



1st Quarterly Meeting
January 10, 2018

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. Please contact Frenchie Yon at Frenchie.Yon@eog.myflorida.com to obtain meeting materials or visit www.flgov.com/fbcb.

Attendance Summary

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

- Pastor Carl Reeves
- Mr. Richard Albertson
- Reverend Perry Davis
- Mr. Scott George
- Dr. Rosby Glover
- Mr. Rolando Gonzalez
- Dr. Jerry Haag
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr
- Pastor Pam Olsen
- Pastor Marcus Smith
- Ms. Pat Smith
- Rabbi Yosef Weinstock
- Pastor Blaine Whitt
- Pastor Reno Zunz
- Pastor Kirt Anderson (via phone)
- Ms. Trenia Cox (via phone)
- Ms. Sheila Gomez (via phone)

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

- Mrs. Patricia Robbins-Alger
- Rabbi Pinchas Taylor
- Mr. Karim Veerjee



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Proceedings

I. 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.
- Reverend Jonathan Brewster, Associate Pastor, Trinity United Methodist gave a warm welcome to the Council and meeting attendees.
- Invocation was given by Reverend Perry Davis, Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Member.
- Pat Smith made a motion to approve the previous meeting summary for November 2017, and it was seconded by Dr. Jerry Haag and it was approved.
- Chair Carl Reeves welcomed Rabbi Yosef Weinstock to the Council.
- Chair Carl Reeves also acknowledged Ms. Trenia Cox as the 2018 Vice-Chair.
- Chair Carl Reeves shared that January is National Human Trafficking Awareness month and it is also National Mentoring Month.



Council members met for the first meeting of 2018 to discuss goals and action plans for the upcoming year.



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II. Adverse Childhood Experiences

- Workgroup Lead, Ms. Pat Smith thanked the members of the work group.
- Dr. Mimi Graham, Director, Center for Prevention and Early Childhood Intervention Policy, Florida State University, gave a presentation about Adverse Childhood Experiences and spoke about some of the social challenges facing our State.

III. Human Trafficking Awareness and Action



U.S. A.G. Canova speaks to the Council

- Mr. Christopher Canova (pictured), United States Attorney, Northern District of Florida and Chair, Big Bend Human Trafficking Task Force, addressed the Council about the problem of human trafficking and gave his perspective on effective ways to combat it as well as current relevant bills being reviewed during the legislative session.
- Ms. Robin Thompson, Executive Director, Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center, spoke about the intent and benefits of the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center in raising awareness and providing support to communities and individuals impacted by human trafficking.

IV. Addressing the Opioid Crisis

- Ms. Missy Sword Lee, Program Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, FL Department of Children and Families, spoke about the Opioid Crisis and the impacts it is having on our State and the Country.



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- Mr. Mike Watkins (pictured), Chief Executive Officer, Big Bend Community Based Care, discussed the efforts by the Big Bend Community Based Care program to support those impacted by the Opioid Crisis, including educating the youth populations and raising awareness about the dangers posed by the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs.



Mr. Watkins addresses the Council

V. Northwest Region Faith Symposium Update

A. Annual Conference

- Workgroup Lead, Ms. Pat Smith gave an update earlier in the meeting

B. Child Welfare

- Workgroup Lead, Roland Gonzalez was unable to make the meeting and Zack Gibson will provide the update.
- Zackary Gibson spoke about the Truth About ACE's document that was provided to members.
- Zackary Gibson shared updates about the Share Your Heart program.
- Zackary Gibson asked council members if they had any suggests to add to the work the Child Welfare workgroup, but none were provided.

C. Criminal Justice

- Workgroup Lead, Dr. Gretchen Kerr was unable to make the meeting and Zack Gibson will provide the update.



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- Perry Davis shared that the Department of Corrections will be opening many new faith-based programs within the next year to assist inmates in their recovery and release.

D. Disaster Planning

- Workgroup lead, Ms. Sheila Gomez provided an update about the Disaster Planning workgroup.

E. Family Initiatives

- Workgroup lead, Chair Richard Albertson provided an update about the Family Initiatives workgroup.
- Dr. Jerry Haag provided an update about his efforts to help reach the victims of Human Trafficking.
- Dr. Haag spoke about the event that will be on January 11, 2018 in support to end Human Trafficking.
- Workgroup lead, Chair Richard Albertson spoke about a free tool called www.usmarriage.org

F. Legislative

- Workgroup lead, Pastor Pam Olsen provided an update about the Legislative workgroup.
- Pastor Pam Olsen spoke about a resolution that Representative Ross Spano is putting together that focuses on the pornography health crisis. It will talk about how pornography affects families and children. Pastor Pam Olsen believes “the council should back this resolution because it is a public health crisis.”
- Chair Richard Albertson stated that he would like to entertain a motion, for the council to be in support of the resolution that declares pornography as a public health crisis.



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- Workgroup lead, Pastor Pam Olsen lead the motion and Dr. Jerry Haag seconded the motion. Chair Richard Albertson stated that the vote passed unanimously.
- The Council spoke about legislation in the House and Senate to introduce a marriage education committee to provide marital education to couples.
- Pastor Pam Olsen motioned for the Council to approve the marriage education bill, HB 1580, and Chair Richard Albertson seconded the motion.
- The Council discussed and ultimately tabled a vote on House bills 41 and 1429 regarding pregnancy wellness, support and services due to several Council members requesting time to review the bills prior to voting.

II. Council Website and 2017 Annual Report

- Zack Gibson provided members with a copy of the 2017 Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Proposed Recommendations.
- Chair Richard Albertson suggested to include the vote in support of the resolution that declares pornography as a public health crisis.
- Council members provided many recommendations regarding the FBCB Advisory Council website.
- Council members broke into groups to provide their recommendations for the annual report.

III. 2018 Meeting Schedule

- The first quarterly meeting will be in Tallahassee, Florida on January 10, 2018
- The second quarterly meeting will be in Daytona Beach, Florida on May 15, 2018
- The third quarterly meeting will be in Lakeland, Florida on August 28, 2018
- The fourth quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2018 Faith Symposium



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IV. Public Comment

- Ms. Barbara McCann, Florida Action Committee spoke about legislation and evidence based policies regarding persons with a sex crime.
- Mr. Chris Lolley, owner of the Prevention Fund, addressed the Council about the efforts being made by his organization, particularly through the Caregiver Guides.
- Ms. Barbara Sprags, President of Justice Transitions talking about Homeless Sex Offenders and our states residency restrictions.
- Mr. Shaw Wyman spoke about his skills and offered to speak with individuals and communities about advocacy, outreach and support.
- Ms. Liza Smoker discussed the harmful effects of pornography and distributed a booklet on the subject to the Council.
- Mr. Marco Peres, Demand Prevention Coordinator for the Florida Abolitionists organization, spoke about human trafficking and the dangers posed by it on communities and individuals.
- Ms. Claudia Blackburn spoke about the Florida Department of Health's Million Hearts initiative and encouraged members of the Council to promote healthy living and hypertension awareness services in churches and other faith-based community gathering places.

V. Closing

- The next meeting will be held in Daytona Beach on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 and more details are to come.
- Benediction was given by Ms. Pat Smith, Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Member.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.