9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
One More Child

1015 Sikes Blvd.

Piper Children’s Center Building

Lakeland, FL 33815

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be

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***Attendance Summary***

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

* Ms. Pat Smith
* Mr. Barry Webster
* Pastor Reno Zunz
* Mr. Rolando Gonzalez *(via phone)*
* Pastor Pam Olsen *(via phone)*
* Pastor Marcus Smith *(via phone)*
* Mr. Karim Veerjee *(via phone)*
* Rabbi Joseph Weinstock *(via phone)*

* Pastor Carl Reeves
* Ms. Trenia Cox
* Mr. Richard Albertson
* Pastor Kirt Anderson
* Reverend Perry Davis
* Pastor Scott George
* Dr. Rosby Glover
* Dr. Jerry Haag
* Dr. Gretchen Kerr

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

* Ms. Patricia Robbins
* Rabbi Pinchas Taylor
* Pastor Blaine Whitt

**Proceedings**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

* Chair Pastor Carl Reeves welcomed the Council members and called the meeting to order.
* The roll was called by Ms. Frenchie Yon, Governor’s Office of Adoption and Child Protection, and a quorum was confirmed.
* Dr. Jerry Haag, President/CEO, provided the welcome to the Council and meeting attendees on behalf of One More Child.
* The invocation was provided by Council Member Barry Webster.

**Approval of May 2018 Meeting Summary**

* Advisory Council Members were provided a copy of the May 2018 meeting summary.
* Council Member Mr. Richard Albertson made a motion to approve the meeting summary, and Mr. Barry Webster second the motion.
* The meeting summary was approved by the full advisory council.

**Announcements and Recognition**

* Vice-Chair Ms. Trenia Cox congratulated Pastor Pam Olsen on her reappointment by Governor Scott.
* Vice-Chair Cox shared the gathering of stakeholders from across the state that met to identify strategies and opportunities to build and strengthen trauma- informed interventions in Florida.
* Vice-Chair Cox shared that the event was highlighted by a keynote address from Dr. Vince Felitti, co-investigator of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study.
* Pastor Marcus Smith shared his experience and thoughts from this event. He emphasized that the most important part was that this event was the start of an ongoing workgroup that plans to implement policy, raise awareness, and address trauma.
* Vice-Chair Cox encourages members to view this presentation to become more familiar with Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs.

http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/video/center/acestudy/start.html

* Vice-Chair Cox shares upcoming public awareness topics for the month of September that include:
  + National Preparedness Month, encouraging members to get supplies and plan for critical moments that could occur.
  + National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, highlighting the work of the Florida Department of Health Healthiest Weight initiative to encourage everyone to be the healthiest version of themselves.
  + Dads Take Your Child to School Day on Wednesday, September 26th.
  + Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week taking place September 23-29.
* Vice-Chair Cox shares public awareness topics for the month of October that includes:
  + Bullying Prevention Month
  + Domestic Violence Awareness Month
  + National Disability Employment Awareness Month
  + Safe Sleep Month
* Vice-Chair Cox shares public awareness topics for the month of November that includes:
  + Trauma Informed Care Day on November 1st
  + National Adoption Month
  + Florida Family Engagement in Education Month
* There were no additional announcements from the members at this time.

1. **Florida Prosperity Partnership**

* Mr. Bill Mills, President, and CEO for Florida Prosperity Partnership, provided a presentation informing the council of how FPP provides pathways to economic security through a statewide coalition that is comprised of around a thousand organizations.
* Mr. Mills shares that although they specialize in many different programs, they focus primarily on trainer to trainee work specifically with financial social work and financial education to teach financial stability and to promote economic prosperity for all Floridians.
* Florida Prosperity Partnership is known for their convenes, which Mr. Mills shares there is a Faith-Based convene that has been planned during the week of Monday, May 27th at the Omni at Champions gate to provide a safe space to speak and have open conversations about financial capability.
* When asking the question, “What can the council do for Florida Prosperity Partnership?” Mr. Mills responded that the council can assist in getting the word out and sharing the mission of Florida Prosperity Partnership.

1. **Human Trafficking Update**

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* + Ms. Bethany Gilot, Director of Statewide Human Trafficking Prevention with the Florida Department of Children and Families, gave a presentation highlighting the history, success, policy, and facts of human trafficking that has taken place in the State of Florida.
  + Ms. Gilot shares that there have been 381 Human Trafficking victims this year.
  + Ms. Gilot feels that the State of Florida has had much success with the anti-human trafficking effort since we have instilled 6 safe houses for women, 23 foster homes, and recently a men’s safe house.
  + The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking was created to bring in multiple perspectives to study this cause on the state level. This council includes Attorney General Pam Bondi who is the Chairman, Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, Department of Education, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Juvenile Justice, and representation from local state agencies. This council was initiated in 2014.
    - This council studied, legislation, development of legislative recommendations, service provisions, and private sectors.
    - The council trains and educates children and adults about human trafficking to bring awareness to the possibility of it occurring.
  + The Annual Human Trafficking Summit will take place Monday, October 1, 2018, for more information view Attorney General Pam Bondi’s website: <http://humantraffickingsummit.com/>

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* + Ms. Christa Hicks, Executive Director of Anti-Trafficking with One More Child, who is a trafficking survivor herself shares her efforts towards anti-trafficking.
  + Ms. Hicks expresses her passion and expresses that it is not just victims who are affected and traumatized by human trafficking, it affects families and communities.
  + Anti-Trafficking with One More Child is broken into three parts, awareness and advocacy efforts, mobile teams through the open doors outreach network, and the safe homes. These three efforts all play a role together to make communities stronger.
  + The Open Doors Outreach Network helps in Central Florida region and South Florida region. These teams include a clinician, a survivor mentor, and an advocate. This network also partners with DCF to serve children from ages 10 to 24.
  + The advocacy efforts go toward building stronger communities beyond just awareness, this is done by keeping these communities trauma-informed and giving ongoing support.

1. **Building Positive Social Norms**

* Ms. Kathie Southern, Director of Education and Community Relations of Heartland for Children shared a presentation on Building Positive Social Norms. They are the lead community based care agency that serves Hardee, Highlands, and Polk counties. Entering the conference room there was a display Ms. Southern set up pray for me displays from the Heartland Heart gallery comprised of photos and bio’s of children in the foster care system available for adoption.
* Ms. Southern shares the initiative Heartland is implementing to create positive community norms based on values, attitudes and beliefs, willingness and intention, and behavior. This initiative is based on the core concepts that positive exist and to influence positive behavior.
* They are seeking to influence parenting behavior to grow through practicing protective behavior, nurturing behavior, seeking and receiving help, and knowledge of parenting.

1. **Community-Based Organization Outreach Initiative**
   * Ms. Cissy Proctor, Executive Director, and Ms. Katie Crofoot with the Department of Economic Opportunity focuses on the workforce community and economic development across the state.
   * Their presentation focuses on how council members can continue to diversify our economy to build a wider and stronger foundation in the state of Florida. This can be done by simply listening to people in our communities and understanding their perspective and then mirroring their needs.
   * Their presentation focuses on how Governor Scott has challenged the workforce system to take additional steps to help Floridians find a job.
   * Ms. Proctor shared how council members can reach out to their community in various ways to help give resources to faith-based and community-based organizations to support their members and help them find meaningful employment.
2. **CarePortal**
   * Ms. Missy Albritton with the 111 Project and presentation on CarePortal shares the work that has been done in Hardee and Highlands counties.
   * CarePortal initiative is to connect churches to families in their communities, and families forming healthy relationships within the church, and ultimately a way to care for vulnerable children and families.
   * CarePortal brings the needs of hurting children and families in your community to your attention. Child welfare workers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond.
   * Case Managers have access to this tool to share children’s needs and connect them to churches, families, businesses, and organizations who can help.
   * To enroll your church, small group, or organization in their initiative you can visit their website is: <https://careportal.org/churches/>
3. **Single Moms Program**
   * Dr. Pam Whitaker shares her work with One More Child that helps support families with their Single Moms Program and is also joined by a single mom
   * One More Child’s program for Single Moms exist to serve single moms and their children to provide security, safety, encouragement, and hope for them to fight to strengthen and improve their lives.
   * Dr. Whitaker shares that the majority of the programs single mothers come from homelessness and financial difficulties and see generational effects on their children. These children are then more likely to be in poverty, homeless, and be abusive. The Single Moms Programs goal is to break that cycle and to focus on prevention and promotion for children to avoid being in the system.
   * Dr. Whitaker shares that they achieve the goals of the program with tools such as connections, concrete supports, and parent and child development.
   * Dr. Whitaker invited Tomasa to the podium to share her story of being a single mother that began at the young age of sixteen. She shared that she was sexually abused and part of many toxic relationships that caused her to have depression and anxiety. She then joined Brave Mom’s that supported her financially and mentally and allowed her to change her future life course for herself and her children.
4. **Public Comment**

* Venise White, Community Program Manager of Florida Department of Health in Seminole County, shared a report that they have funding to start the Seminole County Congregation Wellness Program, but are seeking favor from local churches and Seminole County. The purpose of the Seminole Congregational Wellness Program is to partner with faith-based organizations, churches and community partners in Seminole County to enhance an existing initiative or create a new ‘Health and Wellness Ministry’ to serve congregations.
* Charisse Jones, with Asbury Theological Seminary at the Orlando Campus, who works as the Associate Director of Faith-work and Economics, shares to equip students to make the connection between faith and work. She shares how excited she is about the Faith-Based and Community-Based initiative and hopes to work with the council in the future.

1. **Closing**

* The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Tampa, Fl on Friday, November 9th, 2018.
* Benediction was provided by Cabinet Member Scott George.
* With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.