McKinlay Memo - District 6 Update

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Health Care District Addiction Clinic Expansion

This week the Health Care District held the grand opening of its expanded Mangonia Park Addiction Clinic. This clinic is located on the same campus as HCA Florida's JFK North Addiction Stabilization Unit and allows the HCD to provide dignified wraparound services comprised of primary care, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment all at the same location. This approach treats addiction as a medical illness and will serve everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

This addiction treatment program is a wonderful example of public-private partnership. It has been recognized by the Governor as an innovative model to implement in twelve other communities across the state.

The grand opening follows the recent news of the Health Care District's introduction of a 24/7 ground transportation element. Together, these advancements further prove our County's serious commitment to addressing

substance use disorder.

At the grand opening, it was a surprise to be recognized by the HCD's CEO Darcy Davis for my efforts to address the addiction crisis and unwavering support for this addiction treatment model. I appreciate this recognition, but I will never forget the parents, recovery community advocates, and healthcare and community leaders who all have played a role in pushing for advances in the collective fight against substance use disorder. We have come a long way, but the journey is far from over. I will continue standing side-by-side with them as we pursue new ideas and programs to save lives.

If you or someone you care about needs medical treatment, you can reach the Health Care District's clinics at 561-642-1000.

SR 715 Memorial

On August 19th, the memorial sign designating a portion of SR 715 as the Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Jonathan Wallace Highway was erected. This was the culmination of several years of teamwork! There are so many people to thank for their efforts, including Tammy Bunting from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Transportation, State Senators Gayle Harrell and Tina Polsky, State Representative Kelly Skidmore, Palm Beach County Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Ed Chase, Assistant County Administrator Todd Bonlarron, and my fellow County Commissioners.

It has been an honor to help the Manual and Wallace families make this designation happen to ensure Donta and Jonathan, two brave officers who gave their lives serving

the Glades, will always be remembered by our community.

International Opioid Awareness Day

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Aug. 23, I presented a proclamation declaring Aug. 31, 2022, as International Overdose Awareness Day. This day is recognized in communities around the world to remember those whose lives have been lost and to raise awareness about risks of overdose.

Pictured here (front row l to r): Staci Katz, Our2Sons; Marsha Martino, NAMI of PBC; Commissioner Melissa McKinlay; Alexa Lee, PBC Behavioral Health Coalition; Nancy McConnell, Rebel Recovery. (back row l to r): Weston Probst, BeWell PBC; John Hulick, PBC Office of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder.

FDOT Public Meetings

The Florida Department of Transportation is holding a public information meeting on the road improvement projects for SR 715 from north of SR 80 to south of West Canal Street South and SR 80 from SR 25/US 27 to east of Glades Glen Drive.

The meeting will be held simultaneously in both virtual and in-person formats on September 1st at 5 pm. To register for the virtual meeting, visit here.

The in-person meeting will be at Belle Glade City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd West, Belle Glade, 33430.

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The Florida Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting in two formats on the road improvement project at SR 700/Conners Highway from North of 1st Street to west of SR 80.

The virtual public meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, at 6 pm. To register, visit here.

The in-person meeting will be Thursday, September 8, from 6-7:30 pm at the City of Pahokee Recreation Complex, 360 East Main Street, Pahokee, 33476.

60-Day Notice for Renters

Important news for renters! The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously today to support an ordinance requiring landlords to give tenants a written 60-day notice of rent increases or lease termination. The Board will do a final vote on this new requirement on September 13th.

The County Code will be amended to require landlords to give renters a 60-day written notification for either non-renewal of a residential lease, termination of a residential lease, or an increase of the rental rate by more than five percent. This will apply across the entire county unless a city chooses to opt out. The full text of the ordinance can be read here: http://www.pbcgov.com/pubInf/Agenda/20220823/6G1.pdf.

This important step will help our residents handle the challenging rental market. More than half of the renters in PBC pay more than 30% of their household income for rent, with rents increasing an average of 37% this year. With this ordinance, renters would have more time to adjust to higher rents or seek other housing options.
I am excited to support this new policy and will continue to explore ways to help Palm Beach County residents have safe, affordable housing without increasing their taxes.

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