



## Board of Directors Meeting

January 10, 2013

### Community Councils' Appointments

**Item II.D.**

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**Recommended Action:** Approve Five (5) Appointments to the Community Councils

**Issue:** Community Engagement

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#### **Background:**

In October 2005, the JWB Board approved a new set of guidelines that governed the operation of the Community Councils. Included in the operating guidelines is the provision that all Community Council members must be approved by the Board. The Board approved the categories from which the recruits would be selected, which included the following: Community Representative, Government, Business, Education, Civic Organization, and Youth/Young Adults.

#### **Current Situation:**

Of the five (5) applicants recommended to serve on the Community Councils, one (1) will serve on the North County Community Council, one (1) on the Mid County Community Council, and three (3) on the South County Community Council. Upon Board approval, the membership count of each community council will consist of 13-North County; 12-Mid County; and 14-South County; collectively totaling 39 members.

#### **North:**

**Mary Sharrow** resides in Oldsmar and is the Steering Committee secretary for the Peace4Tarpon trauma informed community initiative (North County Children's Initiative) in Tarpon Springs. Mary has a long history of community involvement, and is also a volunteer mentor at Tarpon Springs Elementary School. She wants to serve on the NCCC to represent her community and maintain the strong connection with Peace4Tarpon. Mary has been attending NCCC meetings for several months.

#### **Mid:**

**Khendra Riley** was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. She is a member of the Tenth Street Church of God where for several years she has participated in the choir and Sunday school. Ms. Riley graduated from USF with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communication with a concentration in Interpersonal Communications. She has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in Hillsborough County and The Salvation Army. Ms. Riley has also volunteered at Gulf Academy and Lake Academy, Juvenile Detention Facilities in Pinellas County. She is employed by Universal Healthcare as the Pinellas County Community Outreach Associate, which has significantly broadened her interest in community involvement.

**South:**

**Samantha Haigler Nevins** is the current President of the Junior League of St. Petersburg (JLSP) and is adjunct faculty at the University of South Florida, College of Public Health. She brings a diversity of knowledge and experience to SCCC and has attended several meetings since 2011. Ms. Haigler Nevins desires to learn more about the needs of the community.

**Randolph Lewis** is an accomplished speaker, author, trainer, and community activist. He is the President of Lewis Maxwell Training Consultants, Inc., a multidimensional education, business and criminal justice training firm. His career has been in the criminal justice and public safety arena. Previously he was a Criminal Justice Project Coordinator II with Southeastern Public Safety Institute at St. Petersburg College where he facilitated In-service Criminal Justice training for both Law Enforcement and Corrections Personnel. He supports partnerships that emphasize education, skills development and emotional support. Mr. Lewis is interested in serving on SCCC to offer his expertise to assist families in Pinellas County, specifically the south region.

**Octavia Teharte** is the mother of four children, and a community advocate for health and parental engagement, and brings a high level of professional experience and personal knowledge. She enjoys networking and interacting with others to create and/or enhance solutions. Ms. Teharte hopes her service on SCCC expands the opportunity to advocate further about services and programs in the community.

Staff is recommending these applicants be approved to serve on North, Mid, and South County Community Councils:

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Regional Area:</b>	<b>Category:</b>
Mary Sharrow	North County	Community Representative
Khendra Riley	Mid County	Business
Samantha Haigler Nevins	South County	Civic Organization
Randolph Lewis	South County	Community Representative
Octavia Teharte	South County	Community Representative