

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

August 2, 2018

MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:30pm

Location: Lauderdale Manors Resource Center
1400 NW 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Time Adjourned: 3:04pm

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Attendees Present: Keisha Grey; Mickey Singletary; Tiara Cunningham; RaShani Boyton; K. Despeignes; C. Somarrida; Tojia Sutherland; Tynetta Brown; Phyllis Harris; Calandra Richardson; Beverly Plummer; Kali Fabal; James McIntosh; Mirander GoPaul; Angela Vargas; Yasmin Rivera; Peggy Flood; Michael Stanislaus

HIP Staff Present: **Ebony Dorcelus**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Lina Silva**, Homeless Initiative Partnership

Welcome &

Introductions:

Meeting was called to order by Chair Carole Mitchell who began with introductions.

Committee members and attendees introduced themselves

Discussion of Meeting “Merger”

Meetings will be sun-shined and a brief announcement proposing to change committees name and there will be a vote during August meeting.

Approval of

Minutes:

Approval of minutes for **June 7, 2018**.

Motion: Dr. Keisha Grey

Second: RaShani Boynton

Result: Passed

New Business:

Homeless Continuum of Care Updates

Discussion about the PIT count.

There will be a PIT count taking place and Shira Fowlkes will be looking for volunteers.

For further information members can email Shira at sfowlkes@BRHPC.org

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART) –
National Homeless Awareness in November 2018.

Last year school ending June 7th; there was a 79% increase in identification.

The following below may have caused this increase.

There were roughly 1300 displaced students, who were affected by the hurricane.

There was an increase in title one funding, so that there could be a new hire of community leads.

Student housing questionnaire will be sent out every single student across Broward County public schools and there will be an option for parents to check if they rent or own, which will help the determine who is experiencing homelessness.

Students identified as homeless in the last three school years.

2015-2016 school year = 2254
2016-2017 school year = 2746
2017-2018 school year = 4931

55% of the students experiencing homelessness are ages 4-10.

- 2621 – Black
- 1704 – Hispanic
- 449 – White
- 106 – Multi race
- 42 – Asian
- 9 – Native American

Gender rate is 50/50 male/female.

How do we know to look for Homelessness with students?

- “Free reduced lunch students”. Does not mean that the students are experiencing homelessness, however you can have a higher chance of experiencing homelessness.
- Based on the free reduced lunch count, there are more than 157,000.

Total number of seniors in the HEART program:

348 seniors

211 graduated 61%

39% did not

Dr. Phil speaks briefly about the importance of attendance.

Attendance symposium; all community partners are invited *September 12, 2018 at 8:00am-12:00pm* at Broward Performing Arts Center.

September is Attendance.

Brief agency update: Dr. Grey; Status of Girl and Young Woman in Broward County report that is being worked on by the Girls Coordinating Council is working on – ages 0-22; “A Call for Success stories. Who has experienced homelessness, working, or in school, in Broward County.

What are the needs and gaps for the girls. *Story is due August 22, 2018.*

Presenter: *Kali Fabal*; Lutheran Services/ Lippman Youth Center

– Ages 10-17 Monday – Friday; Short term emergency shelter.

Runaway Hotline are put in place for the child; if youth calls, they will pay for them to get transportation back home, no matter where in the state.

The goal for the shelter is unification in the home, family therapy. Every student that is a part of the Lippman program is taken to and from school on their 30 day stay and the child is followed until the age of 18. There must be an update on the student in the program every 30 days.

There are 20 beds available, and the program never turns away a homeless child.

Presenter: Phyllis Harris – Broward Health Kinship Cares Initiative

Kinship Plus program has been around for 10 years. The mission is to make sure families receive health insurance, records are up to date, and linked to services as the HYF/Shelter providers.

Outreach source that links the families to the right sources.

Emergency and Transitional Shelter Census:

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) - 0**

- **Broward Outreach Center (South) -**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – 0**
- **Covenant House – 3 males 18 under/ 6 females/ 18 no**
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- **Hope South Florida/Hope for Families – send referral**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – send referral**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. –**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 - 3**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 - send referral**
- **Susan B. Anthony – 0**
- **Volunteers of America -**
- **Women in Distress – send referral**

Agency/ Organization:

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm; next meeting will be held on *September 6, 2018*.