



3rd Quarterly Meeting
September 15, 2020

10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. Please visit www.flgov.com/fbcb for more information or contact Savannah Vickery at Savannah.Vickery@eog.myflorida.com or 850-717-9261.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members in attendance:

- Dr. Jerry Haag – Chair
- Mr. Calvin Martin – Vice-Chair
- Ms. Nancy Acevedo
- Mr. Richard Albertson
- Pastor Kirt Anderson
- Mr. Wallace Brown
- Ms. Trenia Cox
- Mr. Erik Dellenback
- Pastor Gerard Duncan
- Mr. Chad Garmon
- Pastor Scott George
- Dr. Rosby Glover
- Mr. Rolando Gonzalez
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr
- Pastor Pam Olsen
- Pastor Marcus Smith
- Ms. Pat Smith
- Mr. Gary Tester
- Mr. Barry Webster
- Pastor Reno Zunz

Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members unable to attend:

- Reverend Perry Davis
- Pastor Carl Reeves (excused)
- Rabbi Pinchas Taylor
- Rabbi Yosef Weinstock
- Pastor Blaine Whitt (excused)



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PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Item	Summary
<p>Call to Order and Welcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Dr. Jerry Haag called the meeting to order and welcomed members and participants to the virtual meeting of the Council. • The roll was called by Ms. Jessica Collins-Jones, with the Governor’s Office of Adoption and Child Protection, and a quorum was confirmed.
<p>Invocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Barry Webster provided the invocation.
<p>Approval of 2nd Quarterly Meeting Summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were provided a digital copy of the June 2020 meeting summary as well as the follow up meeting summary for review prior to the virtual meeting. • When called for, no edits or changes to the meeting summaries were provided. • Member Webster motioned to approve the meeting summaries and was seconded by Member Gary Tester. • With no additional discussion, members voted to approve the June 2020 meeting summary as well as the follow up meeting summary.
<p>State Updates and Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair Calvin Martin provided the following updates and information on current and future public awareness topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One Goal One Future- a video from Governor DeSantis was shown on reducing the risk of exposure to COVID19 and safely reopening the state. ○ Florida Safe Survey- a survey for Florida residents to assess COVID-19 behaviors. ○ United States Census- A video from Lt. Governor Jeanette Nunez was shown encouraging residents to complete the 202 Census. ○ Governor Ron DeSantis proclaimed September as Suicide Prevention Month and Florida Veteran Suicide Prevention Month. ○ National Preparedness Month- appreciation was expressed to the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Health for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and hurricane season. ○ Florida Storms App- A new app has been created to assist families become prepared and stay safe during storms.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2020 Human Trafficking Summit- a free event that will be held virtually on October 6th. ○ National Faith & Blue Weekend- an opportunity for faith organizations and law enforcement to come together to address inequalities and equity. This event will take place October 9-11. ○ Red Ribbon Week – October ○ Safe Sleep Awareness Month – October ○ Bullying Prevention Month – October ○ Domestic Violence Prevention Month – October ○ Trauma Informed Care Day – November 1 ○ Florida Adoption Month – November ○ Family Engagement in Education Month – November ● Chair Haag thanked Vice-Chair Martin and reminded the Council of its role to perpetuate this information back to the communities we serve; involving faith and community organizations and leaders; and asking ourselves “what is my next step, my role and next action to affect change”.
<p>Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Haag introduced Member Erik Dellenback to provide updates on the Governor’s initiative and to introduce Secretary Poppell. ● Member Dellenback identified that we have a database of 34,000 faith and community organizations and he was asked to serve on the Lt. Governor’s committee and the Governor’s Challenge team as they want to communicate with these organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Through the Council and other networks, if we can provide a healthy line of communication with these organizations, which started with a “thank you”, we can ask them to share information on what we are sharing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Through the initiative, 10 statewide calls have occurred with the Governor, Lt. Governor, Surgeon General and Director of Emergency Management. ○ The Governor’s Initiative was one of the few things that has found positive traction during COVID; whereas the capacity to help, and interest to help, has grown and we serve as a connector to faith and community organizations. ● Member Dellenback stated he is working with other state agencies on their needs to communicate with faith and community organizations.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Initiative’s outreach, we have a balance between faith and community organizations that have signed up - the Council becomes an intermediary to allow the State to speak “faith” and for faith to speak “state”.
<p style="text-align: center;">DCF 2020 Child Protection Summit Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Erik Dellenback introduced guest speaker, Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Chad Poppell. • Secretary Poppell thanked members on the Council and shared the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over the last year, efforts have resulted in creating an infrastructure where faith communities can plug in a meaningful way- creating a framework where they can be aware of the need and asked if they can help meet that need. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Now is the time to start promoting that the department is ready for the faith community to plug in and we need everyone’s help. ○ A focus will be on increasing the number of foster parents and people supporting foster parents, and to divert people from entering, or going deeper in, DCF’s system- working to support people in the community can result in better outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DCF has a goal of reducing the number of system-involved families in crisis by 20% by 2021. ○ Florida’s Foster Information Center serves as a first-impressions center for foster care in Florida- staffed by foster parents and supports the department’s plan to ask the faith community to serve as foster care recruitment centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If someone is interested, the “first touch” should be informative, friendly, understand what next steps may be needed, and to provide a warm handoff to the CBC in their area and track progress. ▪ Provide world-class customer service for anyone who wants to help. ○ The MyFloridaMyFamily.com website has two parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aunt Bertha - provides a set of tools for everyone in the community, and for DCF staff, to connect with resources. ▪ Care Portal - provides an easy way for the faith community to plug in and for DCF to plug in the need.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary Poppell asked Member Dellenback to share more information and offered to provide a demo of the Care Portal system at a later time. • Member Dellenback stated he would and took a moment to remind members there is extreme interest in working with the faith and community world, as evidenced by the Secretary, the Governor’s ask of Secretary Poppell to focus on the faith community and he is not the only agency leaders that feels this way. • Chair Haag thanked the Secretary for his leadership and innovation, particularly during COVID-19, and opened the floor for comments and questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Pam Olsen commented that she is praying for the Secretary and his family and shared that pastors and faith leaders are taking notice of what’s going on as she recently heard a sermon where the Secretary’s name was mentioned and there was encouragement to get involved. She also mentioned there is a desire to start a Share Your Heart program in Tallahassee. • Once the Secretary left the meeting, Chair Haag came back to Member Dellenback who restated the comment about faith organization becoming recruitment centers with “giving faith institutions the ability to easily do what they’re already purposeful and passionate about”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He provided perspective of the menu-based options that will be available when faith organizations sign up to help. ○ He also provided an overview of the percentages faith and community organizations have identified for the vulnerable populations served, which foster care was at 11% and adoption at 7%. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ He will be providing the Council with information to share with faith organizations on the menu of options they can plug in to.
<p style="text-align: center;">Suicide Prevention Month</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag introduced guest speaker Ms. Lauren Stentz with the Florida Department of Veteran’s Affairs. • Ms. Stentz informed the Council that veterans are at an increased risk of suicide (1.5 times higher for veterans) and that 600 veterans die by suicide every year in the state of Florida. Within that vulnerable



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	<p>population, the risk increases for veterans who are 60 years of age or older.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Stentz shared the following risk factors when it comes to predisposing an individual to die by suicide:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Thwarted belongingness- need to feel a sense of belonging within their community, having close connections.○ Perceived burdensomeness- the feeling that the people around them would be better off if they were gone.○ Acquired capability- the physical ability to carry out an attempt on one's life.• Ms. Stentz shared that Governor DeSantis has a challenge to prevent suicide that focuses on protective factors. The four priorities of this challenge include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Identify SMVF (service members, veterans, and families) and screen for suicide risk○ Promote connectedness and improve care transitions○ Taking a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention for SMVF○ Lethal means safety and safety planning• Ms. Stentz shared that there is a need for faith leaders to be involved and to partner with the department to help these veterans to have more accessible resources that can help prevent suicide- she invited members to consider serving on the Governor's Challenge Team.• Member Dellenback asked if members are interested, could they listen in to the next scheduled meeting?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Stentz shared that if members are 60% or more interested in this effort to please notify her to join the next meeting. (Four Members contact Ms. Stentz after the meeting for more information on the Governor's Challenge)• Member Barry Webster asked if there is a geographic focus/priority for the Governor's Challenge and if there is an area where more suicides are occurring.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Stentz stated for some priorities, geography definitely plays a part (i.e., living near a military base) and they want to work with anyone who desires to help, including those in rural communities. She also stated they need to review the data
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	<p>regarding number of suicide deaths to identify areas that have higher rates than others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Trena Cox asked if there was consideration to partner with the Area on Aging since they are looking at veterans who over age 60. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Stentz shared they have a member from the Department of Elder Affairs and now is the time to bring in other individuals who can assist. • Chair Haag reiterated actions Council members could take to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognizing Suicide Prevention Month ○ Sharing an emotional health calendar ○ Promoting apps that can be helpful ○ Promoting the Suicide Hotline ○ Focusing on children and teens who may have elevated risk due to COVID-19. • Chair Haag thanked Ms. Stentz for her leadership and efforts.
<p>Reopening of Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag opened the discussion on the reopening of schools during the COVID-19 outbreak and resources that are needed for families and teachers. • Member Nancy Acevedo shared that in her region, teams were reaching out to schools to help fulfill their needs. These teams were able to identify the need for hotspots due to the large population of homeless students and families with the inability to access internet, and more technology to assist teachers who are teaching remotely. • Member Trena Cox shared that the needs in her community included the availability for computers for all siblings within a household, access to internet, and assistance in helping parents who might find it difficult to navigate the technology. She suggested that faith and community organizations could act as literacy centers and aid in tutoring. • Vice-Chair Martin stated that his community was in need for donations of hotspots and that the food pantries were spread thin due to the food insecurity problem increasing. • Member Chad Garmon highlighted the issue with teachers teaching English as a second language not having enough resources or technology to teach effectively. He went on to share that some organizations in his community were trying to provide more physical



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	<p>activity for children, especially those who are learning remotely. To support children who may not have the capacity to do digital learning, the YMCA are providing space to assist the children and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member Rosby Glover stated that faith organizations in his community donated computers to families in their region to make sure that they had what they needed to stay on track with their schooling. He also shared that the food pantry in his area was serving over 600 families a week. He then went on to pray for the children and families during the reopening of schools.• Member Pat Smith shared that schools in her region stated that they were in need of face masks, school supplies (since children can no longer share) and mentors/tutors.• Director Gibson encouraged the Council to reach out to their local faith and community organizations to assess their ability to provide space for children to assist with their learning and support families, and to consider faith organizations adopting a school(s) to provide additional support. He also reminded Council members of Volunteer Connect as a resource to identify needs and have volunteers respond to those needed.• Member Webster shared the need of cleaning supplies and extensions chords for teachers in his community. He emphasized the stress that teachers are going through while balancing online and in-person classes and shared the idea of having food pantries at the school location.• Member Gerard Duncan shared that he has worked with the local pastor's association and school district to provide mobile wi-fi access and education for parents on the district's technology programs for virtual learning to help keep their children engaged.• Member Reno Zunz shared that social workers in his community were keeping churches informed of the needs of families so that they may provide the necessary resources.• Chair Haag reminded Council members of the CARES Act funding available within communities across the state that can assist individuals and businesses, and how we can assist in connecting to this funding.
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<p>Recognitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag shared that due to travel restrictions that have prevented us from meeting in person, we wanted to take a moment to recognize members who have served four or more years on the Council and asked Vice-Chair Martin to share the names. • Vice-Chair Martin recognized the following members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Richard Albertson ○ Pastor Kirt Anderson ○ Ms. Trenia Cox ○ Reverend Perry Davis ○ Mr. Rolando Gonzalez ○ Dr. Jerry Haag ○ Dr. Gretchen Kerr ○ Pastor Pam Olsen ○ Pastor Carl Reeves ○ Pastor Marcus Smith ○ Ms. Pat Smith • Director Gibson shared how important the Council’s work is to our state and how important all the members are to advancing this effort. He also shared how we are building momentum and that we all need to get on board and bring others with us. • Member Dellenback reiterated the momentum being created and thanked members for their service. • Chair Haag mentioned that with new opportunity is increased responsibility and asks to provide input to the Governor, agencies, and the community.
<p>Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public comment was made from Mr. Dave Farquharson who works with Eckerd Connects in Circuit 6. He asked if churches and organizations involved in Care Portal will need to take on responsibility for its funding in the future. • Member Dellenback responded to this question by sharing that their hope is that no church or organization involved would have any financial responsibility in funding this program.
<p>Benediction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Gretchen Kerr provided the benediction.
<p>Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Haag asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Cox motioned for the meeting to adjourn and was seconded by Member Pat Smith.



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