

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

June 7, 2018

MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:30pm

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

Time Adjourned: 3:30pm

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Attendees Present: **Carole Mitchell**, Chair; **Jamie Perkins**, ChildNet; **Laurie Graber**, Plantation Police; **Debbie Geller**, Plantation Police; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership; **Toija Sutherland**, Broward Partnership; **Ninette Katsoulos**, Nerdel Co.; **Geraldine Lubin**, Broward Outreach; **Mickey Singletary**, Hope South Florida; **Mica Becker**, Salvation Army; **Feinando Roserio**, Salvation Army; **Peggy Flood**, Salvation Army; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress; **Danielle Ford**, Women in Distress; **Sonya Crudup**, Susan B. Anthony; **Joanne Taranto**, Henderson; **Meibys Milian**, HEART; **Kimberly Todman**, HEART; **Stacy Studnik**, Advocate, **Nina Hauser**, HEART; **Aissatou Gayle**, CBHI; **Ashlee Townsend-Nibbs**, CBHI; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health; **Patrice Troope**, ArtReach; **Cathy Branch**, Covenant House; **Tynetta Brown**, Caring Place; **RaShani Boynton**, Homes Inc.; **Marvin Feguiene**, Concerned Citizen; **Alexis Kesselman**, Nerdel inc.; **Robin Kesselman**, Nerdel inc.; **Pam Davidson**; **Keisha Grey**, Children Services Council; **Casi Day**, Covenant House;

Guests Present:

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.

Welcome/ Self – 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 **April 26, 2018**.

Motion: Toija Sutherland

Second: RaShani Boynton

Result: Minutes were approved with correction in Heart Update. – (April 19, 2018, the HEART program partnered with Ms. Esquire and Beauty Anatomy to provide new and gently used prom gowns and dresses for 8th and 12th graders). (Katy by Phone)

**New Business/
Committee Updates
and Reports:**

Brief update for Christmas in July from Ms. Pam, which will be held July 7, 2018.

So far, they have received 3 registration forms from Case Managers. All children must be registered to receive bags.

Update from Shira Fowlkes on the 2018 summary report and the breakdown of the PIT handout with requirements by HUD.

For additional information and the process of the PIT count, the website is **browardpointintime.org** and Shira can be contacted.

Reports:

Homeless Continuum of Care Updates- If you attended the Homeless Youth PIT count, if there are any ideas that you believe will be beneficial for next year's PIT count and how to improve the PIT count, feel free to let the HIP staff know.

Deerfield Beach Middle School – Update on The Young Believers Program from grades 6-8 grade, is school based and based on Scientific Technology Engineering and Mathematics programs. This program is geared and targeted toward the population of students who may be at risk of failing classes or dealing with drugs or behavioral problems. This program is not primarily targeted for the homeless community, however when assessments are completed it will show what the family needs are.

Contact information for this program – Shantal Drayton 954-524-9797

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART) –
Chair gives update on homeless count; **4806 Students PreK – 12 grades.**

3815 Active students as in June 6, 2018.

95 – PreK

1949- Elementary

797 – Middle

974- High School - *140 Seniors cap and gown were paid for.*

267 Unaccompanied Youth

164 - high school – 102 are seniors

1061 were received by the district and were displaced due to the hurricane last season.

Nina- Update on transportation

Melissa – Update on the trunk party, graduation, and importance of the community and collaboration.

Roughly 30 students went on the Broward College Tour and 47 went on the Universal end of year field trip, which was a success.

The HEART program will be giving out HEART swag bags to 85 graduating students June 7, 2018.

Summer Camp – Registration for “Mentoring Tomorrow Leaders”, you will be able to meet with Melissa for more information.

Group Discussion on how the committee can implement GAP assistance from the time student graduates High School going into College.

Emergency and Transitional Shelter Census:

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

- **Broward Outreach Center (South) - 0**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) - 0**
- **Covenant House – (Update on newly developed program for ages 13- 17 called Respite, which includes transportation and are in transition.)**
- **Hope South Florida/Hope for Families - 1**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – 18 - 24**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. -**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 -**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 -**
- **Susan B. Anthony - 4**
- **Volunteers of America -**
- **Women in Distress - 4**

Agency/ Organization: Update on the Girls Coordinated (Experiences of girls from Birth to the age 24) group that is new which meets every 3rd Monday at 2:00pm. For more information see Dr. Grey

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07am; next meeting will be held on *August 2, 2018*.