

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

September 6, 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: **Jamie Perkins**, ChildNet; **Marie Berlin**, Young At Art; **Felisa Prieto**, Young At Art; **Nathan Earl**, Ark of Freedom Alliance; **Toija Sutherland**, Broward Partnership for Homeless; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership for Homeless; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership for Homeless; **Renee Trincenello**, Covenant House; **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 1st Broward Partnership

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 attendees introduced themselves and their agencies

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 **August 2, 2018.**

Motion: Toija Sutherland

Second: Laura Saldana

Result: Minutes were approved

New Business:

Homeless Continuum of Care Updates

Currently no updates.

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)

There was a 79% increase in the students experiencing homelessness.

Looking at the free and reduced lunch helped the team identify almost 5,000 students who are in the poverty level.

School Year Updated count

1,243 enrolled in HEART Program

91- Pre-K

715 Elementary

217 Middle School

220 High School

Gender - **615** female – **628** males

Race:

7- Asian

871- Black

261- Hispanic

25 – Multi-race

1– Native

78- White

The Annual back to school event on August 25, 2018 was a success, with great vendors, family and the team received great feedback.

National Homeless Youth Awareness month is in November.

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

Presenter 1:

Nathan Earl – Ark of Freedom Alliance

- Agency is 1 year old
- Survivor of Human Trafficking
- Went to college and excelled in sports in 20s
- Healing took place for Nathan in his 30s
- The agency has a collective impact model to serve as a prevention of Human Trafficking for the male and LGBTQ community.
- They have served over 18 survivors within 3 months.
- Provide prevention education for 12-18 high risk youth
- The goal is to build relationships with the victims, screening higher risk children.
- Kati Bullark manages the youth up to 18 years old
- Nathan Earl focuses on 18 and older.
- The Ark of Freedom Alliance will like to partner and network with different agencies, schools and providers.
- The agency provides trainings and workshops for the victims to help and guide them through the process and get them off the streets.

Ark of Freedom Alliance is looking to connect with providers that want to join the movement. Presenter discussed how they want to educate the community on different modules and red flags that can be notified for the victim to understand what human trafficking is or even become alert if they are a victim of human trafficking. Also, by educating them on the safety planning and risk deductions.

Presenter 2

No update

**Emergency and
Transitional Shelter
Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) - 0**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) - 0**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – Ages (18- 21) = 6 (11-17) send referrals**
- **Covenant House – Send referrals**

- **Hope South Florida/Hope for Families – No update**
- **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 – 10 (10-17)**

Agency/ Organization:

Keystone Best Buy Teen Text Center (HANDY) – open to all community youth up to the age of 18.

Provider will connect Presenter Nathan with Kirk Brown.

Members discussed possible ways to connect and collaborate with Nathan Earl.

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm; next meeting will be held on *October 4, 2018*.