



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials  
February 8, 2016  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.**

The Dennis McGee room of Daytona Beach International Airport, 800 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Chairman Ed Kelley, Ormond Beach Mayor; Volusia County Council Chair Jason Davis; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway; DeLand Mayor Robert Apgar; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Port Orange Mayor Allen Green; Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka; Ponce Inlet Council member Lois Paritsky; DeBary City Council member Lita Handy-Peters; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; Lake Helen Mayor Buddy Snowden; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods; South Daytona Mayor George Locke, III; Holly Hill Mayor John Penny; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; and Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings.

Others attending included Randy Croy, former Serenity House CEO; Ray Salazar, retired president of the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties; Chet Bell, former director of Stewart-Marchman Act Behavioral Healthcare; James Dinneen, Volusia County Manager; Mary Anne Connors, Volusia County Deputy Manager; Deb Denys, Volusia County Council Member; Joyce Cusack, Volusia County Council Member; George Recktenwald, Volusia County Public Protection Department Director; Michael Pleus, DeLand City Manager; Jim Chisholm, Daytona Beach City Manager; Gary Shimun, Daytona Beach Deputy City Manager; Ruth Trager, Daytona Beach City Commissioner; Kelly White, Daytona Beach City Commissioner; Scott Stiltner, Port Orange City Council member; Heidi Herzberg, Deltona City Commissioner; Billie Wheeler, Daytona Beach Shores City Council member; Tracy Barlow, Edgewater City Manager; Pam Brangaccio, New Smyrna Beach City Manager; Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent; Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District Intergovernmental Coordinator; Keith Norden, Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation President and CEO; Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations; Elizabeth Lendian, River to Sea TPO Citizens Advisory Committee; Cindy Finney, County Manager's Office; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office. Also attending were several members of the public and the media.

## **WELCOME**

Roundtable Chairman Ed Kelley welcomed those attending. Everyone introduced themselves, then stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **DISCUSSION**

The election of a Roundtable Chairman and Vice Chairman was postponed until the March 14 meeting.

Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods gave an update on the Roundtable's Homelessness Subcommittee. She noted the discussion about a centrally located homeless facility had stalled. The subcommittee had asked each of the municipalities to complete a survey with more information on the homeless in their respective community.

Guest speakers Randy Croy, former Serenity House CEO; Ray Salazar, retired president of the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties; and Chet Bell, former director of Stewart-Marchman Act Behavioral Healthcare gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Homeless to Housed*. The goal of this proposal was to prevent homelessness when possible and to provide each homeless person in Volusia County with housing as quickly and efficiently as possible. The trio said leadership, coordination, and resource development were the top priorities required for the plan to be successful. They also noted some \$5.45 million in federal, state, and private funding would be available in 2016 to assist the homeless in Volusia and Flagler counties.

A copy of the PowerPoint is attached to these minutes.

Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk, the Roundtable's Transportation Subcommittee Chairman, asked for clarification and direction for the group. He spoke briefly about SunRail and the transportation needs of the County and the municipalities.

Port Orange Mayor Allen Green, the Roundtable's Water Quality Subcommittee Chairman, said the subcommittee had met with staff from the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and discussed septic tanks issues.

There was no report from the Beach Driving Subcommittee.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Big John questioned whether a public or private corporation would be in charge of the proposed homelessness facility.

Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations, thanked everyone who had attended Volusia Days in Tallahassee.

Thomas Redman described himself as a homelessness advocate and said he was proud of Volusia County and the changes that had been made within the last 15 months regarding the homeless.

Greg Gimbert spoke about House Bill 191 and fracking.

Kathy Albowitz, a member of the F.A.I.T.H. organization, spoke about the types of assistance and shelters that were needed for the homeless population and the commitments that were needed from all local governments.

Mike Pastore, a homelessness advocate, commended Chairman Kelley for his comments to the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* regarding the Volusia Safe Harbor project. The surrounding municipalities should work together to provide some type of housing for the homeless.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Holly Hill Mayor John Penny said he did not realize the severity of the homelessness situation before he became a member of the Roundtable's Homelessness Subcommittee.

Port Orange Mayor Allen Green commended Daytona Beach City Manager Jim Chisholm for doing what was best for his community regarding the homeless populations.

Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka thanked Daytona Beach City Commissioner Woods for her work on the Homelessness Subcommittee and said it was the right thing to do. Ms. Woods said she would continue to seek solutions to this problem.

DeLand Mayor Robert Apgar spoke about the Central Florida Leadership Congress.

Volusia County Council Chair Jason Davis said homelessness would be discussed at an upcoming County Council meeting.

Pierson Mayor James Sowell said homeless people should want to help themselves; some did not want any assistance.

Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk questioned how a new nonprofit agency would move forward on the homelessness matter and said he believed County support was definitely needed.

Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak said Mr. Croy, Mr. Salazar and Mr. Bell had given an informative presentation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



## Goals – House and Collaborate

Goal is to *prevent homeless whenever possible* and to *house each person who is homeless in Volusia quickly and efficiently*



To achieve this goal we must move from conflict to **collaboration and partnership, pursuing best practice** – starting today!

## Introduction

- Survey results
- Work to date
- Independence
- Q & A following the presentation



## We Need Leadership, Coordination and Resource Development

- We have significant current **resources**
- **Leadership** and collaboration is required
- Improved resource coordination will result in a **comprehensive service system**
- We can bring **additional resources** to the table from both the private and public sectors



## Current Resources



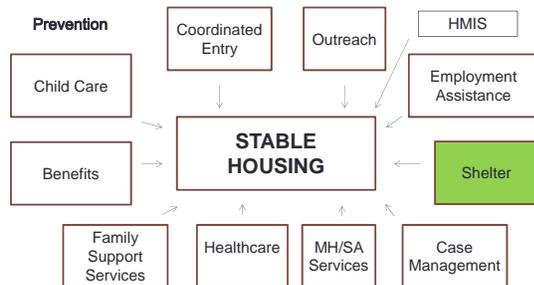
- Total federal, state and private funds available to serve homeless in Volusia/Flagler is estimated to be **\$5.45 million** in 2016. The in-kind contributions of volunteers is not included in this amount, nor an additional **\$2.3 million** specifically for housing homeless veterans.
- **Our current system of care** – including homeless service providers aligned with housing, employment, education, healthcare and benefits **is capable of ending homelessness** and helping people stay stably housed – given organization, and stable funding

## Leadership Is...



- Elected and appointed government officials leading collaboratively
- Alignment among providers, faith groups, government and the private sector
- A strong homeless service coalition, re-branded, with private sector leadership and staff
- Not participating is a failure to lead

## Evidence Based Homeless Care



## Volusia/Flagler Commission on Homelessness



- Re-organization of HUD required “Continuum of Care” committee
- Commission membership includes HUD required positions, but expanded to bring strong leadership from the private sector
- Committed to implementing evidence based approaches to ending homelessness and ensuring service coordination

## Commission will require staff to implement its decisions

- Funded from the private sector
- Employed by the Commission
- A seasoned collaborator and consensus builder



## Immediately



- Provide shelter and a day program in Daytona Beach
- Reach agreement on Crisis Response, including size, location, services, and cost
- Create the Volusia/Flagler Commission on Homelessness
- Improve service coordination among homeless and housing providers
- Identify, track and support every homeless person

## Resourcing

- Prioritize and incentivize homeless and housing providers – make the most of existing resources
- Engage county and municipal governments to provide financial support for our system of care
- Aggressively pursue all additional available resources
  - Sadowski
  - Federal funding – HUD, HHS, DOJ,
  - Private foundations
  - Local private giving



## By Year End



- Prepare **Hope Place** for operation
- Re-tool the **HUM Family Shelter** to serve medically needy and disabled
- Site and ready an effective **Crisis Response** to homelessness
- A fully functioning system of care emphasizing Housing First that includes Outreach, Coordinated Entry, Crisis Response, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supported Housing, Case Management and a Community Management Information System
- A Commission that is staffed and leading homeless prevention and housing efforts countywide
- Pursue all appropriate federal, state and local grant opportunities
- The private sector is fully engaged in continuing support of homeless services

## **We are Changing the Dialogue**

From

"Homeless Spat Grows between Daytona Beach and  
Volusia County"

To

**"Community comes together to end homelessness in  
Volusia; goal is achievable"**