

Creating a **Community Agenda** *for Volusia & Flagler Counties*

Creating a Brighter Future for Our Children and Youth Work Group Meeting #1

September 29, 2005, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Indigo North Conference Room, Holiday Inn Express, Daytona Beach

Sam Willett, Workgroup Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Staff and their respective roles were introduced and Chairman Willett opened the floor for roundtable introductions. The list of attendees is attached.

Ms. Garnett presented the project overview citing its intent and evolution since inception in 2004. Modeled after Jacksonville's Quality of Life Project, there is a Steering Committee guiding the direction of the workgroups (information available on www.onevoiceforvolusia.org website). Ms. Garnett reviewed the structure of the project and the process through the first year, ending in May of 2006. Ms. Schlageter defined the individual workgroups and reviewed the priority setting phase of the project (set for the spring, 2006). Members were directed to review the Ground Rules, as posted in the room, and housekeeping issues were stated. The purpose of each workgroup during meeting #1 is to create a vision for the group. Staff directed members to share thoughts regarding what the operational definition of success is in regards to creating and ensuring that all children and youth have a bright future during the visioning process.

Ms. Garnett reviewed the intent of brainstorming indicators, citing two examples (i.e. being healthy and children being safe in their homes and neighborhoods). Ms. Garnett stated that during meeting #2, there will be a reality check regarding what data is available and makes for a good indicator.

The floor was opened to the Visioning Process and discussion ensued. In that there are so many categories related to *Creating a Brighter Future for Children and Youth*, members were directed to propose sub-categories to the vision. Discussion ensued. The group reached consensus that the vision for Workgroup A: Creating a Brighter Future for Our Children and Youth is:

All children and youth are safe and secure with a support network that provides for their physical, emotional and educational needs in a caring and stable environment.

Youth have opportunities to thrive by reaching personal goals and becoming contributing, responsible, productive citizens.

Staff will forward the vision electronically and members are welcome to respond with any suggestions, comments, etc. The next meeting will begin by approving and/or finalizing the vision. The brainstorming of indicators ensued, which again followed the listing of sub-categories identified in the visioning process.

Chairman Willett concluded the meeting by offering "kudos" to all the participants and asked the group to fill out the member questionnaires and the meeting critique. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The next meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2005 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the same location.

Meeting #1 Attendees

Creating a Brighter Future for Our Children and Youth

Sam	Willett, Chair	Bank of America
T.	Wright, Vice-Chair	Wright Marketing Works

Alan	Abramowitz	Department of Children and Families
Toni	Barrett	Stewart Marchman Center
Carole	Belavek	Workforce Development/One-Stop Career System
Kathy	Bond	Citizen
Maria	Bledsoe	One Voice for Volusia
Dee	Cardillo	Ekerd ReEntry Program
Lynne	Carr	Keiser College
Kathy	Catron	Business Owner
Cheryl	Coxwell	International Speedway Corporation
Carmen	De Angelis	Waiting Doesn't Hurt
Carol	Hargy	Act Corporation, Inc
Milissa	Holland	James F. Holland Foundation
Ruthann	Jacobson	Easter Seals of Volusia & Flagler Co.
Peggy	Johnson	County of Volusia
Curtis	Kaslewicz	Citizen
David	Kerr	Retired Professional
Susan	LeBlanc	The Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties, Inc.
Brianna	Lilly	Family Life Center
Dr. Lionel	Long	Volusia County Schools
Mike	Manning	Daytona International Speedway
Mary Lou	Marino	Children and Families Advisory Board
Telma	Marques	Mid Florida Community Services, Inc./Head Start Volusia
Charlotte	McBride	Retired Teacher
Pam	Novy	Teacher, Pierson Elementary
Jose	Perez	United Way Board of Directors
Sandy	Rakes	Great Kids Explorer Club
Ted	Petruciani	Hinson Middle School
Trish	Reonas	Flagler Community Transition Team
Ray	Salazar	The United Way of Volusia/Flagler, Steering Committee
Richard	Rintz	Morgan Stanley
Steve	Sally	The House Next Door
Ted	Serbousek	Jon Hall Automotive
Jo	Sheppard	Child Care Resource Network
Emily	Small	FAITH

J.C.	Steele	Pastor, Deltona Christian Church
Sandra	Stubbs	Abundant Life Ministries-Hope House
Joe	Sullivan	Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler
Marilyn	Travis	Reed Pattillo Elementary School
Lexie	Williams	Daytona Beach Police Department
Brenna	Young	Children's Home Society

Carrie	Garnett, Staff	One Voice for Volusia
Lori	Grant, Staff	The United Way of Volusia/Flagler
Shonna	Green, Staff	The United Way of Volusia/Flagler
Deborah	Schlageter, Staff	One Voice for Volusia

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Creating a Brighter Future for Our Children and Youth Work Group Meeting #2

October 27, 2005, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Chairman Willett called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Willett referred workgroup members to the blue handout, noting that the recommended vision statement was found at the top, and the draft vision from the first meeting and suggestions forwarded electronically from members since that time were featured on the handout's backside.

Discussion ensued regarding finalizing the vision. Only one change was suggested and members reached consensus that the vision for Workgroup A is:

Our community has children and youth who are safe and secure with a family and support network that provides for their physical, emotional and educational needs in a nurturing and stable environment.

All children and youth have opportunities to thrive, reach their potential and become contributing, responsible, productive citizens.

Ms. Schlageter led members to the light green handout depicting the indicators identified from the first meeting. She explained that staff sorted the indicators by categories: indicators that the group wants and is likely that data will be available; indicators that need clarification by workgroup members; and, indicators that are questionable due to available data/information. Ms. Schlageter directed members to take a couple of minutes to review; the goal for this part of the agenda is to move applicable indicators to the first subset and reach consensus to delete indicators not of interest.

Ms. Garnett led discussion to begin brainstorming. In that there were numerous indicators that other workgroups have identified, staff will track indicators of interest/importance in order to ensure inclusion for research and collection. Members were also advised that a "wish list" will likely be developed in regards to the indicators which do not have data (e.g. data we wish we had).

Ultimately, members reached consensus that the indicators to be researched included:

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2. Child abuse – sexual assaults
4. Delinquency rates
6. Domestic abuse/violence
7. Drop-out rates
8. Drowning/unintentional injuries
9. Free/reduced Lunch Program
10. Graduation rates
11. Head Start/early childhood & learning enrollment
12. Homeless rates (reported)
14. College placements
15. Academic Gains (FCAT)
16. Kids in Foster Care (trends)
17. Literacy rates
18. Poverty levels
19. School attendance and tardiness
20. Sexually transmitted diseases/HIV rates
21. Substance abuse/use
22. Suicide & Attempted Suicide Rates
23. Teen motor vehicle crashes rate
24. Teen pregnancy rates
26. Violence (crimes against, committed by)
27. Out of school/ in-school suspensions
28. School mobility
29. Special diplomas
30. Waiting lists for programs
31. Early testing (developmental screening)
32. School funding/class size
33. Achievement gaps
34. Youth employment (opportunities for, hours worked, #’s employed)
35. Continuation of sports to college to professional, etc.
36. Home-school vs. public/private education outcomes (student to teacher ratio, class size, #’s, achievement, etc.)
37. Non-school Transportation for kids

Members were requested to submit their top 15 indicators from the above list. Staff will collate the “votes” and provide back to members via email the top 15 indicators to be researched and presented at meeting #3. Members will receive the meeting minutes, a summary of reports from Jacksonville within the week. The data to be presented at the third meeting will be forwarded electronically to members approximately one week before the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The **next meeting** will be **Wednesday, December 14th** from **4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the same location.

Meeting #2 Attendees

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Sam	Willett, Chair	Bank of America
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Alan	Abramowitz	Department of Children and Families
Toni	Barrett	Stewart Marchman Center
Carole	Belavek	Workforce Development/One-Stop Career System
Kathy	Bond	Citizen
Lynne	Carr	Keiser College
Kathy	Catron	Business Owner
Cheryl	Coxwell	International Speedway Corporation
Carmen	De Angelis	Waiting Doesn't Hurt
Carol	Hargy	Act Corporation, Inc
Milissa	Holland	James F. Holland Foundation
Peggy	Johnson	County of Volusia
David	Kerr	Retired Professional
Susan	LeBlanc	The Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties, Inc.
Brianna	Lilly	Family Life Center
Dr. Lionel	Long	Volusia County Schools
Mary Lou	Morino	Children and Families Advisory Board
Telma	Marques	Mid Florida Community Services, Inc./Head Start Volusia
Charlotte	McBride	Retired Teacher
Pam	Novy	Teacher, Pierson Elementary
Jose	Perez	United Way Board of Directors
Sandy	Rakes	Great Kids Explorer Club
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Richard	Rintz	Morgan Stanley
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Creating a Brighter Future for Our Children and Youth Work Group Meeting #3

December 14, 2005, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Indigo North Conference Room, Holiday Inn Express, Daytona Beach

Chairman Willett called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. He thanked everyone for their work so far and directed members to the final vision statement displayed on the table tents. He stated that the objective of today's meeting was to determine up to 10 indicators for recommendation to the Steering Committee for inclusion in the final report (to be released in May, 2006).

Chairman Willett guided members through the checklist in determining the best indicators for Workgroup A (handout). He deferred to Ms. Garnett to lead the group through the data. Ms. Garnett stated that three issues were identified in all five workgroups – issues related to transportation, poverty, and information and referral. Therefore these would be featured by way of special sections in the final report and would not be presented today.

Ms. Garnett continued by presenting the collected data (handouts). Discussion ensued. Ultimately, the group reached consensus to recommend the following to the Steering Committee:

1. Percent of students absent 21 days or more: middle school students (stratify by geography)
2. Teen pregnancy births
3. Youth Alcohol Abuse, Reported Use in Past 30 Days
4. Delinquency rates (break out by age, race and geographic area)
5. FCAT Reading in 5th Grade
6. Head Start/Early Childhood & Learning Enrollment (if possible)
7. Teen Motor Vehicle Crash Rate

Members were directed to the “missing” indicators handout. The following was added to the list to prioritize and return to project staff: in-school and out-of-school suspensions (collect different way); a measure of sexual activity (#'s active); special diplomas; drop-out rate (reasons and when); special needs of ESE (population of ESE students, capacity & needs beyond the school system)

Chairman Willett expressed appreciation to all members for their involvement. Staff distributed certificates of appreciation and Chairman Willett added that a sign-up sheet would be available on the outside table for members interested in volunteering to serve on two different ad hoc committees which will be working electronically. The two groups will be working on the final report and the special sections (transportation, poverty, and information and referral) respectively. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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