

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

December 6, 2018

MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:36pm

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

Time Adjourned: 3:38pm

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Attendees Present: **Darrell Cunningham**, Community Partnership Division; **Laura Saldana**, Lutheran Services Florida; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress; **Danielle Ford**, Women in Distress; **Keisha Gray**, Children's Service Council; **Toija Sutherland**, Broward Partnership; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership; **Jamie Perkins**, Childnet; **Frank Voehl**; St Vincent Paul; **Anike Sakariyawo**, SEEK Foundation; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health; **Natasha Grant**, Florida Department of Children; **Patrice Troope**, Young At Art Museum; **Tanya Cassidi**, **Michael Stanislaus**, Covenant House; **RaShani Boynton**, HOMES Inc.; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership; **Tanzania Fields**, Broward Outreach Center; **Tynetta Brown**, Broward Outreach Center; **LEO Francois**

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

Welcome & Introductions:

Meeting was called to order by Carole Mitchell who began with introductions. Committee 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 November 1, 2018.

Motion: Toiya Sutherland

Second: Laura Saldana

Result: Minutes approved as written

New Business:

Homeless Continuum of Care Updates

Brief update on the encampment and Stranahan Park. The encampment shut down was a huge success.

Staff will continue working with service providers, FSAD will continue working to keep the individuals/families stabilized and each client will be assigned a case manager. The staff will be monitoring and tracking at least twice a week how many clients have been moved to permanent and supportive housing. United Way will continue identifying units as a part of the process for stabilizing the clients.

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)

3589 students registered for the HEART program.

4.7% Pre School

55.3% Elementary School

21% Middle School

19% High School – within this percentage, 64 students are unaccompanied youth (not living with a parent or guardian).

1st Annual Prayer Breakfast was held November 18, 2018 – the goal was to get the Faith based community to come together and serve as a community outreach.

Staff from the HEART program attended the “Sleep Out” at Covenant House.

HEART staff slept outside and experienced what families go through daily.

Signature Event for families (family fun/food baskets/clothing) will take place December 15, 2018 from 11:00am – 4:00pm located at the Lauderdale Manors Resource Center.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Keisha Grey/ Collective Impact/ Turn the Curve Report

Mission: Pulling all resources and make a lot with a little!

Committee has a brief discussion about the Poverty/ Homeless Population hand out.

Population Result –

Community related condition to our youth and families that is ideal.

Align local agencies and government entities to monitor and address issues of youth in transition in Broward County

Committee feedback

- All youth and families will have access to employment.
- All youth and families will have affordable housing.
- Financial Literacy
- Access to education
- Access to community resources
- Resilience
- All youth and families in Broward County will have the opportunity to be self – sufficient
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Indicators –

Committee has open discussion about the top three indicators which will help give a better understanding on what the focus should be.

- Domestic Violence - 4
- Free reduce lunch - 6
- PIT count numbers (track annually) - 11
- Department of Juvenile Justice correctional facility (Annually) – 17 ***
- Teen pregnancy - 6
- Substance abuse - 15
- Suicidal Youth/ Mental Health – 14
- Human Trafficking – 10
- LGBTQ – 5
- Public Assistance – 4
- Child Abuse – 13
- Employed – 12
- Graduation Rates (Annually) – 19 ***
- School District count numbers Homeless Youth (Annually) – 18 ***
- Relative Care/ Foster Care – 9 (By race and ethnicity)

The items highlighted are going to be what the committee will use as the first three focus points.

Story behind the Curve –

Understanding what are the community conditions that are creating poverty and homelessness in the community.

- Lack of affordable housing
- Access to financial literacy
- Abusers and/or utilizers of community resources.
- Social emotional functioning
- Lack of education on home ownership
- Domestic violence
- Institutional racism/implicit bias
- Access to mental health counsel
- Affordable healthcare

Partners -

- Business community
- Housing Authority
- Realtor Organizations
- United Way
- Broward Behavioral Health Coalition
- Legal Aid
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Habitat
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Faith Base
- Community Banks
- Department of Children and Families
- Law Enforcement
- City Leaders
- Youth Representation
- Local Colleges
- Grant Writers
- Therapist
- Financial Literacy
- Life Coach
- Families/Consumers
- Health Instructors

What Works -

- Sharing Resources
- Equal access to resources
- Parent engagement
- Collaboration
- Best practices
- Affordable Housing
- Life Coaches
- Counseling
- Job Skills training
- Independent Living training
- Strategic patience/planning/finding
- Case management

- Automobile education
- Shelter for larger families
- Rental endowment
- Hosting homes for youth
- Landlord Partnership

5 Steps-

Mission and Population Result:

- Identify what's going on in other counties
- Identify current funders and share committee work and possibly ask them to adopt to their strategic plan.
- Identify resources that are available for homeless youth and families transition population.
- Share the turn the curve report with children services council.
- Share success stories.

Emergency and Transitional Shelter Census:

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) – no update**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – no update**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – 0**
- **Covenant House – Send Referrals**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – send referrals**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – Shared Unit on waiting list**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 - No update**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – No update**
- **Susan B. Anthony – No update**
- **Volunteers of America – 0**
- **Lipman Shelter- no update**
- **Women in Distress – Call the hotline and pet shelter is currently open**
- **Hope South Florida/Hope for Families – no update**

Good of the Order: *Students apply directly to Broward College.*

The Broward Futures Endowment is a collaboration with Broward College, Broward College Foundation, Broward Sheriff's Office and Broward County. These parties entered into the agreement to establish an endowment fund to provide scholarships

to at-risk students in Broward County. In order to apply for the Broward Futures Scholarship and be considered for selection, the applicant must meet the eligibility criteria including at-risk factors, demonstrate financial need, readiness to study at the postsecondary level, seeking a degree or certificate, have a referral from a completion of a youth mentoring or otherwise eligible program.

Agency/ Organization: *Committee members give agency updates*

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm; next meeting will be held on *January 10, 2019*.