

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EDUCATIONAL & MEDICAL
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Educational & Medical Sub-Committee was held on Friday, June 14, 2013 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Mr. Jerry Mayes, Staff Liaison.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairperson	Rick Demeter	Present
Vice Chairperson	Mel Levendorf	Present
Sub-Committee Member	Karl Brown	Absent
Sub-Committee Member	Harry Wilkins	Excused
Sub-Committee Member	George Voll	Present
Sub-Committee Member	Damon Kruid	Absent
Sub-Committee Member	Tracey Sandell	Present
Staff Liaison	Jerry Mayes	Present

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Rick Demeter led the Sub-Committee members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Request for Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Mel Levendorf, seconded by Ms. Tracey Sandell, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2013 meeting, with amendment.

Motion carried with members voting unanimously.

5. WELCOME:PUBLIC SECTOR PARTICIPANTS, GUESTS AND PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Mr. Rick Demeter welcomed the public sector participants, guests, public attendees.

6. CITY LIAISON REPORT:

Updates on Bethune-Cookman University

Mr. Jerry Mayes stated the university announced that they are still moving forward with lease/purchase agreement for the Jerry Robinson Plaza. He also stated Bethune-Cookman would be bringing collegiate soccer to Deltona as part of their program and they would also be looking for sports tourism.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Bethune-Cookman University as July 12, 2013 guest speaker – Jerry Mayes**

Discussed on Item 6.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Guest Speaker from Halifax Health**

Mr. Rick Demeter introduced John Guthrie as the Director of Corporate Communications for Halifax Health as the guest speaker.

Mr. John Guthrie stated that Halifax Health was founded in 1928 and from the beginning they were always committed to provide the best care for the area. He explained that Halifax Health started with 22 doctors, 22 nurses and four (4) dentists, and now they have the main campus in Daytona Beach and employs most of their own physicians with 4,000 team members. He also stated that Halifax Health has the capital to invest in structure and they are now committed to serve the east part of the county.

Ms. Diane Dickenson asked if Halifax is planning to establish a local administrative office or it will be done from Daytona Beach and Mr. John Guthrie answered that the majority will still be centralized in Daytona in the beginning, but there would be a practice manager and everything will be healthcare related, but it all depends how large it can get.

Mr. John Guthrie stated the Halifax Health purchased a property located at the corner of Saxon Boulevard and Finland Street to start their primary care and they are looking for property all over the city where then can build from scratch.

Ms. Diane Dickenson asked if it will be a family practice or a walk-in clinic/urgent care and Mr. John Guthrie answered that the service provided is a family practice but it will also have the walk-in ability, not so much the urgent care side, beginning with adult care and it can be extended to children care depending on the community needs.

Ms. Tracey Sandell asked if the hours of operations for the new practice could be extended and Mr. John Guthrie answered that it could be extended because what they want is to have a practice that is going to work well for everybody.

Mr. Rick Demeter asked about the timeframe to have a new facility up and running and Mr. John

Guthrie answered that Halifax Health wants to set up a campaign to receive feedback from the community; hire the right physician that would serve also the Hispanic community; build the facility and definitely by the end of 2014 it should be open and ready to go.

Mr. Jerry Mayes asked if there is a possibility of building a local hospital and Mr. John Guthrie answered that he doesn't have anything to say, but it is definitely in consideration and it all depends how the first steps go.

Mr. George Voll asked how long it would take to build what our community needs in healthcare and Mr. John Guthrie stated it would take about five (5) years and Halifax Health wants to do whatever is needed.

Mr. Mel Levendorf asked if Halifax Health has plans to start their own school for nurses just like Fish Memorial Hospital and Mr. John Guthrie answered that they have such a great relationship with Daytona State College and Bethune-Cookman University that they rather have partners than start this type of business.

Ms. Tracey Sandell asked if the insurance companies will be dictating the Halifax Health growth and Mr. John Guthrie answered that it would interfere if Medicaid is expanded, and right now it does not look like Florida would change that.

9. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Tracey Sandell thanked Mr. John Guthrie and Halifax Health for taking in consideration the community needs.

Mr. George Voll said it is a real blessing to have Halifax Health taking this active role to change Deltona in a positive way.

Ms. Tanya Boggs stated she appreciates the Halifax Health commitment to our community.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Diane Dickenson thanked Mr. John Guthrie for taking time to come to the meeting and she is looking forward to seeing the results.

11. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

July 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., 2nd Floor, Conference Room.

Mr. Rick Demeter reminded the Sub-Committee members about the Bethune-Cookman guest speaker scheduled for the next meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Dr. Mel Levendorf, seconded by Mr. George Voll, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with members voting unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Mel Levendorf, Vice Chairperson

Angela Lima-Meyer, Recording Secretary