Mr. Baker come and speak to her community, He replied that he would love to.

Francky Pierre-Paul, Founder and CEO of A Different Shade of Love, asked Mr. Baker how one mobilizes others around a mission. Mr. Baker replied that once the mission is define, the fundamental point is identifying the right partners that can meet the requirements of that mission. These principles should always apply. Always surround yourself with people who can pivot but are also willing to be flexible. The Baher Foundation goal is to have the biggest impact on changing the lives of children and families and moving them into a more positive prospective.

Mr. Pierre-Paul asked what The Baher Foundation is doing in reference to affordable housing. Mr. Baker replied that homelessness is on the rise and one of the challenges is how do we help communities to have better opportunities and better jobs. Being empowered economically and having the skills to be able to have an income are key. The foundation has several programs to help families obtain housing and efforts focus on identifying families that may not be ready to transition into a project where they can get housing but can work towards ownership. Ownership is the focus because of the difference permanent housing makes in the life of children.

Mr. Pierre-Paul also asked Mr. Baker being that he is also into real estate, whether he was acquiring land to build. Mr. Baker replied that the foundation is currently doing rehab housing and making them affordable, giving families the ability to get into a home.

Violet Howard, Optimistic Journey, Inc., asked Mr. Baker to give an example of how The Baher Foundation has made a difference in the community. Mr. Baker replied that in the Ocala area the foundation was able to help four families that were living in temporary housing and had issues with employment. These four families went from living with relatives, not having stable jobs to children being picked up from grandparents to the foundation providing a resource center in the community. These four families have since become stabilized. The success stories of these families have impacted the community. The Baher Foundation is making a meaningful difference by being consistent in the community.

Ms. Howard asked Mr. Baker what type of permanent housing the foundation helped with. Mr. Baker replied that the families were able to purchase homes through a number of self-funded programs within the foundation.

Mr. Baker stated that Ms. Howard was instrumental in his becoming involved with the OCR food distribution efforts at the Salvation Army. Mr. Tate also thanked Mr. Baker and Ms. Howard for their contributions and assistance with the distribution.

Bill McDonald, Plantation resident, asked whether The Baher Foundation has any interaction with Big Sugar or any other farming corporations in the Glades. Mr. Baker replied that they do not. Mr. Baker will be touching base with Mr. Tate to find out how his foundation can be more involved in the glades area. Mr. McDonald stated that PBC Community Services department assisted residents within his community who were living in overcrowded situations with families and temporary housing to apartments. There are more families that will be moved in the near future. Mr. Baker advised that he is looking forward to meeting with Mr. McDonald.

For more information, please visit <https://www.baherfoundation.com> Jamie Baker is the Co-Founder of the Baher Foundation. He can be contacted at jamie@baherfoundation.org or at 954-399-0840

Maura Plante, Founder, Living Hungry

Mr. Tate stated that Ms. Plante has been providing food for distribution for over the past 2 or 3 years and that she will be speaking about the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development People Grant which is a \$15,000 grant. He shared with the group that there were thirty people in attendance at the virtual meeting for the grant but only one person applied for it. The Presbyterian committee will allow another submission for the grant because of the long application. Mr. Tate was able to acquire the power point for the grant and he will be sending the grant information to all interested parties following this meeting.

Ms. Plante started her presentation stating that Living Hungry is really pleased with what volunteers have been doing. Ms. Plante advised that she came up with the idea for food to be taken to the next level. The next level of food is “food as medicine”. Good quality food! Ms. Plante introduced the 30 day food as medicine challenge, meaning chronic disease is a real fight in our community. Many chronic disease like cancer, heart disease, diabetes disproportionately affect communities of color and poverty, food insecurity. Fresh whole foods have good health affects combating and stopping these diseases in their tracks.

Ms. Plante advised that she has ran three programs that have reversed the disease of diabetes by just using food as medicine. Living Hungry has been sharing food boxes that have lean meats, lots of healthy fruits and vegetables. Neighbors have been eating well with the side effects which include improved vitality, boosted immune systems and overall health. Living Hungry would like to invite communities to bring Food as Medicine. Living Hungry has the know how to use the power of food to prevent and reverse diabetes.

Living Hungry is actively learning about cancer and heart disease. Living Hungry has been using food prescription boxes in Jupiter for Food as Medicine for over three years with proven results. The 30 Day Food as Medicine Challenge uses Living Hungry healthy food prescription boxes. It includes education on nutrition and disease. The keys to turn off cancer cells, to reverse diabetes and to improve heart disease.

Ms. Plante asked participants whether anybody would be interested in being a leader in their community, recruiting a team of seven decision makers who along with her, Mr. Tate, and ther rest of the OCR team can help introduce food as medicine to your community. She explained that there are \$15,000 up for grabs if a community choses to participate. The 30 Day Food as Medicine Challenge is a launching pad into a new way of using food to heal. The partners for the Food as Medicine Challenge is Living Hungry, Eat Better Live Better, Palm Beach Atlantic Volunteer Nurse Corp, University of Florida FNet Classes, Diabetes Coalition, American Heart Association, Sysco, Lessings and local farmers. Ms. Plante asked whether there was any interest in the challenge.

Rhonda Rogers, CEO, Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc., stated that her organization is interested in participating. Mr. Tate advised that he will send Ms. Rogers the PowerPoint. Ms. Rogers advised that she received the grant in 2020 for \$10,000.

Amber Pelish, Country Club Acres resident, also stated that her community is interested.

Bill McDonald, Plantation resident, asked whether the challenge could be held in his community being that they don't have a community center or whether he would have to acquire a space at the nearby college. Ms. Plante replied it will be a 30 day run and they will definitely need to have at least one gathering, but it doesn't have to be in a building. Ms. Plante stated that she along with the community would have to get creative, and she is open to working with the Plantation community for the children and families.

Mr. McDonald asked whether he would need to get people together and make and inventory of the different diseases before applying for the grant. Ms. Plante replied that what is needed before the grant is a team of ten leaders. There is no need to know who have diseases beforehand.

Alexa Lee, PBC Behavioral Health Coalition, stated that they have Coalition Connection Cards to have families connect over family meals and they would like to partner in the 30 Day Food as Medicine Challenge. Ms. Planted asked Ms. Lee if the coalition uses food to prevent drug

addiction suicide. Ms. Lee replied that food is a prevention of substance use disorder. Research has shown that families that eat meals four or more times per week significantly decrease the risk of having a substance use disorder.

The coalition has a program and has connection cards for families. The coalition has the youth connect over family meals to prevent use. The cards are used to teach the youth to learn how to have conversations more than just how was day etc... Ms. Plante stated since day one of COVID, Living Hungry has focused on getting food to people in recovery, particularly at rehab centers and homes. Ms. Plante also stated that she feels four times a week meals is great. In 2016, a research study was done in prison. During the study, a group was given fruits and vegetables versus the normal prison meals. It was found that the incidents of violence decrease 80% within the group that was given fruits and vegetables. To further the study, multi-vitamins were given which decreased the violence another 10 -15%. This is to say that fruits, vegetables and vitamins can help.

Ms. Plante stated that she isn't sure if the coalition's program fits with Food as Medicine. Food as Medicine will be talking about diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension and how the chemical properties in food, properly mixed, can knock out these negative effects and even auto immune disease. Ms. Plante suggested that she and Ms. Lee talk. Mr. Tate advised Ms. Lee that she should submit an application for the Presbyterian grant in reference to substance use disorder. He will forward the power point to her. Ms. Lee advised that she is not interested in funding, just wanted to share information.

Joanna Aiken, Community Services Coordinator with the Solid Waste Authority, inquired about whether Rebuilding Together could apply for this grant to do home repairs. Mr. Tate replied yes. Ruth Moguillansky OCR Principal Planner, advised that she will share the information for the webinar with Ms. Aiken.

III. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Adam Faustini, PBC Road and Bridge Maintenance Operations
 - In the Country Club Acres community there has been issues with the culvert failing. The culvert is a failed corrugated metal pipe (CMP) pipe that has reached its life span. Road and Bridges is looking at replacing and upsizing the culvert which will help with the overall drainage in the area. Road and Bridges had a survey completed, looked at the system and found that it would be most effective to upsize the culvert, replace the CMP with high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) 36" with the same invert elevations, and reconstruct the embankment and the roadway above it. This will resolve any issues going forward with failure at the road level and also with drainage. Also the section west of this culvert in the short ditch before it dumps out into Lake Worth Drainage District, Road and Bridges may do some excavation to deepen the channel. The cost of this project will be approximately \$28,000. In addition, PBC is having a study done outside of maintenance operations with the Engineering department, looking at the whole system and other drainage improvements.

Tanya Gibson, Country Club Acres resident, asked whether the replacement culvert be the west exit of the drainage system. Mr. Faustini replied yes, it is the culvert where the sinkhole is located. Ms. Gibson also wanted to verify that the section west of this culvert in the short ditch before it dumps out into Lake Worth Drainage District will be deepened. Mr. Faustini replied the section of open

ditch/swell, yes. Ms. Gibson asked if the community will experience backflow. Mr. Faustini advised there won't be any blockage. They will ensure that there will be a constant flow throughout.

Ms. Gibson asked whether the pipe in the short ditch extend into Lake Worth Drainage District. Mr. Faustini advised that the pipe will extend beyond the road edge to create a shoulder and slope and both ends will be wrapped with cement filled riprap. This will provide protection from erosion.

Ms. Gibson asked if there is a timeline for this project. Mr. Faustini advised that there are administrative items that have to be taken care of before construction of the project. Mr. Tate advised Ms. Gibson that the regular schedule of submitting the agenda item to county administration should be within three months.

Ms. Gibson thanked Mr. Faustini and Mr. Tate for all their help. Amber Pelish, Country Club Acres resident, also thanked Mr., Faustini and Mr. Tate for all their help.

- Fadi Nassar, PBC Traffic Engineering
 - Mr. Tate advised Ms. Gibson that in reference to the speed hump project in Country Club Acres, OCR is still waiting on the recommendations from the community. Following this meeting, he will meet with staff, then contact her to advise her of the next steps in the speed hump process.
- Casey Pranckun, PBC Parks & Recreation
 - For Gramercy Park, P&R put together some options for maybe a basketball or hop scotch. Here were some nice options to resurface the court area to make more useful for the youth. Mr. Tate stated that Gramercy Park community had a board meeting and discussed having the court as a standard size basketball court.

Leroy Rouse, Gramercy Park resident, stated that the community discussed the tennis court. He stated that he feels converting the tennis court into a basketball court is a good idea. The children seem to be more interested in basketball than tennis. Ms. Pranckun stated there were three options which were a small basketball court from east to west, a half court with games to the side, and the third option was two half courts with games. Mr. Rouse stated that the community decided to go with the full basketball court.

Ms. Moguillansky advised that OCR has some funding in the budget allocated for the park, and OCR will be working with Parks and Recreation to determine costs and whether additional funding is needed.

P&R advised that constructing a basketball court from east to west is not recommended.

- David Rafaidus, PBC Community Services
 - Community Services is hosting a mobile outreach program for Emergency Rental Assistance. They will be at the following locations:
 1. Lindsey Davis Community Center in Riviera Beach tomorrow from 4-8pm;
 2. Pompey Park in Delray Beach tomorrow from 4-8pm;
 3. Carolyn Sims Center in Boynton Beach on Friday from 4-8pm; and

4. U.B. Kinsey Educational Center in West Palm Beach on Saturday from 10am-2pm.

If you are interested in more specific information, including the required documents, addresses, etc. please email George Schott at gschott@pbcgov.org

- Food Finder Map – This is an interactive tool developed by United Way of Palm Beach County using Google Maps to help people easily locate free food and hot meals in Palm Beach County. This online tool was created to connect individuals seeking food resources to sites near them. Information is English, Spanish, and Creole. United Way updates the information listed on this map weekly. However, locations and hours of distribution may change. Please consider calling the site prior to visiting to verify information listed. Please note that sites may have specific requirements such as ID. Please visit <https://unitedwaypbc.org/hunger/> to view the map.
- Grab ‘n Go Meals - Children and families can access free meals for kids 18 and under at more than 100 BreakSpot Grab ‘n Go sites around the County. Meals are FREE to anyone under 18 years of age (under 22 for ESE students), regardless of financial need. Hunger Relief is working with the School District of Palm Beach County, FLIPANY, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County sites.

Additional information about Grab ‘n Go sites:

Links to the sites and schedules can be found on 2-1-1’s website at <https://211palmbeach.org/corona-pbc>

For more information about site locations visit <https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/>
Text FLKIDSMEALS to 211-211 or call 2-1-1

All other individuals who are in need of food should contact 211, as they receive frequent updates of pantries that remain open and have food.

- FLIPANY Grab ‘n Go Sites – Free 7-Day Meal Boxes for All Youth - Families can visit any of the following locations in Palm Beach County to receive a free meal box for their children. Meal boxes contain seven days of breakfast and lunch for a combination of fresh and shelf-stable items; milk included. All items are prepackaged and combined in one box for ease in distribution via a drive-thru or walk-up pickup line at the associated site:
 - Hands Together for Haitians
25 H Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460
Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2221 8th Avenue
Boynton Beach, FL 33435
Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The School Food Service grab-and-go food distribution has changed. Rather than a twice-a-week pick-up, distributions will now be held weekly on Thursdays at 88 school locations across the District.

Parents/guardians will receive a box of pantry-style foods including a supply of breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and suppers intended to last for seven days. Pick-up times vary by location. For a full list of locations and pick-up times, visit https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/reopening_schools/schoolmeals.

School meals continue to be free for ALL students!

- Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches, Inc. (MOWPB) - During COVID-19, MOWPB has temporarily adjusted their meal operations to provide seven frozen dinner meals along with three breakfast meals each week with deliveries once a week. In addition, seniors who are normally mobile but are unable to shop due to COVID-19 are being served on a short-term basis with the 10 meals delivered weekly at no cost. To setup service, please call (561) 802-6979 extension 6. MOWPB serves those individuals ages 65 and over who are home bound due to age, infirmity or debilitating illness and are unable or struggling to food shop and prepare nutritious meals. Their clients are either living alone, or with their spouse/partner who may also be home bound or who may be the fulltime caregiver.
- Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services
 - Applications for the Summer Camp Scholarships closed on May 7th, upwards to 5,000 scholarships applications have gone through and are being reviewed. Parents are being contacted and given the status of the applications.
 - Youth Services trained licensed social workers, therapists and psychologists to provide counseling services to youth at no cost.
 - The month of May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month in Palm Beach County. The Youth Services website has a tremendous amount of resources available to youth and families that may be dealing with related challenges. The sixth annual Get Your Green On campaign aims to foster safe spaces to talk openly about mental health and trauma, and to raise awareness by encouraging individuals to display their visible support by wearing green, the official color of mental health awareness, on May 20, 2021. To get involved with the Get Your Green On campaign, wear green on May 20 and post pictures on social media using the hashtags #GetYourGreenOn and #GYGO2021. For more information, resources, and a GYGO engagement toolkit, visit www.getyourgreenon.org
 - Youth Services, Youth and Family Counseling
https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Counseling_Youth.aspx
- Adam Davis, PBC Library System
 - The Library system provides Community Research Service. This service provides best practices, demographics or grant information. There is a team of librarians and researchers that can assist with this on a daily basis.
 - The Libraries monthly magazine of all their services is now available. A magazine can be picked up at any library location.

- The month of May is Internet Danger Month formerly known as Internet Safety Month.
- The Library is celebrating this month Haitian Heritage Month and Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- Some of the libraries are working with Community Services to help process the Emergency Rental Assistance applications. Staff from Career Source and PBC Library at branches: Delray, the Summit Blvd main library, Royal Palm, Okeechobee, Belle Glade and the Acreage. The Library thanks Community Services for this partnership.
- The Library will be partnering with Youth Services for the summer lunch program. Summer lunches will be starting in June.
- Throughout the summer volunteer opportunities will be available at library branches.
- The Library can be contacted at <http://www.pbclibrary.org/> or Adam Davis at DavisA@pbclibrary.org
- Elyse Brown, PBC Fire Rescue (FR)
 - COVID related Fire Rescue has been participating with the mobile testing and home testing. Now FR is currently helping with the main vaccinations pods within PBC. South Florida Fairgrounds, South County Civic Center and the Burns Road Community Center. FR has also been working along with PBSO.
 - FR Operations is still up and running when it comes to emergency response. Personnel had to adapt to COVID.
 - FR is still providing prevention presentations on Hands Only CPR, Fall Prevention, Fire Safety and one on one Smoke Alarm presentations.
- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM
 - Rainy season is coming up. ERM will be doing mosquito control. If you have an mosquito problem ERM can be contacted at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/erm/Pages/Mosquito-Control.aspx>
 - ERM is recruiting four (4) youths for their Green Futures Summer Internship. This is a paid internships for 4 weeks at 30 hours per week, June 28th – July 26th no experience required. The interns assist ERM staff with performing basic field and office tasks including compliance inspections, plan review, environmental sampling, laboratory work, environmental monitoring, and producing educational, marketing, and social media content. Contact: Samantha Corr email: scorr@pbcgov.org
- Michael Sklar, PBC HES
 - PBC Housing and Economic Sustainability have mortgage assistance available for those households who are behind on their mortgages due to the impact of COVID-19.

Applications can be filed online at www.pbcgov.com/hes. Assistance is up to \$10,000 for up to 6 months of missed payments. Applications will be accepted until June 7th.

- Due to the high volume of applications, the rental and utility assistance portal is closing on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at midnight. Staff will use this time to process the applications already submitted.
- The portal will reopen on June 7 through June 16, 2021. Please note that the system will allow applicants to resubmit any documents requested by Case Managers.

IV. OCR UPDATES

- Ms. Moguillansky advised that the registration for Back to School PBC! drive up event is still open. The deadline for registration is June 4th. She requested CCRT members and meeting attendees to please assist with getting the word out about the event to ensure that all students in need have the opportunity to participate in this year's event. Registration, as in the past, is mandatory, and students must register online at <http://www.backtoschoolpbc.org>

Back to School PBC! drive up event will be held on July 24th at 6 different locations throughout Palm Beach County.

V. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Bill McDonald, Plantation Resident
 - Mr. McDonald wanted to share with the group that that the clinic facility being constructed near his community is for Foundcare.
- Leroy Rouse, Gramercy Park Resident
 - Mr. Rouse stated The Food as Medicine is a great thing and something he is interested in. Mr. Tate stated that that he will speak with Mr. Rouse following this meeting.
- Amber Pelish, Country Club Acres resident
 - Gave a thank you for all OCR has done and the help OCR has given to hercommunity.
- Maria Castillo, Epilepsy Florida
 - EFL and Epilepsy Awareness:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KvysOeYNUqJGjfz4tcVJApjldtZ9EPq/view?usp=sharing>
- Nicola Chung, Health Council of Southeast Florida
 - Her organization has been educating within our targeted areas in the community on COVID prevention. They have been giving COVID webinars and distributing

COVID materials, masks and hand sanitizers to assist with mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

COVID webinar for 5/25/2021 at 1:00 pm. Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZYvf-qrpjopH9VTGVS-eqPKhnHVaSXiKFna>

Mr. Tate thanked all CCRT members for the updates provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, OCR Director

