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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: October 11, 2022  
 Location: WebEx Virtual Meeting

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

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| 1.  | Daisy Aguirre     | Community Partners of South Florida                  |
| 2.  | Nichele Bankston  | PBC Community Services- Human Services               |
| 3.  | Jacqueline Bell   | School District of PBC                               |
| 4.  | Elise Brown       | PBC Fire Rescue                                      |
| 5.  | Amy Chamberlain   | Florida Rep Kelly Skidmore’s Office                  |
| 6.  | Samantha Corr     | PBC ERM  |
| 7.  | Anna Diaz         | Epilepsy Alliance Florida                            |
| 8.  | Deputy Fresneda   | PBSO   |
| 9.  | Randee Gabriel    | 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast                        |
| 10. | Lesley George     | PBC Housing & Economic Development                   |
| 11. | Sam Glucksman     | McCurdy Senior Housing Corporation                   |
| 12. | Gwynne Gonzalez   | Florida Rep Kelly Skidmore’s Office                  |
| 13. | Gayle Harrell     | Another Chance Community Development, Inc.           |
| 14. | Violet Howard     | Optimistic Journey, Inc.                             |
| 15. | Margaret Humphrey | Lutheran Services Florida South Bay Early Head Start |
| 16. | Annie Ifill       | Healthier Glades                                     |
| 17. | Hazel Lucas       | Florida Rural Legal Services                         |
| 18. | Alexa Lee         | PBC Behavioral Health Coalition                      |
| 19. | Liz Cabral        | PBC Food Bank  |
| 20. | DaVatrice Lindsey | Florida Rural Legal Services                         |
| 21. | Kathleen Mason    | United Way of PBC                                    |
| 22. | Chrystal Mathews  | PBC OCR  |
| 23. | Bill McDonald     | Plantation Area Resident                             |
| 24. | Ruth Moguillansky | PBC OCR  |
| 25. | Kersti Myles      | Florida Senator Bobby Powell’s Office                |
| 26. | Michael Owens     | School District of PBC                               |
| 27. | Tony Pando        | Cabana Colony Resident                               |
| 28. | Ike Powell        | PBC Youth Services                                   |
| 29. | Casey Prankun     | PBC Parks & Recreation                               |
| 30. | Malinda Ragoonath | Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. (AVDA)        |
| 31. | Audley Reid       | PBC OCR  |
| 32. | Roxy Brown        | CareBag, Inc.  |

33.	Patrick Rutter	PBC Administration
34.	George Schott	PBC OCR
35.	Patrice Schroeder	211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast
36.	Milroy Senat	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
37.	Michael Sklar	PBC Housing & Economic Development
38.	Anna Stewart	Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
39.	Houston Tate	PBC OCR
40.	Cornelia Wantz	PBC Traffic Engineering
41.	Vanessa Williams	Pahokee Housing Authority
42.	Steve West	The IN-CROWD
43.	William Wynn	PBC OCR

## MEETING MINUTES

### I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Houston Tate, OCR Director, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the OCR staff. George Schott, OCR Planning Tech introduced the CCRT members. Mr. Tate introduced the presenter Patrice Schroeder, M.A. Human Behavior, Community Relations Specialist, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast.

### II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Michael Sklar, Housing & Economic Development (HED)
  - HED announced the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Impact Fee Affordable Housing Assistance Program (IFAHAP) funding from its Fiscal Year 2022 funding cycle. This program is where developers of affordable housing can receive waivers for impact fees for parks, roads and public buildings. HED will begin accepting applications for funding on October 31, 2022
  - The Very Low Income Housing Program (VLIHP) funding is being offered to provide gap funding for the development of affordable housing units or residential facilities serving individuals and households with incomes no greater than 50% of Area Median Income (AMI). HED began accepting applications for funding on September 12, 2022 and will continue accepting applications until November 7, 2022.
  
- Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC
  - The free reduce cost program began October 1<sup>st</sup>. For children 2-12 that receive certain government assistance that would like to learn how to swim. This program is also for adult immediate caregivers.  
<http://api.pbcfr.org/dpcwatersafety/>
  - Providing land base water safety classes for any person or group that would like a presentation.
  - Anna Stewart, [astewart@pbcgov.org/dpc](mailto:astewart@pbcgov.org/dpc)
  
- Ike Powell, PBC Youth Services
  - Youth Services Department  
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/default.aspx>
  - Outreach & Community Programming works with up to 50 agencies to provide after school care and programming for mainly middle and high school students where

they can receive academic, mentoring, career exploration and other services  
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Outreach.aspx>

- Youth and Family Counseling Services provided throughout PBC at no cost to youth up to the age of 22 and their and families  
[https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Counseling\\_Youth.aspx](https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Counseling_Youth.aspx)
- Suicidality Education and Training session October 12, 2022 9:30am - 11:30am  
[https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Training\\_Docs/10-12-22\\_Suicidality.pdf](https://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/Training_Docs/10-12-22_Suicidality.pdf)
  
- Samantha Corr, PBC ERM
  - Mosquito Control Division has begun aerial spraying for nuisance mosquitos. The Acreage, Loxahatchee and Royal Palm Beach was completed on October 10th. Jupiter Farms, Wellington and Glades area will be sprayed on October 11. Unincorporated Lake Worth, Boynton Beach Delray Beach and Boca Raton west of Military Trail will be sprayed on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Hunted Hike will be held on October 21st at North Jupiter Flat Woods from 7pm-9pm.
  - On Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, Lagoon Fest will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., along Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach. ERM will be providing community hours to high school students that would like to volunteer
  
- Michael Owens, School District of PBC
  - The annual walk to school event will be held from 7am-9:30am on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Everglades Elementary, 407 Marginal Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33411
  - Melaleuca Elementary is currently being modernized. The school is scheduled to reopen in August of 2023.
  - Wynnebrook Elementary is slated to be modernized. The modernized school is scheduled to reopen in August of 2024.
  - The "000" high school construction is still on going and set to open in August of 2023. A name for this school has not been selected as of yet.

### III. PRESENTATION

**Patrice Schroeder, M.A. Human Behavior, Community Relations Specialist, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast** started her presentation by stating that 211 is for the community to help people get connected and engaged 24/7. Any person of any age can access 211. 211 staff is highly trained. 211 not only have a helpline or crisis they also have advocacy programs. 211 can be contacted by texting your zip code to TXT211(898211), chat [www.211palmbeach.org](http://www.211palmbeach.org) or email [Help@211pbtc.org](mailto:Help@211pbtc.org).

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has been rebranded and 211 has been responsible for the line since the inception. In lieu of Hurricane Ian for this region 211 has also been answering calls from the National Disaster Distress Helpline. 211 staff are notified of resources as they become available. There is also Alzheimer's Community Care, which 211 responds to their calls after hours. 211 also answers the Victim Services line. Since July 2022, 211 has been answering the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

211 staff are not just volunteers. 211 has to reach certain benchmarks and standards to receive accreditation.

211 has expanded their services. One of the new programs is the First Responder Helpline. This program helps first responders engage with providers that are specific to that responder to direct them to the proper care.

Post pandemic 211 is also getting calls in reference to people not being able to pay their mortgages

or rent. The 211 goal is to emphasize and try to find resources for callers. September was Suicide Awareness and Prevention month.

211 additional resources:

- [FloridaSuicidePreventionCoalition.org](http://FloridaSuicidePreventionCoalition.org)
- [MentalHealthPbc.org](http://MentalHealthPbc.org)
- [NAMIpb.org](http://NAMIpb.org)
- [Samhsa.gov](http://Samhsa.gov)
- [TheTrevorProject.org](http://TheTrevorProject.org)
- [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net)
- [Vibrant.org](http://Vibrant.org)
- <https://afsp.org/learn-the-facts>

211 Advocacy Programs

- All Areas Served:  
Sunshine Daily Phone Call- seniors & adults caregiving for another adult.  
MYFLVET- peer support for veterans, & resources for veterans & their families  
Caregiver Project- support and linkage to services for adult's caregiving for another adult.  
Help Me Grow- children's growth, developmental and behavioral health screenings (0-8 years)
- Palm Beach County specific:  
Special Needs HelpLine support for children with special needs & family (0-22 years)  
Elder Crisis Outreach one-on-one advocacy and support (60 +years)

211 provides seasonal services such as helping individuals get taxes done for free, provide summer meals, back to school and help with meals and toys for the holidays.

## Questions/Comments

- Houston Tate, PBC OCR asked what type of calls individuals should be told not to contact 211 for. Ms. Schroeder replied that housing is one thing that a person should contact a community outreach specialist that works with the homeless and housing.
- Kathleen Mason, United Way of PBC asked doe 211 provide community training on suicide awareness and prevention. Ms. Schroeder replied that 211 in the past provided assist training but no longer have a trainer. Southeast Florida Behavioral Health provides a PPR Training.
- George Schott, PBC OCR asked about the tax program. Ms. Schroeder replied that the IRS trains volunteers with the Vita Tax program and uses IRS approved software.
- George Schott asked question about the Lyft program. Ms. Schroeder advised that this is a new program and she is not fully aware of the details but she believes it is for the population in need.
- George Schott, PBC OCR asked question about getting people with mental issues help. Ms. Schroeder replied that it should begin with having the conversation and identifying what the issues are.
- Ruth Moguillansky, PBC OCR inquired if 211 still have the interagency network meeting. Ms. Schroeder replied that the meetings have not stopped. The meetings are currently being held at Mounts Botanical Gardens and virtually. The November meeting will possibly be an in person meeting.
- Elise Brown, PBC Fire Rescue asked how calls are handled from non-English speaking callers. Ms. Schroeder replied that 211 has a language service that can make the call a three-way call. This service has 149 dialects and there is staff that are bi-lingual as well.
- Michael Owens, School District inquired does 211 staff participate at events. Ms. Schroeder replied that volunteering at events could not be guaranteed because of availability.

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

#### IV. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Tony Pando, Cabana Colony resident advised that the community will be having their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Fall Festival on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm
- Steve West, The IN CROWD, advised there are volunteers, waiting for events. as many volunteers as you might need. The IN CROWD do not need a very long lead-time. There is no charge, dues, or joining nothing that you have to do, just need to know what the event is and if it helps underserved communities, undeserved individuals.  
Also students are required to get 20 hours of volunteerism. They cannot volunteer on class time, but any weekend, evening or early morning, over the summer. The counselors are excited about continuing to communicate the events.
- Steve West, email at [steve@thein-crowd.org](mailto:steve@thein-crowd.org) or call from 9:00 am to 9:00 PM, 7 days a week. Phone number is (561)499-0974.
- Roxy Brown, CareBag, Inc. stated they have mobile shower units where they serve the homeless and communities in need. They will be taking their mobile showers to Collier County on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> to assist the residents that was impacted by Hurricane Ian.
- Margaret Humphrey Lutheran Services Florida South Bay Early Head Start, inquired about the drowning prevention program for the summer months at Pioneer Park in the Glades. Anna Stewart, Drowning Prevention Coalition of PBC replied that this park would have the program for the children and adult caregivers.
- Annie Ifill, Healthier Glades have a mini grant for residents or organizations that have a physical address in the Glades area. These grants are up to \$3,000 for residents and \$2,000 for non-profits for Glades area projects. The deadline to apply for the grants are October 18, 2022. Also on November 5<sup>th</sup> the Diabetes Coalition of PBC, Healthier Glades, Lakeside Medical Center and nurses from FAU will be having a healthy eating and healthy living expo and resource fair 10:00am-1:00pm.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.*

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