



Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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Board Members in Attendance:

Amanda Lasecki	Community Foundation/United Way of Volusia-Flagler
Beverly Johnson	Easterseals Northeast Central Florida
Dr. Bradley Burbaugh	County of Volusia
Brian Finn	Flagler County Sherriff's Office
Christy Gillis	Department of Children and Families
Debi McNabb	AdventHealth
DJ Lebo	Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia
Dianne Martin	Volusia County Schools
Jaffy Lee	Flagler Department of Health
Jason DeLorenzo	City of Palm Coast
Jillian Lewandowski	Department of Juvenile Justice
Joe Hegedus	County of Flagler
Joe Sullivan	Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties
Karen Chrapek	Volusia Recovery Alliance
Karin Flositz	Community Partnership for Children
Laura Spencer	Aza Health
Maralee Walsh	Community Member
Sarah Burman	SMA Healthcare
Shirley Olson	7 th Judicial Circuit Court Administration
John Guthrie	Halifax Health

Board Members Absent:

Barbara Revels	Coquina Shore Construction
Trish Giaccone	Family Life Center

Others in Attendance:

Carrie Baird	Flagler Cares
Jeannette Simmons	Flagler Cares
Kristy Amburgey	Flagler Cares
Rachael Gerow	Flagler Cares

Welcome

DJ Lebo opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed those present including all of the new board members. A quorum was present. Carrie Baird led the introductions of all board members.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lebo asked the board members if they had a chance to review the June 10, 2024, Board of Directors meeting minutes. Maralee Walsh made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dianne Martin and unanimously approved.

Governance

Ms. Lebo presented the recommendation from the Executive Committee to move Trish Giaccone to the Treasurer position and to assign Beverly Johnson to the At Large position on the Executive Committee. Christy Gillis made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Joe Sullivan and unanimously approved. Ms. Lebo reported that this change will leave the Secretary position and two additional At Large positions vacant. Ms. Lebo prefers at a minimum to get the Secretary position filled this year. If any members are interested, please contact Ms. Baird or Ms. Lebo.

Ms. Baird presented the 2025 tentative board meeting schedule, including coalition meeting dates. The Board agreed to maintain the proposed schedule.

Financial Update

Rachael Gerow provided a financial update and presented the July 2024 financials which included the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Financial Position. Mr. Sullivan asked if the financials included all of One Voice for Volusia revenue and expense. Ms. Gerow confirmed they are included. Karen Chrapek made a motion to accept the July financial reports. The motion was seconded by Christy Gillis and unanimously approved.

Ms. Baird reviewed the proposed FY24-25 Budget Amendment, noting the line items that had changed since the budget was approved. Ms. Baird explained that decisions have been received for all grant proposals submitted. Mr. Sullivan asked about the reasoning for the significant decrease in funding from Community Coalition Alliance. Ms. Baird reported that the managing entity experienced significant cuts from the Department of Children and Families which led to a similar cut in funding to CCA and all funded coalitions. Ms. Chrapek made a motion to approve the budget amendment for FY24-25. The motion was seconded by Joe Hegedus and unanimously approved.

Ms. Gerow provided the board with an update on this year's financial audit. Ms. Gerow reported that Flagler Cares has secured the same auditing firm as in previous years and engagement letters have been received. Ms. Gerow informed the board members that two audits are required due to the merger not being effective until July 1st.

Initiative Update and Board Discussion

Ms. Baird shared with the board an overview of Flagler Cares Strategic Direction since the merger of the two companies. Ms. Baird presented the three areas of work that encompass what Flagler Cares and One Voice for Volusia does. The areas include:

- Prevention Capacity & Coordination

- Safety Net Capacity & Coordination
- Behavioral Health Capacity & Coordination

Kristy Amburgey provided a detailed explanation of the two types of prevention work Flagler Cares provides. Ms. Amburgey reported that the prevention content currently on the One Voice for Volusia's website and will soon be available on Flagler Cares website as well. Ms. Amburgey discussed Substance use prevention and social norm therapy. Ms. Chrapek asked for the social norm therapy slide to be shared with her after the meeting. Ms. Chrapek also shared the Volusia Recovery Alliance is getting fentanyl testing strips and will have those available.

Ms. Gerow provided an update on Flagler Cares' Community Programs consisting of:

- Flagler County Village shift in suites and new Village Partners RE-Nu Mental Wellness, Sunshine Psychiatric Care and Foundations to Freedom.
- Breakdown of Requests for Help FY23-24. The highest requested are for benefits assistance.
- Workshops and outreach at the Carver Center. Renaming of the outreach at the Carver Center to be the Yolonda Williams Outreach and resuming in October.

Ms. Simmons provided an update on various Behavioral Health projects, including:

- Intern Program with bachelors and master's level interns.
- MOU completed with Flagler Schools to service Flagler Schools students and families.
- Notable program wins, Lead Behavioral Health Counselor gaining her LMHC.
- Flagler CORE will have their two-year anniversary next month.
- New vendor, Healthfully, powering LINC and launched on July 1, 2024.

Ms. Baird shared with the board members that Flagler Cares is celebrating its 10-year anniversary next June. She shared that the Palm Coast Observer is publishing an article as a follow up to their original story 10 years ago. Ms. Baird asked for Board members to consider serving on an Ad Hoc planning committee for a fundraising campaign and event for the anniversary. Amanda Lasecki, Jaffy Lee, Bev Johnson, Shirley Olson and Joe Sullivan expressed interest in being part of the committee.

Other Items Not on the Agenda

Ms. Lebo shared with the board members that the leadership team at Flagler Cares met with Dr. Bickel and Bob Snyder for a semi-annual update on the endowment funds. Ms. Lebo expressed thanks to the team for the time and effort put into preparing documents for that meeting.

Ms. Chrapek provided an update from Volusia Recovery Alliance about the First Responder Program that she is working on. She noted that it is only available in Volusia County at this time but hopes to expand to Flagler County in the future.

No other items were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be December 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m. (changed to 10-10-24, 3:00 PM)