

ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HHSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
December 5th, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Haley, Chair; Howard Hitzel, Vice Chair; Deanna Jones; Leslie Barstow; Chip Cover

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Patneau; Shannon Nazworth

STAFF PRESENT: Tracy Dillon, Manager, Social Services; Katrina Tanner, HHS Contract Coordinator; Juliette Maronel, HHS Administrative Coordinator

VISITORS: Jennifer Wills, Schyler Siefker, Marion Blohm, Nangela (Nangy) Pulsfus

Virtual- Suzanne Clulow, Chynequa King, Brian Robinson, Tara Wildes, Anita Miller Sackman, Sara Rutan, Judith (Judy) Dem, Nancy Russo

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Tara Haley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Quorum was present.

MINUTES: Tara Haley opened the floor for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Howard Hitzel motioned to approve the November 7th General Council Meeting minutes and November 21st Executive Meeting minutes. Chip Cover seconded the motion; the minutes are approved unanimously by the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Commissioner Arnold was unable to attend, however, Tracy stated on Commissioner Arnold's behalf she will continue to be the HHSAC Liaison.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continuum of Care (CoC) Update from Anita Daniel:

- a. Anita could not attend, so Juliette Maronel read an update via email stating "The Challenge Unsheltered Grant funds have been opened to the community in a Request for Funding which is due to the Lead Agency on December 11, 2024 with the CoC Board reviewing, scoring and prioritizing requests by December 16th so that those receiving the funding will be able start providing services January 1, 2025. The amount available is \$294,989.71. The annual HUD required Point-in-Time (PIT) count is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th."
- b. There was a follow-up question about the 11/7/24 minutes stating the Point-in-Time (PIT) count is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd. Jennifer Wills stated the date has recently changed from the 23rd to the 28th due to the Nights of Lights celebration. No changes to the 11/7/24 minutes needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Resource Collective Update from Jennifer Wills:

- a. Jennifer has rebranded the IST (Integrated Service Team) meetings as The Resource Collective.
 - i. These meetings are an open invite to all community organizations relating to health and human services. The meetings are held in person at 200 San Sabastian View, every month on the last Friday from 9am-11am, except March and November.
 - ii. The goals of these meetings are to streamline the sharing of information to bridge the gap of missing assistance and available resources. Organizations can share new/pertinent information and/or ask if there are any specific missing resources to assist in a client's specific need.
- b. The next action item is creating a landing page for The Resource Collective on the Care Connect website with an event calendar, presentations from community members, current events, etc.

Health & Human Services/ County Administration Update -Tracy Dillon, Social Services Manager

- The groundbreaking of the new Hastings Community Center was November 23rd.
- The FIP Annual Foster Care Christmas party was on December 1st with an attendance of 30 adults and 56 children. Shawna wanted to give a special thank you to the owners of the Tringalli Barn, Briskys BBQ, the sponsors, the volunteers, and the staff.

Funded Agency Updates:

Early Learning Coalition (ELC): Anita Miller Sackman, Director of QA and Data Integrity at Episcopal Children's Services, on behalf of Dawn Bell- stated the ELC will be able to start enrolling again after the first of the year.

Betty Griffin Center (BGC): No representative present.

Council on Aging (COA): Brian Robinson reported the Annual Christmas on the River fundraiser for their care connection department last month was a success raising over \$20,000. Also, the day before Thanksgiving, they hosted the annual Thanksgiving luncheon serving 123 seniors.

Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition (ESHC): Marion Blohm reported their newest fundraiser is the Giving Machine, a vending machine-style donation experience sponsored by The Church of Latter-day Saints which donates to 5 different organizations. The vending machine has various donation gifts for anyone to purchase such as food for underserved communities, educational software, and personal hygiene supplies which. The machine is currently located at the St. Augustine parking garage until 12/15/24.

Good Samaritan/Wildflower Clinic: Chynequa King reported the clinic has started a weekly pre-natal program/OBGYN. They are always looking for more specialists to help the growing needs in the community. They currently have a wait list for dental assistance. Lastly, invitations for the 30th birthday celebration of the clinic will be sent out soon. This will be an opportunity to share the clinic's impact on the community and honor the donors and funders.

St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS): Sara Rutan reports all the teams are fully staffed, the CAT and Coaches programs are full, and the CAT program currently has a short wait list. They are seeing a lot of high acuity kids with a lot of suicidal ideation and aggression. In November the MRT for youth had 42 risk assessments with a 95% baker act diversion. The Thirteenth Annual Santra Run is Saturday, December 14th for anyone to join by walking, running, or jogging.

St. Francis House (SFH): Judy Dembowski reported the downtown campus received notice they can proceed on the family shelter. They have 180 days to complete this project, so they plan to have 39 beds open sometime this summer. SFH has added Discover and Recover as a resource to work with and help the kids. SFH is working on a Street Academy for the kids to receive diplomas through a private school which is highly tailored to at risk and homeless youth. SFH is planning to apply for challenge funding which will help fund the collaboration with UF Health/Care Program to have an assigned person to be there 2 days a week all day. Judy is attending IHI and doing a collaborative presentation with Wildflower Healthcare and Delta Zero in efforts to bring the nurses out into the camps. Lastly, people who are currently onsite will begin to join the outreach team starting January to increase the outreach.

Epic Behavioral Healthcare: Nangy reported the partnership with the Sheriff's office and Care Connect is continuing, and they're adding a second co-responder team. This helps divert baker acts and deescalate situations, avoiding incarceration or hospitalization. Director Wildes and Nangy have looked at the data, and outside of the co-response, the number of baker acts since September has significantly declined with co-response referrals increasing showing a correlation.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

SMA Healthcare: Nancy Russo reported hiring a marketing specialist who is in orientation now so they will start coming to community meetings soon, and start working on getting the resource info out to the community.

UF Health St. Johns: Tara Haley shared on Jennifer Wills' behalf- the UF Foundation 5k is coming up on January 11th for anyone who can join.

Department of Health: No representative present.

Public Safety: Director Wildes reports they have a full-time co-responder starting before the end of the month. The data is already looking promising by showing the reduction of baker acts. Director Wildes plans to speak about the expansion of the co-responder team at the next General Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Meeting: Thursday, December 19th, at 3:30 p.m., in the Muscovy conference room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and via Microsoft Teams.

General Meeting: Thursday, January 2nd at 4pm in the Kingfisher conference room, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and via Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.