

Creating a Community Agenda

for Volusia & Flagler Counties

Building Stronger Families and Neighborhoods Work Group Meeting #1

September 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Indigo North Conference Room, Holiday Inn Express, Daytona Beach

Bob Elkin, Workgroup Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Staff and their respective roles were introduced and Chairman Elkin opened the floor for roundtable introductions and requested that all cell phones be turned to silent mode. 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 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.

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.

Chairman Elkin opened the floor for members to share what the operational definition of success is when building stronger families and neighborhoods. Discussion ensued. Chairman Elkin stated that there are four other workgroups which would be meeting within the day and the week. As such, indicators identified by this group may be transferred to a more appropriate workgroup. The group reached consensus that the vision for Workgroup B: Building Stronger Families and Neighborhoods is:

Stable family units that feel safe, secure and connected to their family, neighborhoods and the community as a whole and who take personal responsibility for themselves and their neighborhood and have easy access to appropriate resources when they need help.

Staff will forward the vision electronically and members are welcome to respond by adding any suggestions, comments, etc. The next meeting will begin by approving and/or finalizing the vision. The brainstorming of indicators ensued.

Chairman Elkin directed members to complete the member questionnaire and meeting critique. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the same location.

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Meeting #1 Attendees
 Building Stronger Families and Neighborhoods

Bob	Elkin, Chair	Palm Coast Data
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Alan	Abramowitz	The Department of Children and Families, Steering Committee
Maria	Bledsoe	One Voice for Volusia
Hugh	Brown	Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler
Randy	Brown	Greater Daytona Beach Area YMCA
Eldra	Burson	Family Life Center
George	Dounhoo	Family Court Services
Ivy	Evans	City of South Daytona Parks & Rec
John	Ferro	Local Pastor
Carolyn	Gardinier	Volusia County Schools
Kathryn	Garner	Retired
Gail	Hallmon	The House Next Door
Grisel	Hart	Child Care Resource Network
Jill	Matthew	Act Corporation
Andrew	Moore	Volusia County Schools, Title I
Dr. Tamme	Payne	Christian Encouragement Association, Inc.
Diana	Phillips	County of Volusia - Community Assistance
Christina	Pinto	Parent
Marisol	Rubio	Volusia County Schools, Title I
Ray	Salazar	The United Way of Volusia/Flagler, Steering Committee
Glenda	Santiago	Division of Corrections
Nita	Schmellick	P-3 Community Foundation
Carol	Wick	PACE Center for Girls

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
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Building Stronger Families and Neighborhoods Work Group Meeting #2

October 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Chairman Elkin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Elkin directed members to the blue handout, requesting the group reach consensus to approve the draft vision statement developed from the first meeting. He extended appreciation to the suggestion forwarded electronically and brief discussion ensued.

Members reached consensus that the vision for Workgroup B is (staff was directed to edit accordingly in order to connect all five visions for the project) :

Our community has stable family units that feel safe, secure and connected to their family, neighborhoods and the community as a whole and who take personal responsibility for themselves and their neighborhood and have easy access to appropriate resources when they need help.

Chairman Elkin led members to the light green handout depicting the indicators identified from the first meeting. He 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. Chairman Elkin requested members to take a couple of minutes to review and that any relevant/ applicable indicators from the bottom categories be moved to the first for further discussion.

Discussion ensued and brainstorming began. Ultimately, members reached consensus that the indicators to be researched included:

1. % of home owners
2. After school care/programs/kids alone/latchkey
3. Child Abuse
4. Student Achievement
5. Crime rates
7. Divorce rates
8. Domestic abuse
9. Education/literacy
10. Emergency room admissions
11. Graduation rates
12. High school dropout

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(Indicators continued)

13. Homeless - reports
14. Immigration status
15. Juvenile crime
16. Mental and chronic illness
17. Multi and unwed pregnancies
18. Multi-family dwellings
19. Parent Teacher Association involvement/participation
20. Parental Abandonment & Child Support
21. Participation in Parks and Recreation
22. Poverty Levels/Income
23. Property values
24. Quality and affordable childcare
25. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
26. Single parent households
27. Substance abuse/use
28. Teen parents & pregnancy/births
30. Truancy
31. Unemployment/employment rate
32. Weapons/assault on campus (safe schools)
33. Access to public transportation
34. Incarcerated parents Rate of)
35. School Mobility Rate
36. Transients in populations in neighborhoods

Members were requested to submit their top 20 indicators from the above list. Staff will collate the “votes” and provide back to members via email the top 20 indicators to be researched and presented at meeting #3. Members will receive the meeting minutes and 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 Tuesday, December 13th from **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the same location.

Meeting #2 Attendees

Building Stronger Families and Neighborhoods

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Alan	Abramowitz	The Department of Children and Families, Steering Committee
Randy	Brown	Greater Daytona Beach Area YMCA
George	Dounhoo	Family Court Services
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Building Stronger Families and Neighborhoods Work Group Meeting #3

December 13, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Chairman Elkin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He provided an overview of the agenda and referred members to the table tents placed at each seat. The tents featured the vision statement for Workgroup B as well as the other Community Agenda workgroups.

Chairman Elkin guided members through the overhead checklist in order to determine the best indicators for Workgroup B (handout). He then deferred to Ms. Garnett to lead the group through the data. Ms. Garnett opened by stating 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. Juvenile Crime (stratify by top 5 neighborhoods or zip codes)
2. Crime Rates (report arrests for aggravated assault, simple assault and drugs/narcotics)
3. Kids in Foster Care (the number of kids in protective services or foster care relevant to the child population, by race and/or age)
4. Substance Abuse/Use
5. Rate of Abuse Investigations with Some Indication or Verified Findings
6. Domestic Violence Offense
7. Free/Reduced Lunch: Elementary School Students

Chairman Elkin led the group through the “missing” indicators handout. Chairman Elkin reminded members of the 80/20 rule and reiterated that per discussion during the presentation, the following seemed to be of highest priority to the group: after school programs and/or quality affordable child care (#’s, capacity), waiting lists for programs (length of time on list, etc.), the number of incarcerated parents and the number of people renting versus owning homes. The group agreed.

Chairman Elkin thanked members for their involvement and distributed certificates of appreciation to attendees. He added that a sign-up sheet was circulating 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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