

FLORIDA COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

MEETING MINUTES

A teleconference meeting of the Florida CSSBMB, Criminal Justice & Gangs Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Council Members Present:

Shila Salem, Presiding
Andre Smith

Council Members Absent:

Argatha Gilmore, Chair

Other's Attending:

David Denson, Community Participant

First Agenda Item: Welcome

Shila Salem welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the teleconference and thereafter requested roll call.

Second Agenda Item: Roll Call

Roll call was executed by Council staff Tawanna Leven-Forbes.

Third Agenda Item: Opening Invocation

Andre Smith gave the invocation.

Fourth agenda item: Call to Order

Shila Salem called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and the agenda was adopted as posted.

Fifth Agenda Item: Greetings from Council Chair

Not available

Ms. Salem asked for comments from David Denson.

Mr. Denson talked about:

- His involvement with the county school system
- The problem in the community involving young black boys
- His observation on the Civil Citation and first offenders

Sixth Agenda Item: Annual Report Decision Points

Ms. Salem talked about issues that were discussed on the last subcommittee meeting, stating that one issue was recommendations in the past Annual Reports.

Andre Smith talked about representatives that are needed who are not on the subcommittee, stating that the subcommittee needs to decide what should be the focus.

Ms. Salem talked about intervention programs that were discussed from the subcommittee's previous teleconference. She talked about looking at areas with active local councils stating that

she believe that the Council should align with the communities that the Council is trying to serve as a statewide Council saying that the Urban Leagues could serve as the local councils.

Mr. Smith stated that the Council needs to discuss how to get beyond the \$50 thousand dollars appropriations. He said that the Council has no means of taking in funding because the Direct Support Organization (DSO) is not active.

Rick Nuss stated that the DSO which was created four years ago does not have all of its appointed members. He added that three years ago a change was made in the statutes that the Council can receive grants.

Ms. Salem asked Mr. Nuss whether the presidents of the Urban Leagues had been approached by the Council with a memorandum of agreement on what their role would be with the Council and have they been asked if they would be interested in serving as the local councils.

Mr. Nuss stated that they have been asked to attend Council meetings.

Ms. Salem talked about the agenda item that list identifying key stakeholders.

Mr. Smith talked about proper venting for key stakeholders saying that some of the organizations are requesting grant funding through the state that could put some in conflict of interest.

Ms. Salem stated that once the key stakeholders have been identified the correct process of meeting with them would be to decide a meeting time to meet with the subcommittee chair and the chair of the Council.

Tawanna Leven-Forbes stated that the correct way to call a meeting with key stakeholders would be the call of the Council chair and the meeting time would be decided upon by the executive committee.

Ms. Salem talked about the Annual Report saying that she looked at previous years recommendations saying that a couple of the recommendations could be mentioned in this year's Annual Report.

Mr. Smith talked about the concern of the Council which keeps making recommendations and previous recommendations that have not been addressed.

Mr. Denson talked about the Derrick Brooks foundation and stated that it has always been a stakeholder and in partnership with the Council and will continue.

Seventh Agenda Item: For the Good of the Order

Ms. Salem stated that she is inspired that the Council have a plan for the September meeting and hopefully the Council will be able to continue to progress forward with creating long and short term goals and plans; and engage in a community partnerships which is very important because they are doing the work, the role of the Council should be to provide the support, information

and muscle that the community needs to get the job done because without the help of the community the Council could not do the work.

Eighth Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Ms. Leven-Forbes stated that the next meeting is October 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Ninth Agenda Item: Adjournment

Ms. Salem declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

