

Hillsborough County Violence Prevention Collaborative  
Tuesday, June 11, 2013  
26<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room A & B

**Leadership Council Members Present**

Kevin Beckner, BOCC  
Bob Buckhorn, City of Tampa  
Frank Chillura, Temple Terrace  
Karen Stanley, State Attorney's Office  
Julianne Holt, Public Defender  
Manuel Menendez, Chief Judge  
Mary Thomas, Plant City  
Donna Luszczynski, HCSO  
April Griffin, School Board

**Alternates Present**

Mike Bridenback, Court Administrator  
Cindy Stuart, School Board  
Jerry Sieber, Temple Terrace  
Bill McDaniel, Plant City

**Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Holly East, Commissioner's Aide  
Herb Marlowe, Project Facilitator  
Bob Sheehan, Project Manager

**Others Present**

Lori Hudson, HC Communications Director  
Brandon Wagner, Hillsborough County  
Annie Lyles, Prevention Institute (videoconference)  
Benita Tsao, Prevention Institute (videoconference)

Meeting called to order at approximately 2:10 PM. Commissioner Beckner led Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Beckner welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the Leadership Council. The Commissioner provided a short history of the origins of the Collaborative as a response to the Sandy Hook tragedy. The initial response addressed gun control but research indicated that more root causes needed to be addressed from a public health perspective. Commissioner Beckner pointed out that violence could not be completely eliminated, but the public health approach would supplement the successes of law enforcement. Commissioner Beckner praised the great work of community partners and discussed needs of assessment and coordination of community partners.

Commissioner Beckner indicated the Leadership Council members were chosen because they represent the components of the system that deals with violence. The Council is challenged to engage the community. The process does not involve criticism of past efforts, but a shared responsibility for the process, active participation, staffing needs, solutions, and funding sources, if needed.



Commissioner Beckner introduced the Prevention Institute (PI) representatives to the Leadership Council and Leadership Council members introduced themselves to the Prevention Institute representatives. Annie Lyles provided an overview of the Prevention Institute. She indicated that PI will assist the Leadership Council in the process. PI will share information obtained about violence prevention through their interaction with the CDC and the White House Initiative. PI will analyze evidence based data and partner with the Violence Collaborative with the Violence Collaborative serving as the expert on violence in Hillsborough County. PI will share plans developed in other cities, but the Hillsborough County strategic plan will be tailored to Hillsborough County issues as defined by the Leadership Council. It was stressed that the most successful projects have not been the ones that had the biggest plans or those that spent the most funds. PI's experience is that those communities that are the most coordinated enjoy the lowest levels of violence.

Commissioner Beckner introduced the Project Facilitator Herb Marlowe. Facilitator Marlowe discussed organizational structure and data driven evidence. He then engaged the Leadership Council to state their initial thought on the Collaborative's goals. Members discussed issues including:

- Identifying types and number of violent crimes
- Identifying locations of violence
- Identifying both victims and perpetrators
- Identify underlying causes
- Assessment and coordination of current efforts
- Analytics, trends, resource allocation
- Current funding allocations
- Evaluation of service providers
- Analysis of case flows
- Examine jurisdictional roadblocks
- Determine what works

The Leadership Council adopted the structure proposed by Facilitator Marlowe. There was discussion about the subcommittee nomination form and a revised form was adopted.

Having adopted the proposed organizational structure, Mayor Buckhorn nominated Commissioner Beckner to be Leadership Council Chairman and Commissioner Beckner was elected by acclamation. Judge Menendez nominated mayor Buckhorn to be Leadership Council Vice Chair and Mayor Buckhorn was elected by acclamation. Chairman Beckner pointed out the possibility of potential conflicts of organizations serving on subcommittees and then offering services as part of a strategic plan. After discussion it was agreed that potential conflicts must be disclosed. The Leadership Council adopted a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for submission of subcommittee nomination forms.

Chairman Beckner introduced Bob Sheehan, Project Manager. The Project Manager discussed scheduling goals and communications. He will serve as the point of contact for the Collaborative. The Leadership Council adopted August 1, 2013, 2:30 – 4:30 PM, site TBD, as the date for the 2nd Leadership Council Meeting.

Chairman Beckner introduced his Legislative Aide Holly East as a second point of contact. Chairman Beckner explained that these meetings are publicly noticed and decisions made by the Leadership Council will be adopted in the Sunshine. However, the members are not precluded from discussion of violence issues in their professional/private communications because those issues are integral to their

daily activities. Chairman Beckner explained his desire to appoint Hillsborough County Communications Director Lori Hudson as the Chairman of the Collaborative Communications Committee Chairperson. The appointment was accepted by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 3:50 PM.