

Call to Order

The Leadership Council meeting of Safe & Sound Hillsborough was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County. It began at 1:06 PM; **Chair Julie Holt** presided over the meeting; Meeting was properly noticed, and a quorum was present.

Special Presentation

Ms. Debra Blossom and Ms. Ashleigh Thornton from the Hillsborough County School District came to present a proposal for a partnership with Safe & Sound Hillsborough to implement the Volunteer Reconsideration Review Committee for the purpose of serving as an appeal process for HCPS volunteer applicants who have been denied due to past offenses. The creation of the committee would grant approval at their discretion, after a thorough review and discussion of the applicant's packet. Said the next steps for this initiative is a proclamation to be provided at the March 5th School Board meeting; are currently working with members who are advocates and support the implementation of the committee; Chief Newman is currently reviewing the proposal and the roll-out target date would be April, 2021.

Members of the Leadership Council raised concerns over the proposed initiative and had questions:

- **Mr. Andrew Warren** asked about the number of cases that have been denied; asked for the School District's attorney to look at proposal and recommended the committee follow sunshine law
- **Ms. Gina Justice** asked other than criminal disqualifiers, if there were non-criminal disqualifiers for an applicant being denied approval; said private citizens vulnerability might be unexpected and costly
- **Dr. Kathleen Heide** asked if individuals who have been denied have had a criminal conviction; asked from the individuals who are able to serve, how do they differ from those who are ineligible; is there currently a list of disqualifiers, active or open applications
- **Ms. Patti Simmons** asked if there was an opportunity to rescind volunteer privileges; said current safety procedures include tracking of volunteers who access the campus
- **Chair Julie Holt** asked if the School District has asked from their attorney the liability of members of the committee; what would be asked of the attorney with respect to liability and the agreed upon language; said the formality aspect are important to know; asked for the proposal to be review from the legal aspect
- **Vice Chair Ken Albano** said his biggest concern was liability and the component for procedure to override current policy; would the committee have over-riding authority of current rules; **Lieutenant Les Richardson** concurred
- **Chief Albano** said that a non-binding recommendation might be better than providing a final decision
- **Major St. John** asked why the School District is considering an outside committee; **Chair Julie Holt** recommended the committee serving in an advisory capacity might be better than serving as the final vote which might limit the liability; asked what a Leadership Council members' exposure to liability would be if Safe & Sound Hillsborough were a part of the proposed initiative

Approval of Minutes

*A motion to approve the minutes of the December 17th meeting was made by **Mr. Andrew Warren** and seconded by **Chief Ken Albano**, passed unanimously.*

New Business

Finance Committee Report was presented by Patti Simmons

- **Ms. Patti Simmons** reported that December financials were flat and under budget due to low expenses
- Status of Interlocal Invoices reported; BOCC payment pending; State Attorney's Office pending but reported by **Mr. Andrew Warren** as processed.

Motion: *A motion to accept December financial reports made by Ms. Patti Simmons and seconded by Mr. Andrew Warren, passed as favorable.*

Executive Director's Operations Report was presented by Mr. Freddy Barton & Sammecia Bagley

- **Mr. Freddy Barton** updated members on the decision to revert to a staff model instead of a subcontractor model with respect to SSH programming for FY 2019-2020
- Budgeted line items for subcontractors which included Salaries, Fringe benefits and program funds will be reallocated for staffed positions; program funds will be reallocated the SSH's general funds.

Motion: *No vote made on the Operations Report.*

Family Health & Wellbeing Committee Update provided by Chair Marie Marino

- Briefed members on the outcome of Mental Health Dinner & Conversation; 180 people registered for the conference; final count of the event showed 97 individuals in attendance; members felt it was a long day; **Mr. Andrew Warren** recommended members' time be split between the dinner and the conversation; **Ms. Gina Justice** said the long day may deter single parents from attending a three-hour evening event;
- People were deterred from attending due to the sold-out status of the event.
- Consensus that the Dream Center was an ideal venue for the town hall; invited speaker, Natasha Pierre was well received, request to invite her back; need to expand our reach and efforts county-wide outside the initial four zip codes.
- **Chair Holt** asked for a letter to send to the USF President to inform him of the great partnership between the university staff, students and Safe & Sound Hillsborough.

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 2:09 PM

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes for Safe & Sound Hillsborough

ATTENDANCE LIST: January 28, 2020

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE
Julianne Holt, Chair ; Public Defender's Office	X
Chief Kenneth Albano, Vice-Chair ; City of Temple Terrace, Temple Terrace Police Dept.	X
Freddy Barton, Executive Director ; Safe & Sound Hillsborough	X
Major Calvin Johnson; City of Tampa, Tampa Police Department	-
Lesley "Les" Miller, Commissioner; Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners	-
Marie Marino; Public Defender's Office	X
Kelley Parris, Executive Director; Children's Board of Hillsborough County	-
Major Thomas St. John; Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	X
Cindy Stuart, Hillsborough County School Board	-
Gina Justice, 13 th Judicial Circuit	X
Andrew Warren, State Attorney	X
Sergeant Alfred Van Duyne, City of Plant City; Plant City Police Department	-
Dr. Kathleen Heide, University of South Florida	X
John Chaffin, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; Data Committee	-
Patrice Gringas, Community Advisory Council member, University Area	-
ALTERNATES	ATTENDANCE
Tonia Williams, Children's Board of Hillsborough County	-
Larry Williams, Legislative Assistant to Commissioner Les Miller	-
Daniel Raysin, Public Defender's Office	-
Patti Simmons, Hillsborough County School District	X
Lieutenant Les Richardson; City of Tampa, Tampa Police Department	X
SAFE & SOUND/CDC STAFF	ATTENDANCE
Rosalie Smith, Program Administrator	X
Sammecia Bagley, Manager of Communications & Outreach	X
Sharon Perdue, CFO; CDC of Tampa, Inc.	-

Others in attendance: Christopher Tunstall, resident