



1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting  
April 9, 2019

9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Tallahassee City Hall  
City Commission Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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](mailto:Frenchie.Yon@eog.myflorida.com) to obtain meeting materials or visit [www.flgov.com/fbcb](http://www.flgov.com/fbcb).

### *Attendance Summary*

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

- Ms. Trenia Cox
- Dr. Jerry Haag
- Ms. Nancy Acevedo
- Mr. Wallace Brown
- Pastor Gerard Duncan
- Mr. Scott George
- Mr. Rolando Gonzalez
- Mr. Calvin Martin
- Pastor Pam Olsen
- Pastor Carl Reeves
- Pastor Marcus Smith
- Ms. Pat Smith
- Mr. Gary Tester
- Mr. Barry Webster
- Pastor Blaine Whitt
- Pastor Reno Zunz
- Dr. Rosby Glover (via phone)
- Rabbi Pinchas Taylor (via phone)

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

- Mr. Richard Albertson
- Pastor Kirt Anderson
- Reverend Perry Davis
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr
- Rabbi Joseph Weinstock



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## Proceedings

### **I. Call to Order and Welcome**

- Chair Trenia Cox 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.
- The invocation was provided by Pastor Carl Reeves, Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Member.
- Ms. Pat Smith made a motion to approve the previous meeting summary for the fourth quarterly meeting, and it was seconded by Dr. Jerry Haag, and it was approved.
- Chair Trenia Cox also acknowledged Mr. Jerry Haag as the 2019 Vice-Chair.
- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag welcomed Ms. Nancy Acevedo, Mr. Wallace Brown, Pastor Gerard Duncan, Mr. Calvin Martin, and Mr. Gary Tester to the Council.
- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag announced that Governor DeSantis recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and appointed the First Lady to serve as Chair of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet.
- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag shared that the State of Florida began their annual Pinwheels for Prevention campaign.
- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag recognized that April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Month of the Military Child, and Autism Awareness Month.
- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag shared that May is Water Safety Month and National Foster Care Month, and specifically that May 9<sup>th</sup> is Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.
- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag shared information on a local event called the Community summit on Children that took place on May 10<sup>th</sup>.



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- Vice-Chair Jerry Haag shared information on the Department of Education's Educational Strategies and Student Engagement Institute that will take place in the Fall of this year.

## **II. CareerSource Faith Initiatives**

- Council Member Pastor Scott George, Pine Castle United Methodist Church, and Feeding Children Everywhere shared his work with CareerSource and local pastors.
- CareerSource conducted several meetings to make connections with the faith-based community and hosted a breakfast so the pastors could learn more about CareerSource and feel more comfortable with CareerSource.
- Organized a meeting at First Baptist Orlando to inform pastors about CareerSource; it was well received and a clear presentation.
- The next goal is to reach out to pastors in the Hispanic community and hold an event in East Orlando and continue to do more activities throughout the year.



## **III. Share Your Heart Program Update**

- Due to timing, we moved this presentation up on the agenda to accommodate the Mayor's schedule.
- Council Member, Roly Gonzalez, Victory for Youth and Share Your Heart shared background information about his programs as well as partnerships.
- Partnered with the Miami Dade County School System, Miami Dade County State Attorney's Office, Miami Dade County's Juvenile Assessment Center,



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Department of Education through vocational rehabilitation, Miami Dade County Coordinated Victims Assistance Center, Miami Dade County Fire Rescue, Miami Beach Police Department, Broward Sherriff, DCF of Broward, Department of Agriculture, and the Miami Dade Public Offenders.

- DCF started the program and Share Your Heart adopted the three DCF hubs and made a commitment to supply resource, and a chaplaincy Program was created.
- Pat Smith is recognized and expresses her gratitude for the program as well as commented on how beneficial the program is and the necessity of replicating these services and providing training.



#### IV. Single Mom's Program Update

- Due to timing, we moved this presentation up on the agenda to accommodate the Mayor's schedule.
- Council Member, Dr. Jerry Haag, One More Child shared about the benefits and progress of the Single Mom's program.
- The program has helped over 249,000 children and provided over 7.4 million meals.
- They help to strengthen and keep families together by providing support and resources such as housing, educational programs, food, job training programs, etc.
- The goal is to help moms be able to provide on their own and help them transition to self-sufficiency.
- Offering Single Mom's Program in Miami, Jacksonville, and Lakeland; expanding it to Gainesville, Tampa, Sarasota, and Tallahassee.



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- The Single Mom's Program also launched a community program with a church to reach out to title one school's for single moms and their children; eleven-week workshop.



V. **Welcome**

- Mr. John Dailey, Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, gave a warm welcome to the Council and meeting attendees.
- He also provided perspectives on how local government can enlist the support of faith, volunteer, and community organizations to improve services for residents.

VI. **AARP Caregiver Training**

- Ms. Ivonne Fernandez, Advocacy Associate State Director with AARP, gave an overview of the services they offer.
- The program provides training to help support family caregiving through education of finances and essential caregiving tips as well as learning how to care for yourself through caregiving.
- It empowers people to choose how they live and how they age.
- Ms. Fernandez presented an African American Faith-based Initiative tool kit as a resource to help people organize and sustain an active ministry for members.
- They are all volunteered based and have four offices.





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## **VII. Member Updates**

- Council Members provided information on the following topics:
  - Member Marcus Smith shared about the four forums which focus on the initiatives community, outreach, resources, and education.
  - Member Pam Olsen spoke on change of administration and the first lady being appointed as Chair of the Children’s Cabinet as well as the importance of faith-based.
  - Member Blaine Whitt shared about Xtreme Soulutions, an organization that reaches out to men and women who have been incarcerated and helps them transition back into society.
  - Member Gerard Duncan spoke on the Inside Out program which prepares fathers to transition.
    - Just finished the pilot program at the University of Florida called Make It On Your Own.
    - Teaches them how to rent housing as well as teach them about lease agreements and maintaining the housing.
    - Endorsed by Gainesville Police Department, University of Florida, and the Rotary Club.
  - Member Gary Tester, Chair of Catholic Charities of Florida Board, represents seven affiliate agencies that provide services to people around the state of Florida.
  - Member Nancy Acevedo spoke on Opioid Epidemic Council working with faith-based and teaming with faith-based in Seminole County.
  - Member Calvin Martin spoke on the event on what trauma-informed care really is, in Orlando area with 300 + attendees.
  - Member Barry Webster spoke on human trafficking and event Training Against Predators that will be educating on human trafficking and the Florida Capitol Project connecting pastors to government leaders.



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- Member Carl Reeves spoke and expressed his gratitude towards programs for working effectively and providing connections and training.
- Member Pat Smith, Community Relations Director of the Department of Children and Families, spoke on innovation and initiatives of Secretary Chad Poppell.
  - She works closely with the Community Department and the faith-based community.
- Member Jerry Haag spoke on One More Child in schools and the community.
  - They are working to get more programs off the ground and working more closely with the community to establish ministries for youth.
  - They are also working on getting more people involved with One More Child.

**VIII. Summer BreakSpot**

- Ms. Rachel Mohler, Summer Food Service Program Director for the Florida Department of Agriculture, shared background information as well as initiatives about the program.
- Summer BreakSpot provides meals to children 18 and under during the summer when school is out.
- The program is striving to get more churches involved.





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**IX. Public Comment**

- Pastor George Potter with Recovery Ministry spoke about offender treatment. Specifically, he spoke about using psychedelic drugs to treat depression and PTSD.
- Mr. Jack Levine, Founder of 4Generations Institute, addressed the Council about the efforts being made around Multi-Generational approaches.

**X. Closing**

- The next meeting will be held in Longwood, Florida/ Seminole County on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, and more details are to come.
- Benediction was given by Pastor Scott George, Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Member.
- There being no further business, Pastor Carl Reeves made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Nancy Acevedo second the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned.