



4th Quarterly Meeting
November 9, 2020

10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. Please visit www.flgov.com/fbcb for more information or contact Savannah Vickery at Savannah.Vickery@eog.myflorida.com or 850-717-9261.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members in attendance:

- Dr. Jerry Haag – Chair
- Mr. Calvin Martin – Vice-Chair
- Ms. Nancy Acevedo
- Pastor Kirt Anderson
- Reverend Perry Davis
- Mr. Erik Dellenback
- Mr. Chad Garmon
- Pastor Scott George
- Dr. Rosby Glover
- Pastor Pam Olsen
- Pastor Carl Reeves
- Pastor Marcus Smith
- Ms. Pat Smith
- Mr. Gary Tester
- Mr. Barry Webster
- Rabbi Joseph Weinstock
- Pastor Blaine Whitt
- Pastor Reno Zunz

Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members unable to attend:

- Mr. Richard Albertson
- Mr. Wallace Brown
- Ms. Trenia Cox
- Pastor Gerard Duncan
- Mr. Rolando Gonzalez
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr
- Rabbi Pinchas Taylor



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PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Item	Summary
<p>Call to Order and Welcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Dr. Jerry Haag called the meeting to order and welcomed members and participants to the virtual meeting of the Council. • The roll was called by Ms. Jessica Collins-Jones, with the Governor’s Office of Adoption and Child Protection, and a quorum was confirmed.
<p>Invocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Kirt Anderson provided the invocation.
<p>Approval of 3rd Quarterly Meeting Summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were provided a digital copy of the September 2020 meeting summary and the Post-Meeting summary (focusing on possible Council action) for review prior to the virtual meeting. • When called for, no edits or changes to the meeting summaries were provided. • Member Pat Smith motioned to approve the meeting summaries and was seconded by Member Rosby Glover. • With no additional discussion, members voted to approve the September 2020 meeting summary and the Post-Meeting summary.
<p>State Updates and Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair Calvin Martin provided the following updates and information on current and future public awareness topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Status of Tropical Storm Eta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tropical Storm Eta is approaching Florida and encouraged members to make necessary preparations. ○ Trauma Informed Care Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stated that the State of Florida is working on integrating trauma informed care into policies and practice and encouraged members to contact the Governor’s office to schedule education and training in their regions. ○ National Adoption Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shared that the state has reduced the number of children available for adoption from 800 to 700 on any given day. ▪ Thanked the various stakeholders who work in adoptions and encouraged members to go to the MyFloridaMyFamily website to learn more.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vice-Chair Martin asked Chair Haag if his organization was doing anything for Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Chair Haag shared that they would be hosting a Traffick Stop event, as they do annually, and that the location was TBD. He then went on to share the good news of a 20-year-old human trafficking survivor finding a forever family through adoption.○ Flu Season<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Encouraged members and the public to get their flu shots in the upcoming flu season.○ Reemployment Assistance<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Shared economic assistance resources available through the Department of Economic Opportunity for those who may qualify.○ Opioid Crisis<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Informed the members that they could contact the Governor’s Office for information on training on Narcan or Naloxone, medicated assisted treatment, or any other information.▪ Vice-Chair Martin invited Member Scott George to speak on the Project Opioid initiative and its efforts to collaborate with business and faith leaders.▪ Member Scott George referred to an article by the Orlando Sentinel on the impacts 2020 has had on the opioid crisis. He shared his hopes of shifting this crisis from a drug issue to a mental health issue. He also encouraged the faith community to embrace and assist families that are being affected by this crisis.○ Spirituality and Mental Health Webinars<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vice-Chair Martin informed the members of the webinar series from the US Partnership Center that highlights the ways that faith communities and government can work together. The webinar series can be found on the Council’s website.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag reminded members that these topics were actions to be taken by the Council and not just awareness for the members.
<p>Hunger Needs of Floridians During COVID- 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag introduced speaker Ms. Robin Safley, Executive Director of Feeding Florida, to share information on the hunger needs of Florida during COVID-19. • Ms. Safley shared with the members that Feeding Florida was the largest hunger relief network in Florida and has 12 Food Bank members servicing all 67 counties in the state. Feeding Florida as also affiliated with Feeding America. Last fiscal year, the network distributed 468 million pounds of food, including several months of COVID-related needs. • Ms. Safley shared with the Council a visual that showed the amount of food in pounds outgoing during COVID-19 doubled compared to the weeks leading up to COVID-19. The high demand continues and is fluctuating around 9 million pounds per week. • Ms. Safley showed the Council the new Meal Deficit Metric that measures the number of missing meals at a localized level within the state of Florida. This new model helps show where more resources should be sent, and which areas are most in need of meals. • Ms. Safley shared that the USDA food purchases of U.S. grown food makes up about 30 percent of all food distributed by Feeding America. This is expected to decline by 50 percent next year, with a sustained 60 percent increase in demand for food. • Ms. Safley shared that there is a large, anticipated gap between what food there is to give out and what the needs are. • Ms. Safley shared that Feeding America projects that Florida went from 13 percent food insecurity to 17 percent in 2020 due to COVID. • Chair Haag asked Ms. Safley to explain the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) annual federal funding bar chart further to understand the levels of involvement. The orange represents the Government purchased food, the green is bonus food which happens every year but is random food and you never know how much of what you will get, the yellow is product from trade mitigation, the purple represents the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the light blue represents the Cares Act funding that some counties are using to buy food.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Safley shared that people can visit feedingfloirda.org to get more information and to locate their closest food bank. • Member Zunz asked about the Farm to Families program and Ms. Safley shared that they are now in phase 4 and funding has been extended through the end of the year. • Member Webster ask for more information on the Meal Deficit Metric and how they get to that number. Ms.Safley stated that is explained in the executive summary - https://www.feedingflorida.org/cms/resources/blog/may-7-2020-executive-summary.pdf • Member Tester asked if Ms. Safley had any recommendations that the Advisory Council could help support. Ms. Safley shared that it would be helpful for members to work with their local food banks to drill down and on the data and issues they are finding in their communities and bring back the issues to the council.
<p>Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiative Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag asked Member Erik Dellenback to provide updates on the Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiative. • Member Dellenback encouraged members to sign their institutions up for the Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiative if they had not already. • Member Dellenback reminded the members that out of 4,000 faith and community organization involvement, foster care only made up 11% and adoption made up 7%. • Member Dellenback informed the members that the Governor and Department of Corrections created a Direct Support Organization, which is an area where communities can help with reentry needs. • Member Dellenback asked the members to become familiar with the MyFloridaMyFamily website. The four primary purposes of the website are to connect those in need with services in their area, to create a new, appreciative “front door” (FFIC) for those interested in fostering, to promote those who are wanting to explore adoption, and to present a menu-based list of options for faith institutions to get involved in different ministries. Member Dellenback and First Lady Casey DeSantis will be having meetings across the state to encourage different faith institutions to get involved.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag were encouraged the members to take advantage of this feature to build supportive armies within their communities to meet the needs of others.
<p>Citizen Review Panel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Haag introduced Ms. Pattie Medlock, Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare at the Department of Children and Families, to provide information on the Citizen Review Panel ○ Ms. Medlock shared that the Citizen Review Panel usually gets a list of recommendations from the Council that they then turn into a written request. She then encouraged the Council to come forward with any questions and feedback during the presentation. She shared the following recommendations that they had received, as well as the efforts and requests that followed: ○ Work with agency partners to increase community-based services for mental health and substance abuse to provide greater accessibility for individual and family involvement with, or at-risk of being involved with, the child welfare system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Published a needs assessment methodology for methadone opioid treatment programs (OTPs) which established the need for 42 additional methadone OTPs to provide greater access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) ➤ Focused operational effort on substance exposed newborns (0-12 months old) within the system of care and prevention efforts ○ Increase collaboration with agency partners to have consistent messaging on safe sleep and water safety topics to reduce and eliminate preventable child deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Established Child Safety 7 Wellness Group made up of DCF, DOH, DOE, and Ounce of Prevention to address COVID-19 challenges. This group continues to meet bi-weekly to discuss awareness topics and campaigns. ➤ Launch of MyFloridaMyFamily website ○ Expand home visiting services that target older children. These services should complement existing home visiting services that



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	<p>work to build protective factors and improve family functioning to prevent involvement with the child welfare system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prioritize efforts to increase the use of evidence-based services ➤ Evaluation and understanding of Florida’s child welfare service array <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase support of local initiatives to provide community education on topics to include Adverse Childhood Experiences, Social Determinants of Health, Trauma Informed Care and Protective Factors. This education can promote action on behalf of individuals and families to reduce incidents of crisis or distress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCF strongly supports the expansion of education and information sharing related to the essential prevention components identified ➤ DCF Child Care Program Office has developed two separate trauma-informed care instructional trainings for childcare providers ➤ The initial online training developed was a 5-hour workshop designed for childcare professionals ➤ The more recent trauma-informed training is an instructor-led 40-hour training specifically for childcare program directors ○ Elevate DCF and FFPSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve the safety of children ➤ Hardwire prevention ➤ Deliver on promises to the frontline through modernization and efficiencies ➤ Increase accountability and quality ➤ Improve financial health of programs ➤ FFPSA implementation ➤ Community prevention guide ● Ms. Medlock opened the floor to questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Chad Garmon shared with Ms. Medlock that he would love to discuss more about coordinating drowning prevention and to figure out how his organization could become more of a resource for this topic
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Haag asked Ms. Medlock what the expectations were for the Council to make sure they are fulfilling their role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Medlock shared that the Council could be more vocal in their communities, as well as to the Review Panel. She also told the Council that they should be holding the Panel accountable ○ Director Zack Gibson emphasized the importance of the Council looking at policy and practice to be better informed to fulfill their duties as members
<p>Council Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Haag asked Director Gibson to share information about activities/recommendations for the Council’s annual report. ● Director Gibson informed members that a worksheet would soon be sent out and that members were encouraged to fill it out with activities that their organizations had done in the last year to create a positive impact, especially those in relation to assistance efforts during COVID-19 ● Director Gibson shared that typically, each year members voted on new leadership for the Council. With COVID-19 disrupting the last year, Director Gibson suggested that Chair Haag and Vice-chair Martin continue in their roles for 2021. Member Anderson motioned to support this recommendation. Member Smith second the motion. There was no opposition to this recommendation ● Chair Haag informed the members that the scheduling of next year’s meetings would be taking place soon, and that the office would be sending out more information as it comes. The projected time frames for these meetings are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January- to review and finalize the annual report and attend human trafficking events ○ April- to participate in Child Abuse Prevention month events and legislative session (in Tallahassee) ○ July/August- to prepare for school openings ○ October/November- to coordinate with other state events ● Chair Haag asked for volunteers to host Council meetings in 2021. The following volunteered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Garmon ○ Member Nancy Acevedo



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Dellenback offered for Member Rolando Gonzalez ○ Chair Haag
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were no public comments to be heard.
Benediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Member Barry Webster provided the benediction.
Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Haag asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Webster motioned for the meeting to adjourn and was seconded by Member Marcus Smith. ● With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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