

St. Johns County Civic Roundtable Minutes
January 11, 2021

Submitted by Maureen Long, Recording Secretary

The meeting was Via Virtual Zoom Teleconference Meeting was opened at 12:15 noon by Chairman Jim McLane. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited guest speaker Jason Barrett, President & CEO of Flagler Health+ an expansion of Flagler Hospital was introduced.

Mr. Barrett presented a power point presentation describing the role of Flagler Health + in our Community, beginning with Flagler Hospital's role of serving and caring for the residents of St. Johns County since 1889, its role as the largest private employer in SJC, and Flagler Hospital's evolution into Flagler Health+.

With a commitment to total health care aimed at advancing the physical, social and economic health of Northeast Florida communities. Highlights were provided of how Flagler Health + is working in different ways and different sectors of our community, reaching out to the areas that are bankrupt in medical care, and working to revise health care so it is not just acute care but total level of care based on the individual services needed.

- Care Connect works in the community to connect residents with available services and resources that will help to keep them safe & healthy. By coordinating medical services, prescription assistance program, rental assistance, utility payments, food banks, transportation, ending homelessness and more. Care Connect has many locations throughout St. Johns and Flagler Counties offering preventive care, behavioral health, disease management and wellness offerings all designed with health and well-being in mind
- Working with Publix Grocery stores offering Publix Walk-In Care Clinics / Telehealth through a Kiosk, incentive programs to help citizens through behavior modification to ensure health through good food and diet, earning points for healthy choices when shopping.
- B.R.A.V.E: Be Resilient And Voice Emotions is another program Flagler Health + provides, funded by The Players Championship and partnering with the SJC School System. Because suicide in school age children is a true problem the BRAVE program was launched to curb student mental health stigma. It encourages area youth to get in touch with their own mental health. Children and teens have depression, anxiety, stress and sadness, and it's not easy for them to ask for help. This program teaches them be open to receiving help, and access the care they need right away through a 24-hour crisis hotline, care coordination to navigate services, virtual mental health counseling, and more.

- Flagler Health+ and UF Health collaborate on 40 acres at Durbin Park located between Interstate 95 and State Road 9B. The project will be a Flagler Health+ Village with family practices, women's care, and pediatrics will open January 2023.

Mr. Barrett answered questions from members and attendees.

General Roundtable Business:

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the meeting of December 2020 were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: A balance of \$965.00 in our account was reported. Dues for membership will be going out later this month.

Budget for 2021 was accepted and approved.

Janet Patten, Government Affairs Chair reported the State Legislative Session will begin on March 2 for two months. Both the new President of the Senate and new Speaker have indicated that they want to tackle sea level rise during their terms.

The federal EPA Administrator gave Florida leadership a huge gift before the end of the year by approving the transfer of federal wetlands permitting to the state despite strong opposition from environmentalists and citizens. There will likely be an effort to overturn this exemption with the new Biden Administration.

Vice-Chair McGlynn reported on the presentation to the State Delegation, LAMP Program, the vaccine rollout and gave the transportation report .

John Pilecki, Education Chair reported the 1/5/21 Workshop addressed safety in our schools and how they provide a safe and secure environment for all students and teachers. The Hope Scholarship was brought up in discussion and was explained that it is for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who attend a Florida public school and have been bullied, harassed, assaulted, threatened and or other violent acts in order that they are able to transfer to another public school or enroll in an approved private school. The next school board meeting will be tomorrow, 1/12/21.

Chair McLane went around the "room" for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 8th at noon Via Virtual Zoom Teleconference Meeting with Sheriff Rob Hardwick as guest speaker.