

**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting**

**October 4, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 1:36pm

**Location:** Lauderdale Manors Resource Center  
1400 NW 14<sup>th</sup> Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

**Time Adjourned:** 3:00pm

**Minutes by:** Ebony Dorcelus

**Attendees Present:** **Felisa Prieto**, Young at Art; **Laura Saldana**, Lutheran Services Florida; **Vanessa Curry**, Lutheran Services Florida; **Cara Malave**, FLITE Center; **April Bailey**, Hilson Management; **Geraldene Lubin**, Broward Outreach; **Mickey Singletary**, Hope South Florida; **Laronda Thomas**, Families 1<sup>st</sup> Broward Partnership; **Tynetta Brown**, Broward Outreach; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress; **Danielle Ford**, Women in Distress; **Michelle Nelson**, Wells Fargo Bank; **Michael Stanislaus**, Covenant House; **Keisha Gray**, Children's Service Council; **Laura Saldana**, Lutheran Services Florida; **Felisa Prieto**, Young At Art; **Stacey Mednick**, PACE; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Council; **Frank Voehl**, HEART; **Maya Berryhill- Porter**, Regional Council; **Kanisha Williams**, Office Regional Counsel, **Yasmin Rivera** ; **Selena Curry**, HEART; **Ashley Eubanks**, HEART; **Milbys Milian**, HEART; **Janessa Jean Jacques**, PACE; **Janee' Boyd**, HEART; **Melissa Banner**, HEART

**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 Janee' Boyd 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 **September 6, 2018**.

**Motion:** Felicia Prieto

**Second:** Laura Saldana

**Result:** Minutes were approved

**New Business:**

**Homeless Continuum of Care Updates**

If you are interested in the Point in Time count training, please reach out to Shira and or HIP staff.

**Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)**

As of October 3, 2018, there has been an increase of 1040 students registered in the HEART program which totals out to be 2452 students.

November is National Homeless Awareness month.

There are lots of activities set in place and there are plenty of opportunities for volunteers.

Additional information will be sent out once received.

The goal is to push the awareness of the National Homeless month in and engage in announcing this awareness in your communities.

**Presenter 1:**

Elizabeth Dorante – Associate Director of Education and Ms. Yonela Carusi, Education Senior Program Manager

Hispanic Unity is not only for the Hispanic family.

There are many programs.

- Free Tax Preparations
- Small Business Workshops
- Financial help toward studies
- Onsite job fairs
- Credit Building
- 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyers' course
- Childcare assistance
- Center Working Families

**Presenter 2**

Stacy and Vanessa – PACE Center for Girls Broward

Mission – to help the girls strive academically

- Day program which is an educational program with social service and vocational components for at risk adolescent girls.
- The social service component allows the teenage girls to meet with a councilor bi-weekly for 45mins to 1 hour.
- Health and youth transition program
- Enrichment lab that offers tutoring, test preparations free of charge
- Accredited program and has graduation every year
- Field trips to help the girls see what opportunities they have
- To help the PACE girls focus and strive academically
- Diversion program
- Citation Program
- How to become an adult (balancing check books, grocery shopping, opening a savings account, etc.)

**Presenter 3**

Michelle Nelson – Wells Fargo Bank

Presentation on financial budgets or stresses that are encountered from the community.

- Financial workshops
- Budgeting and savings workshop
- Identity theft workshops
- Credit workshops
- Get smart about credit is a community-based workshop that is taught at schools.
- Hands on banking program – ([handsonbanking.org](http://handsonbanking.org)) – speaking about needs verses wants
- Retirement / Mortgages Workshops

The goal is to currently work hard to make sure the community is aware of all the programs that Wells Fargo is offering.

Minor savings account is offered – an adult must be on the account, and the minimum to open a Minor account is \$25.

Special accounts are for offered for college students.

**Emergency and**

**Transitional Shelter  
Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) - 0**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – no update**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – Ages (18- 21) = 6 (11-17) -0**
- **Covenant House –6 beds for males over 18 / 3 beds for females over 18 youth under 18, the census is high at the moment, please send referral.**
- **Hope South Florida/Hope for Families – send referral**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – 0**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – No update**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 - No update**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – No update**
- **Susan B. Anthony – No update**
- **Volunteers of America - 0**
- **Women in Distress – Call the hotline**

**Agency/ Organization:**

**Agencies gave brief updates.**

**Adjournment &  
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm; next meeting will be held on *November 1, 2018*.