



**Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

The Dennis McGee Room – Daytona Beach International Airport 700 Catalina Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Heidi Herzberg, Roundtable Chair, Mayor, Deltona; Nancy Miller, Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores; Phyllis Buletin, Vice Mayor, DeBary; Bob Apgar, Mayor, DeLand; Cameron Lane, Mayor, Lake Helen; Russ Owen, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Michael Thomas, Mayor, Edgewater; Samuel Bennett, Mayor, Pierson; Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Ponce Inlet; Stacy Cantu, Commissioner, Daytona Beach; Bill Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Jeff Brower, County Chair, Volusia County; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County.

Others attending included: Kurt Swartzlander, Asst. City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; John A. Peters, Acting City Manager, Deltona; Christine Power, Council Member, Edgewater; Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater; Joe Forte, City Manager, Holly Hill; Lee Evett, City Administrator, Lake Helen; Kohn Evans, City Administrator, Oak Hill; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, Ormond Beach; Jeaneen Witt, Town Manager, Ponce Inlet; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; Suzanne Konchan, Deputy County Manager, Volusia County; Kevin Captain, Community Information Director, Volusia County; Alex Tiamson, Orange City; Jim Cameron, Consultant, Jim Cameron Consulting; ; Debbi McNabb, Community Benefit Director, AdventHealth; Ida Babazedeh, Community Health Program Manager, AdventHealth; Sonja Baker, Administrative Aide, Volusia County; Darrell Hill, Production Coordinator, Volusia County; Gary Daniels, Production Coordinator, Volusia County; Babara Girtman, Council Member, District 1, Volusia County; Bille Wheeler, Council Member, District 2, Volusia County; Danny Robins, Council Member, District 3, Volusia County; Ethan Johnson, Assistant Director Community Services, Florida Department of Health in Volusia County; Martin Harper, Council Member, District 5, City of Orange City; Kelli Marks, Council Member, District 4, City of Orange City; Mark Lane, Reporter, Daytona Beach News Journal; Ann Ruby, Citizens 4 Responsible Development; Dr. Kent Sharples, CEO Business Alliance; Amanda Thorpe, Governor Desantis Office; Taking minutes was Dana Rhymes-Jones, Administrative Aide, Volusia County Manager's Office.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable Chair Heidi Herzberg welcomed those in attendance and following introductions of the attendees, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE

Ethan Johnson, Assistant Director, Community Health Services, Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, reviewed the following CompleteHealth Improvement Program

(CHIP). Mr. Johnson reviewed the CHIP achievements for Behavioral Health and Social and Economic Issues.

Behavioral Health

- Improvements to the behavioral health collaborative structure through the Behavioral Health Consortium
- Mobile Response Team interventions for 318 youth and adults experiencing a behavioral health crisis
- 661 individuals experiencing opioid use disorder provided Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- 1,800 community members educated about mental health and suicide Peer counselors available at Halifax Health and AdventHealth - New Smyrna Beach Emergency Department to individuals who experienced a non-fatal overdose
- Volusia Recovery Alliance NarCan distribution & overdose response/reversal training event
- AHEC Tobacco Cessation Classes

Social & Economic Issues

- Over 1,500 safe sleep materials distributed to populations with high risk for infant mortality
- Funding provided for First Step Shelter Health Unit
- Health screenings provided to 100% of First Step Shelter residents at intake
- SALT monthly visits at HUM to provide basic needs to those experiencing homelessness, i.e. mobile shower and laundry trailers, food, clothing, hygiene products etc.
- SOAR specialists network convened semi-annually to enhance support to vulnerable residents to apply for SSI/SSDI

Mayor Fitness/Wellness Challenge

Debi McNabb, Community Benefit Director, AdventHealth, explained the collaboration between community partners went beyond Mayors' Fitness Challenge, and will ultimately lead to strong results. Ms. McNabb spoke on the Countywide Mayors Fitness Challenge and for reviewed the CHIP achievements for Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes.

County-wide Mayors Fitness Challenge

- Cities select a representative to serve on Planning Task Force
Example: Community Events Leader
- Task Force meets to begin planning
- DOH-Volusia & AdventHealth each provide representative to serve on Task Force
- Task Force shares plan with Volusia County Elected Officials Round table
- Plan is implemented starting January 2023
- Metrics report to Volusia County Council Elected Officials Round Table summer 2023

Cardiovascular Disease & Diabetes

- Heart health, diabetes and nutrition education to over 500 individuals annually
- Mission Fit diabetes education provided to two elementary schools
Diabetes Undone program
- 5-2-1-0 campaign expanded to three early learning sites annually (health eating and physical activity)

Ida Babazadeh, Community Health Program Manager, AdventHealth, spoke on the barriers to accessing healthcare services in the Volusia/Flagler communities.

Barriers to Accessing Healthcare Services

- 1,300 vouchers for labs and diagnostics for patients at free clinics
- Over \$3,000 annually to support Volusia Volunteers in Medicine with specialty care providers
- Women in 32114 received 164 community nursing services
- Health Equity Steering Committee convened in Spring Hill, DeLand
- Dental outreach to 31 early learning centers

Ms. Babazadeh reviewed the list of participant's for the 2022 Volusia and Flagler Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Equity Champions

Participants

- Department of Health in Volusia County
- Department of Health in Flagler County
- AdventHealth
- Halifax Health
- SMA Healthcare (Mental Health)
- Flagler Cares/One Voice for Volusia
- County Governments
- Free Clinics

Health Equity Champions:

Cheryl Massaro

- Director at George Washington Carver Community Center
- Flagler County School Board Member

Shelley Ragsdale

- President, Flagler NAACP

Dr. Danyell Wilson-Howard

- Bethune Cookman University

Pastor Charles Silano

- Grace Community Food Pantry

Maritz Avila-Vazquez

- Deltona City Commissioner District 3
- Executive Director and Founder Hispanic American Youth Group of Deltona

Mamie Oatis

- Food Brings Hope Community Grants and Operations Director
- Former School Assistant Principal Pine Ridge High, Deltona, Interim Principal Heritage Middle, Deltona, Principal SW Middle, DeLand

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Heidi Herzberg, Mayor of Deltona and Round Table Chair, provided an update on the Transportation Subcommittee.

Chair Herzberg stated there had not been a subcommittee meeting scheduled since it was discussed at the last Round Table Meeting in January. Chair Herzberg provided background and history on sub-committees of the past for the Round Table. She asked for input from the Round Table Committee Members regarding the subcommittee and the challenges all the municipalities were dealing with throughout the county. Chair Herzberg explained those interested in

participating would have to provide the staff person to organize the meeting and keep meeting minutes.

Mayor Don Burnette, City of Port Orange, stated if the Committee decided to move forward with the subcommittee he would be willing to participate. Mayor Burnette stated he believed it was important to have citizens participate or have a citizens committee.

Mayor Robert Apgar, City of DeLand, commented he was willing to participate; however, his participation may be best on a citizen level rather than as a political leader since he is nearing his retirement later this year.

Mayor Karen Chavez, City of DeBary, asked if the name of the subcommittee should be Roads and Infrastructure. She asked if the subcommittee was focusing on roads more than transportation itself.

Chair Herzberg stated an email would be sent out to the committee members and for those interested in participating on the Transportation sub-committee to please respond.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

John Booker, Government Affairs Liaison, Volusia County, spoke on the legislative session that just ended recently. Mr. Booker stated there were 1,753 bills this session, 90 of those were priority bills, and 188 were bills for him to monitor. He stated there were 220 bills passed by the legislature for this session. Mr. Booker explained some of the bills passed such as the Senate Bill 620, Tax Package, and Cyber Security.

Mr. Booker explained Senate Bill 620 creates a cause of action for a business to sue a local government when an ordinance causes loss of 15 percent of profits to the business and is prospective and applies to ordinances enacted or amended after this bill becomes law.

The Tax Package Bill provides property tax relief for homestead property rendered uninhabitable for 30 days or more due to a catastrophic event in 2023 or thereafter, and provides relief from all assessments to owners affected by the sudden and unforeseen collapse of a residential improvement. It also, creates a one-month motor fuel tax holiday to reduce motor fuel taxes in October 2022.

CyberSecurity Bill prohibits state agencies and local governments from paying or otherwise complying with a ransomware incident. Counties with a population of 75,000 or more and cities over 25,000 must adopt standards by January 1, 2024. Cities with less than 25,000 have to January 1, 2025.

Georgia McKeown, Government Consultant, explained the timing of the gas tax holiday. Ms. McKeown stated the reasoning for selecting the month of October was due to this was when there were the least amount of tourist. Ms. McKeown stated Condominium and Medicaid reform would have to wait until next session. She stated the legislature revisited the short-term vacation rentals; however, nothing came to fruition. Ms. McKeown also gave an update to how public notices are now allowed to be in the newspaper or online.

Discussion and questions ensued between Mr. Booker, Ms. McKeown, and Committee Members.

ADVOCACY – *Where do we go from here?*

Lois Paritsky, Mayor of Ponce Inlet, discussed how working with the legislature regarding a bill that effects local communities and not just opposing a bill is more effective. Mayor Paritsky explained the Volusia League of Cities policy and procedures.

Nancy Miller, Mayor of Daytona Beach Shores and Round Table Vice Chair, discussed ways as community leaders to advocate to the state and federal governments on behalf of their communities for various needs. Vice Chair Miller spoke on the CIVICS 101 class available to citizens of her city to learn more about how their government works. Vice Chair Miller also discussed home rule.

FEED THE NEED

Kevin Captain, Community Information Director, spoke on the Feed the Need campaign all Volusia County Departments and Divisions would be participating in from March 21 to April 1. This campaign is to help raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Mr. Captain explained the reasons why funds were more effective than food. For every \$1 donated equals \$9 worth of food, funds can fill specific food needs, streamline the process for allowing food to be delivered faster, and make a more significant impact. The challenges with food donations are food has to be quarantined before distribution due to COVID-19, and can expire before distribution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Will Roberts, Tax Collector, Volusia County, announced new services being provided by the Tax Collector's Office. Mr. Roberts stated the fees being collected for the new services would remain within the county they were collected.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Round Table Chair Herzberg stated the next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022. Chair Herzberg informed everyone the location for the next meeting was scheduled to be held at the Dennis McGee room at the Daytona Beach International Airport at 9 a.m.

CLOSING COMMENTS/ADJOURN

Jeff Brower, Volusia County Council Chair, commented on how there does need to be more public discussion regarding growth, impact fees and roads/infrastructure. Chair Brower announced the viewing of the documentary Fellowship of the Springs, and how it addresses water quality issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Herzberg adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.