

## AGENDA

### COORDINATING COUNCIL OF BROWARD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

December 3, 2001  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Memorial Hospital  
Parlors A & B  
3501 Johnson Street  
Hollywood, Florida

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1. Call to Order
2. Review of Council Activities
3. Report on Seniors by Reneé Pravda
4. Economic Recovery Plan – John Benz
5. Status of the PRC Survey – John Benz
6. Update of the Executive Summary and *The Benchmarks*
6. Other Related Issues

#### Subcommittee Reports

Scheduled Date	Subcommittee/Report By	Completed Reports	Date Completed
10/22/01	Environment – George Riley	Health Care Access – John Werner	8/13/01
10/22/01	Neighborhood Projects – Steve Sampier	Media – Robert Goodman	8/27/01
12/3/01	Elderly – Reneé Pravda	Mobility / Transportation – John Ramos	9/10/01
		Education – Jerry Majzlin	10/8/01
		Children – Hal Wiggin	10/8/01
		Jobs, Better Pay and Benefits – Ellyn Drotzer	10/8/01

### NOTE

**Please provide at least one copy of any handouts you bring to the Committee in large print (18 point preferred)**

## MINUTES

**COMMITTEE/WORK GROUP/TASK FORCE:** CCB Quality of Life Committee

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Memorial Regional Hospital

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 5, 2001

**TIME OF MEETING:** 8:00 am

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Attendance Form Attached

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Skip Johnston, Reneé Pravda

### **SUMMARY OF TOPICS DISCUSSED/ACTIONS:**

Chairman Mike De Lucca called the meeting to order.

Several corrections were made to the minutes of October 22, 2001. Nancy Weintraub requested that her contact information be updated on the attendance template per her handwritten insert on the attendance list. The word on the second page, fifth paragraph, should read "Citrix" rather than "Citrex".

The minutes with the recommended changes were then approved unanimously by acclamation.

Skip Johnston provided an overview of Council activities. He distributed to QOL attendees the minutes to the October 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of The CCB. Skip explained that Frank Sacco had suggested that Chris Wood and Jerry Majzlin design a response to the 9/11 tragedy. Chris Wood and Jerry Majzlin organized an event to which all CCB Council members were invited that took place on October 12 at the Renaissance Hotel, co-sponsored by the Broward Chamber of Commerce. Input was invited for recommendations to the 9/11 response. A Countywide umbrella to avoid separate silos of various entities is under consideration.

Joan Glickman raised the issue of counseling for those experiencing after effects from the 9/11 tragedy and asked if there might be a unified approach to address this. She recommended a call to Anita Godfried. Skip mentioned that Marlene Wilson and the Henderson Clinic have been in discussion. Skip also pointed out that Mason Jackson is addressing workforce activities relative to 9/11 that are highlighted in the second paragraph of The CCB minutes to the October 5 Council meeting.

Skip discussed the upcoming CCB retreat, scheduled for November 16, and the financial challenges that will need to be looked at by the Council. He mentioned that Hal Wiggin, Chair of the Community Resource Inventory Committee (CRIC), is exploring new ways to do the resource inventory to help save costs. Skip requested an executive summary of *The Broward Benchmarks* to present at the retreat, and stated that John Benz will communicate the status of Tier I activities.

Joan Glickman suggested that there may be existing State dollars that could be used for the Broward Information Network (BIN) and the Community Resource Inventory (CRI). Skip added that Jack Moss has met with Connie Mack about the BIN in this regard.

Skip announced that the next Steering Committee meeting will be at The CCB office, at 351 North State Road 7. Some members requested that the Steering Committee meetings be held in east Broward.

Ari Abraham Porth, Assistant State Attorney, Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP) gave a presentation on the truancy program. The elementary school program involves 37 elementary schools and holds parents responsible for school absences. Three unexcused absences will result in a social worker/liaison calling or visiting the home. If the problem continues, after five unexcused absences, the parents receive a subpoena to report to Broward County with the social worker in attendance. There is a 10-day window for the State Attorney to access school records. Six retired police officers and former FBI detectives have been hired for the program. A home visit by the social worker focuses on the root cause of why the child continues to miss school and help is offered to the parent. If problem continues after the State Attorney's notice is delivered, after 10 unexcused absences, a meeting takes place including police officers, the school principal, the social worker, and hopefully, the parent(s). If the parent(s) fails to come to the meeting, the parent(s) is(are) charged with a second degree misdemeanor or even first degree misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor. To date, misdemeanors have been filed against 103 parents but only four have violated probation and attendance has improved. The above program is focused on elementary level school children. When an older child is placed on juvenile probation, one of the requirements is to attend school with no tardiness/absence. Are there new avenues to explore? Mr. Porth stated that the program needs tweaking. One recommendation has been to avoid clogging the courts by having a place for the juveniles to go before court during after-school hours or on weekends. Senior volunteers could be called on to teach character curriculum that the school board has in place, to a small group of eight to ten violating juveniles, instead of sending the juveniles to court.

Nancy Weintraub raised the question of how language and cultural diversity is being addressed. Mr. Porth responded that Spanish, Creole, and English are used. Ms. Weintraub asked about Asians, Russians, Hindus, etc. and suggested a language bank to work with the County to address comprehension issues. Mr. Porth stated that one of the conditions of parent probation is that they attend a 12-hour parenting class by Broward County. Mr. Porth asked if there is interest in the after-school/weekend program to involve seniors and is character education appropriate?

Joan Glickman said that some seniors will do well but indicated that other seniors will not be able to handle the children. It varies depending upon the person. Another QOL member stated that as the age of the child increases, it becomes more difficult.

Skip pointed out the collaborative opportunities that exist with such entities as the Children's Strategic Plan and the Children's Services Council, the Neighborhood Projects, etc. Steve Sampier added that they have begun to address truancy in the Dorsey River Neighborhood Projects program. DCF tried for three years to decrease truancy in Jacksonville and expanded to eleven sites. Broward County is one of them.

Hal agreed to contact Fred Murry of the Family Success Centers.

Sue Kimberlin of DCF stated that an unexcused absence results in reduction of cash assistance TANF checks to the family until the child's attendance improves. She recommended that DCF be involved in the truancy program. Skip asked for volunteers to pull together a meeting. Mr. Porth said that ideas and direction for the program would be welcomed.

The following QOL members volunteered to meet on this issue:

Skip Johnston

Hal Wiggin

Mary Macomber

Renee Cundiff

Sue Kimberlin

Sondra Bernard-Bastien

Steve Sampier

It was recommended that Edith Lederberg be included, as well as Fred Murry and Carol Smith.

Mike De Lucca asked Dick Ogburn about the status of the Executive Summary for *The Broward Benchmarks*. Dick said that the indicators have been selected, and work is in progress to develop the graphics for better presentation of the data. He informed that the current extract version is available for the CCB retreat on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Skip stated that the substantive status of where we are and what happens for the rest of the year, for example with the PRC survey and the CRI, will be discussed at the CCB retreat.

Mike asked for information on the Our Health, and he asked that it be put on the record that David Roach has provided updated data. Dick mentioned that there are some consistency questions – some indicators have updates and others do not, and this may impact formatting. The 15-page Executive Summary could be e-mailed in PDF format. Skip said that a three-page sample is all that would be needed. Hal will write a status memo for the Community Resource Inventory.

Skip asked for success stories such as grants like the Community Access Program (CAP) and various other initiatives, so those attending the retreat can see the accomplishments.

Nancy Weintraub asked Dick Ogburn if there is any way to show demographics of school change in the student body. There is no majority in the system and this is important in terms of diversity. Skip said let's talk about showing the extent of diversity as students move through the school system.

Reneé reported that the County received the Senior Report last week.

John Werner announced that there is a National Child Health Day on November 19<sup>th</sup> that conflicts with the next QOL meeting and recommended that the next QOL meeting be postponed so that QOL members may attend the special conference. He distributed flyers with the conference information.

Mike De Lucca announced that within three weeks anyone linked to the BIN will be able to use the new eligibility determination program, and it is likely to expand further. Broward County is farther ahead than other areas of the country in identifying eligibility for programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

**DATE/TIME/PLACE OF NEXT TWO MEETINGS:**

December 17, 2001  
8:00 am  
Memorial Regional Hospital  
Parlors A & B  
3501 Johnson Street  
Hollywood, FL

January 7, 2001  
8:00 am  
Memorial Regional Hospital  
Parlors A & B  
3501 Johnson Street  
Hollywood, FL

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**The Coordinating Council of Broward  
Quality of Life Committee Meeting**

**November 5, 2001**

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