



3rd Quarterly Meeting
August 29, 2017

8:00am – 12:30pm
Calvario City Church
Orlando, FL 32809

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:

- Mr. Richard Albertson
- Pastor Carl Reeves
- Mr. Scott George
- Dr. Rosby Glover
- Mr. Roland Gonzalez
- Dr. Jerry Haag
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr
- Pastor Marcus Smith
- Ms. Pat Smith
- Mr. Karim Veerjee
- Pastor Blaine Whitt
- Pastor Reno Zunz
- Pastor Kirt Anderson, (via phone)
- Ms. Trenia Cox, (via phone)
- Mr. Alan Dimmitt, (via phone)
- Ms. Sheila Gomez, (via phone)
- Pastor Pam Olsen, (via phone)

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

- Reverend Perry Davis
- Dr. Leo Mesa
- Ms. Patricia Robbins



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Proceedings

I. Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair Richard Albertson 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.
- Deputy Chief Mark Canty, City of Orlando Police Department gave a warm welcome to the Council and meeting attendees.
- Invocation was given by Bishop Allen Wiggins, Senior Pastor, The Hope Church.
- Chair Richard Albertson made a motion to approve the previous meeting summary for May 2017, Alan Dimmitt via phone moved the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Pat Smith and it was approved.
- Pastor Carl Reeves welcomed the new council members who were recently appointed by Governor Scott, Pastor Scott George is development director of the Orlando Hope and founder of United Against Poverty, and Dr. Rosby Glover is the executive director of Mount Bethel Human Services Corporation in Ft. Lauderdale
- Pastor Carl Reeves congratulated the members who were reappointed by Governor Scott: Chair Richard Albertson, Dr. Jerry Haag, Dr. Gretchen Kerr, and Ms. Pat Smith.
- Pastor Carl Reeves shared information about upcoming conference: September 18th – 20th, the Department of Education will host the 2017 Educational Strategies and Student Engagement Institute at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, October 2nd, the Attorney General's Office, DCF, DJJ and the University of Central Florida will host the 2017 Human Trafficking Summit at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, and The 2017 Florida Faith Symposium will take place on November



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7th and 8th, and our colleague, Ms. Pat Smith, will be sharing more information about this year's symposium later on.

- Pastor Carl Reeves shared important awareness topics and activities that are coming up: Suicide Prevention Week is September 10th – 16th, Wednesday, September 27th, The Department of Education invites everyone to participate in “Dad’s Take Your Child to School Day”. During the month of October, we will be working to raise awareness on two important topics: Domestic Violence Prevention, and Bullying Prevention.
- Chair Richard Albertson shared information about the work of the State of Mississippi’s Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Council.

II. Advocacy to Strengthen Communities and Families

- Dr. Gretchen Kerr introduced Dr. Gabriel Salguero, Associate Senior Pastor, Calvario City Church and Founder, National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NLEC).
- Dr. Salguero shared what his organization do to help children and families.
- Dr. Salguero shared best practices that he has learned. First, he stated NLEC worked with My Brother’s Keeper which is more prevention work to mentor young boys. How it works is churches come along side and provide wrap around services.
- Second, NLEC partnered with Annie E. Casey foundation around something called the Children Need Amazing Parents (CHAMPS) program which is an advocacy program focused around foster care and how to provide support.
- Dr. Salguero explained that NLEC has two churches that have foster care services in Florida, one in Tampa and the other is in Gainesville. They house them as long as they can but the goal is to place them with families.



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- Addition, Dr. Salguero stated, many congregations have schools that intentionally target economically challenged districts and partners. Calvario City Church has a charter school as well as it partners with the local middle and high school where they adopt families and they provide support.
- Dr. Salguero said that what they believe at NLEC and at Calvario City Church is that we need a holistic approach that does both advocacy and direct wrap around services.
- Dr. Salguero introduced and translated for Reverend Raul Perez who runs Decide Inc. which provides many services around homelessness and poverty.
- Decide Inc. has a clothing pantry, and they partner with the local food banks to provide food drives to families. “We have learned that it is best to partner with other agencies that are already providing services to the community.”
- Reverend Perez stated, “At Decide Inc. we know it is not enough just to provide so we provide education, education around issue of health care, and legal services.”
- Decide Inc. provides homeless outreach where they provide food, clothing, and haircuts. They also do medical clinics or health fairs which provides free health care services.
- Decide Inc. started in 1992 and worked with persons with addicted persons or alcoholism. “We have a residential program where we educate them, help them get right with the law, help with all of their documentation, employment training, sometimes we even marry them, and we help them to get a fresh start on life.”

III. Annual Conference Workgroup/ Florida Faith Symposium

- Workgroup Lead, Ms. Pat Smith thanked the members of the work group.
- The Florida Faith Symposium is being held on November 7 and 8, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando.



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- Ms. Pat Smith stated, “in addition to our workshops and trainings we will have dynamic speakers and this year we have Pastor Kevin Hornsby, Melissa Walsh, Tonier Cain and Ben Tankard. Their backgrounds can be found on our website Faithsymposium.com
- Ms. Smith encouraged work group members, council members and the audience to serve as Faith Ambassadors and work together to bring new groups to the Florida Faith Symposium.
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr asked if all of the workshops have been selected and Ms. Pat Smith stated that they have all been chosen for this year’s 2017 Faith Symposium.

IV. Child Welfare Update

- Workgroup Lead, Mr. Roland Gonzalez began the workgroup update by sharing that the Department of Children and Families is hosting their Child Protection Summit which starts today, August 29, 2017.
- Mr. Gonzalez introduced Mr. Glen Casel, CEO, Community Based Care of Central Florida.
- Mr. Casel spoke about what Community Based Care of Central Florida does, and they are the lead foster care agency in the Central Florida area.
- Mr. Casel gave a brief overview of child protection and how far it has come within our country but he also spoke about ways to improve the child welfare system. He stated that one way is to re-engage the faith communities.
- Pastor Blaine Whitt asked for stats on how many children’s, that are in the CBC of Central Florida’s care, parents are incarcerated. A number was not discussed but Mr. Casel did state that it is leading cause of children coming into care.
- Ms. Pat Smith about what the hardest age group is to place and why? Mr. Casel stated that there is a need for placement across all age groups but teens can be the hardest to find placement for at times.



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- Dr. Rosby Glover asked how has the CBC of Central Florida engaged the Faith community and what has worked. Mr. Casel stated that there really is not a one size fits all approach, but I would say it has worked best for us to be adaptive.
- Dr. Veergee and Chair Albertson asked how best to prevent future children coming into care and how to get up stream and Mr. Casel explained the different categories of child abuse and how they may affect this issue.

V. Family Initiatives Update

- Workgroup lead and Chairman, Mr. Richard Albertson began the workgroup and introduced the first speaker
- Dr. Joel Hunter, Senior Pastor, Northland, A Church Distributed, and Chairman, Central Florida Commission on Homelessness. He spoke about the work the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness is doing and stated, “our goal is not just to deal with homelessness, we want to solve homelessness in our community”.
- Dr. Hunter introduced Ms. Shelley Lauten, CEO, Central Florida Commission on Homelessness. Ms. Lauten stated that a goal of the Commission is how do we bring the community together to provide a coordinated system of care that makes rare, brief and one-time”
- Ms. Lauten gave an overview of the types of homelessness and the challenges they face, and their housing solution.
- Ms. Lauten explained the Community Impact Model and the partners they work with to help meet their goal of breaking the cycle of homelessness.
- Ms. Lauten introduced Pastor Tim Johnson, President, Orlando Serve Foundation; Pastor Orlando World Outreach Center; and Co-Chair, Central Florida Commission on Homelessness-Faith Committee.
- Pastor Tim Johnson shared a video <http://youtu.be/anuRQjvhFes> about the He Got Up event.



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- Pastor George Cope, National Faith Director, Open Table. Pastor Cope shared a brief overview of how Open Table started within the Orlando Area.
- Pastor Cope spoke about two responses to poverty and how a community is the answer.
- Pastor Cope provided an overview of what the Open Table model is and how it works. He stated, “it is an opportunity to create community for people who have none”.
- Chair Albertson asked, what other communities in Florida is Open Table in? Pastor Cope stated, Ft. Lauderdale, Brevard County, Marion County is working on it, Tampa is coming on board
- Ms. Dawn Haynes, CEO, Community Resource Network. Ms. Haynes shared how the Community Resource Network got started and what it is that they do to address the needs of the community.
- Ms. Haynes stated that it is believed that the resources people need are embedded in the faith community.
- Ms. Haynes stated, we like to say the network is relationship powered and data driven.

VI. Sharing of Ideas

- Chair Albertson shared that he went to the National Association of Relationship and Marriage Education Summit and how they spoke about PTSD and Trauma and what makes a difference. The number one thing you can do to help someone that has experienced trauma is help them learn how to bond and attach with people.
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr shared an upcoming event in January called Serve the City.
- Pastor Pam Olsen shared that Committee Weeks will start on September 11, 2017 and session will start in January 2018. Pastor Olsen also suggested that we host



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the first quarterly meeting of 2018 in Tallahassee.

VII. Public Comment

- Ms. Gail Colletta, President Florida Action Committee spoke about legislation and evidence based policies regarding persons with a sex crime.
- Mr. Lamont Riddick, Chief Deputy Registrar with iDignity explained that iDignity is volunteers and government under one roof to better serve the homeless population or others who are lacking the finance to acquire proper identification.
- Mr. Joe Davis, Chief Marketing Office, Florida Healthy Kids, and Florida KidCare spoke about the programs that are offered to Florida Families.
www.FloridaKidCare.org
- Ms. Barbara Sprags, President of Justice Transitions talking about Homeless Sex Offenders and our states residency restrictions.
- Ms. Sharon Nelson, Senior Community Relations Manager for the Community Based Care of Central Florida spoke about Foster Parent Recruitment and Partnership.
- Norin Dollard, University of South Florida and Florida KIDS COUNT and she spoke about the date book.

VIII. Closing

- The next meeting will be held in Orlando on November 6 from 1:00pm-5:00pm at the Rosen Centre Hotel in conjunction with the Florida Faith Symposium.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.