Agenda
City of St. Petersburg
Youth and Family Services
Thursday, January 28, 2021 @ 9:25 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
175 Fifth Street North

Members: Robert Blackmon, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman,
Amy Foster
Alternate: Darden Rice
Support Staff: Linnie Randolph, City Council Legislative Aide

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

C. Approval of February 13, 2020 minutes

D. New Business:
   1. Childhood Homelessness Quarterly Report
      April Lott LCSW, President and CEO of Directions for Living

E. Adjournment

Next Youth & Family Services Meeting – TBD
St. Petersburg City Council
Youth and Family Services Report
Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2020

Present: Councilmembers Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Brandi Gabbard, Deborah Figgs-Sanders and Robert Blackmon

Also Present: Councilmember Darden Rice, Tom Green, Christina Boussias, and Jeannine Williams

Absent: Councilmember Amy Foster (Alternate)

Support Staff: Kayleigh Sagonowsky, City Council Legislative Aide

New Business:

**Election of Chair and Vice-Chair - Vice-Chair Lisa Wheeler-Bowman**

Councilmember Gabbard nominated Lisa Wheeler-Bowman for Chair. She accepted and all were in favor. Next, Councilmember Figgs-Sanders nominated Councilmember Gabbard for Vice-Chair and she declined. Councilmember Blackmon then nominated Councilmember Figgs-Sanders for Vice-Chair. She accepted and all were in favor.

**Juvenile Auto Theft Mitigation Study - Dewey Caruthers**

Councilmember Driscoll began by reminding the committee that former Councilmember Gerdes initially referred to this topic to the Youth and Family Services Committee. She said during the last discussion about juvenile auto-theft, Councilmembers asked Mr. Caruthers to return with some ideas of programs or policies that could be implemented to mitigate the auto-theft epidemic.

Mr. Caruthers reminded Councilmembers on the study’s findings and proposed a two-part solution. Thus far, Mr. Caruthers said, the root causes of the juvenile auto-theft epidemic remain unaddressed by the City of St. Petersburg. He argued local law enforcement officers have done all they can to curb the problem, but as evidenced by the high number of repeat offenders, arrests alone are not an effective solution.

In order to address the root-cause, Mr. Caruthers proposed two programs that would work in tandem. The first, the Cure Violence Program, uses peers to spread the message about the consequences of auto-theft. Mr. Caruthers explained that teens are much more likely to listen to advice from someone they know and trust than law enforcement officials. Cure Violence is currently being used in more than 60 other jurisdictions and has demonstrated reductions in violence by up to 70%.

The second program facilitates productive conversations between offenders and victims. These Restorative Community Conferences have shown a 14% reduction in second offenses. This program also costs less than placing an offender on juvenile probation and has a high participant satisfaction rate.

Mr. Caruthers explained the next step would be to identify non-profits to implement these two programs. He requested $25,000 to conduct 2-3 site visits to further explore both programs, create a concept outline of how the programs could be implemented in St. Pete, and develop a list of program costs and recommendations.

Councilmember Gabbard said she discussed this program with Chief Holloway and didn’t get the sense that this is his preferred path forward. Mr. Caruthers said he has also discussed the program with Chief Holloway and believes law enforcement has done all they can do. He said it is the community’s job to raise children the right way and that police officers should not have to act as social workers. Councilmember
Gabbard said that in his quarterly report last week, Chief Holloway said he is working on a new plan to address root causes and asked Tom Green for an update. Mr. Greene said he has not been a part of those conversations.

Councilmember Figgs-Sanders suggested exploring other solutions. She asked if the Cohort of Champions could sponsor a program or if the police have been looking into solutions other than arrest. Councilmember Driscoll reminded her peers that Mr. Caruthers was not seeking approval of the two programs, rather he was seeking approval to evaluate the programs and see how they could work in St. Pete. Chair Wheeler-Bowman said Chief Holloway was en route to the meeting to address Councilmembers’ questions. However, due to insufficient time, Councilmember Gabbard moved to defer the discussion to the next Youth and Family Services meeting when Chief Holloway could be present. All were in favor of the motion.

Finally, Chair Wheeler-Bowman reviewed the referral list and noted that her item regarding funding for First Tee would be addressed at the next meeting. Councilmember Gabbard said she had lost contact with the community members she had been working with on the African American Quality of Life study and asked to remove it from the referral list.
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| First Tee of St. Petersburg Youth Enrichment Program | TBD         | 7/30/19       | 8/15/19     | Wheeler-Bowman    | Rick Waltman and Bill Darling | 8/15/19 - CM Gerdes moved approval on the condition a written curriculum with measurable objectives be presented to full Council  
9/5/19 - Council reviewed the submitted documents and determined measurable objectives to still be needed.  
1/23/20 - CM Wheeler-Bowman referred a resolution approving a transfer of $18,540 to YSF to complete the emergent needs matrix |
| Childhood Homelessness Quarterly Report               | 01/21/21    | 01/05/21      |             | Theresa Jones     |                         |                                                                                          |
TO: St. Petersburg City Council
Youth & Family Services Committee

FROM: Theresa D. Jones, Manager
Veterans, Homeless, and Social Services
Neighborhood Affairs

DATE: January 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Pilot Project to End Childhood Homelessness

On December 5, 2019, former City Council Member Steve Kornell gave a presentation to the St. Petersburg City Council regarding establishing a pilot project designed to house homeless families with students attending seven Transformation Zone schools in St. Petersburg. The program is intended to identify homeless families with at least one student at one of the Transformative Zone schools in St. Petersburg and was aimed to provide the support necessary to move the families into permanent housing.

City Council approved funding for the pilot program in March of last year in the amount of $275,000, as a grant to the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas (HLA) to coordinate and manage the implementation of the pilot program. The HLA subsequently selected Directions for Living to administer the program. A provision of the City’s agreement with the HLA is that a quarterly report be presented to this committee to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Attached are a copy of the 1st Quarterly report provided to the administrative staff, and a copy of the presentation which will be made during the meeting.

The presentation will be made by April Lott, LCSW, President and CEO of Directions for Living.
### Veterans, Social and Homeless Services Grant

*****Quarterly Reporting***

*City of St. Petersburg Reports must be submitted when you submit your request by the 15th day of the following month or quarterly, except October.*

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**Program Goal:**

CHP program goal is to provide permanent, stable housing for families when at least one child is identified as homeless and is attending one of the seven transformation zone schools in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Provide narrative explanation of outcomes as well as:

Program staff hired/trained during months of June and July. Program had several meetings with community to launch program and develop referral platform.

Program received eight family referrals in August. During the month of August zero families have secured housing, however are still in the process. DFL is also working on a partnership with another local non profit to secure resources.

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### Provide narrative explanation of outcomes as well as

Year to date the program has served 45 families (45 Adults and 108 children). In the month of December 4 families were opened (4 adults and 9 children) and 2 families were housed.
FAMILY WORKS
According to the Pinellas County School System’s HEAT team, there are currently more than 4,000 children living homeless per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, with 73 percent of these children living doubled up or in extended stay hotels and/or motels in our community.
About Family Works

- Family Works is a program that assists families in finding permanent stable housing when a child has been identified by their school as being homeless, housing unstable, or currently residing in an emergency shelter or transitional housing.

- The Family Works model is strength-based, family-centered safety model designed to help decrease and prevent homelessness by establishing permanent housing for families.

- The Family Works team provides individualized services to all household members to enhance the existing strengths of the family.
How it Works

- Students that are identified as being housing unstable are referred via the Pinellas County Schools HEAT Team in one of the 7 identified schools located in St. Petersburg.

- The families identified often have a myriad of special needs, including mental health and substance use disorders, domestic violence, and involvement in the justice system.

- The family participates in the Integrated Decision Team process which focuses on the family’s strengths and ensures that the family is connected to all available resources.
Staff
5 Intensive Care Managers, a Licensed Clinical Consultant, and an IDT Facilitator

Partner Schools
New Heights Elementary
Lakewood Elementary
Campbell Park Elementary
Maximo Elementary
John Hopkins Middle School
Melrose Elementary
Fairmount Park Elementary
Family Works
NORTH COUNTY
In partnership with Pinellas County Social Action Funding

Staff
3 Intensive Care Managers, a Licensed Clinical Consultant, and an IDT Facilitator

Partner Schools
Ponce de Leon Elementary
Tarpon Springs Elementary
Eisenhower Elementary
The 30 families not yet housed are currently receiving intensive case management services to fulfill their permanent housing plans while living unstably housed doubled up, or in hotels.
• When housing is established, there is a notable decrease in absences and tardiness, as well as an increase in positive school behavior, academics, and caregiver involvement with the school.

• Clients continue to report how appreciative they are of Family Works and how well they are treated throughout the program. Clients report feeling that they now have someone who cares about them, someone who answers their calls and actually listens to what they have to say, and someone who has helped them change their life for the better, even when they thought it wasn’t possible.
FAMILY WORKS

In partnership with the City of St. Petersburg, we are changing the trajectory of children’s lives.