



HIDTA MEETING
August 6, 2020

Location:

Zoom Online Meeting

Attendees present: Stephen Collins (HIDTA – Central Florida); Agent Brad Cervi (Sheriff's Office - Brevard County); Lt. Ron Little (Sheriff's Office – Brevard County); Denise Devlin (Department of Juvenile Justice); Nicole Ishikawa; Stanley Brizz (Eckerd Connects/Brevard Prevention Coalition); Andrew DiRisio (Eckerd Connects)

I – GREETINGS, INTRODUCTIONS, OVERALL UPDATES

- Stanley Brizz opened the meeting, introducing those currently attending.
- Stanley Brizz reviewed the overall functions of the coalition, the current subcommittees, and the providers involved.
- Stephen Collins began speaking about HIDTA, their mission, and how they can help the coalition.
- HIDTA is a grant program currently administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).
- At the local level, each HIDTA task force is directed and guided by Executive Boards composed of an equal number of regional Federal and non-Federal (state, local, and tribal) law enforcement leaders.
- Their goal is to provide assistance for law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions.
- There are currently 33 HIDTAs designated by congress. Brevard County is now part those areas as the drug threats have expanded.
- Funds are primarily for law enforcement initiatives and supplementing law enforcement budgets. On occasion they can apply for discretionary funds for additional needs.
- HIDTA can serve as a great information resource to the coalition, including sharing data from the OD MAP.
- Stephen Collins agreed to join the coalition and the criminal justice subcommittee.