**Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes**

Friday, May 3rd, 2024, 8:30am-11:30am CST

**Location:**

Destin City Hall Annex

4200 Indian Bayou Trail

Destin, FL

Note:  The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript.

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

***Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Members in attendance:***

* Erik Dellenback-Chair
* Scott George
* Chad Garmon
* Kelli Stargel
* Gerard Duncan
* Denise Harle
* Pam Olsen
* Reno Zunz
* Mel Ponder
* Lori Bontell
* Calvin Martin-Vice Chair – Virtual
* Mami Kisner – Virtual
* Michael Sheedy – Virtual
* James Drake – Virtual

***Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Members unable to attend:***

* Erin Grall
* Stephan Tchividjian
* Anthony Verdugo
* Dr. Jerry Haag
* Mario Bramnick
* Adam Voran
* Yosef Weinstock
* Chad Poppell
* Jason Cullum
* Jeff Ford

**PROCEEDINGS**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** |
| **Call to Order and Roll Call** | * Chair Dellenback called the meeting to order (8:30am). * Roll called by staff—quorum present with 14 members in attendance. |
| **Public Comment** | * Secretary Eric Hall: Department of Juvenile Justice |
| **Chairman Report Update** | * Chair Dellenback:   + Update on Phase II: Gap Counties and Critical Mass   + Update on Major Statistics: CarePortal Response team in every county in Florida   + Update on Phase III: Denominations, Networks, and Ministry Associations. |
| **Council Presentation:**  **Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs** | * General James Hartsell – Executive Director, Florida Department of Veteran’s Affairs   + General Hartsell presented on the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs and its relation to Florida’s faith institutions and community organizations. The General highlighted resources available to all would like to connect and serve Veteran’s in Florida * Holly Bernardo – Director of Hope Navigators, Florida Department of Veteran’s Affairs   + Holly Bernardo presented on the incorporation of Hope Florida, A Pathway for Patriot’s into the mission of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs. She highlighted the relationship that faith institutions can have on the well-being and care of Florida Veterans. * Q&A with General Hartsell, Holly Bernardo, and the Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council. |
| **Council Collaboration** | * Council Discussion: Local Conversations with Faith and Community Leaders |
| **Closing** | * Chair Dellenback   + Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Mel Ponder   + Seconded by Councilmember Lori Bontell   + Meeting adjourned. (11:35am) |

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