

**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
PERFORMANCE, OUTCOMES, NEEDS, AND GAPS (PONG) COMMITTEE
November 8, 2018
MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 2:33pm
Location: Governmental Center East, A-337

Time Adjourned: 4:11pm
Minutes by: Luis DeJesus, HIP

Members Present: **Scott DiMarzo**, North District Hospital Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Rep.; **Luke Harrigan**, Faith Based CoC Rep.; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way CoC Board Rep.; **Robin Martin**, Chair, Advocate for the Homeless CoC Board Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health CoC Board Rep.; **Scott Russell**, Broward Sheriff's Office CoC Board Rep.

Members Absent: **Keith Costello**, Vice Chair, Chamber of Commerce CoC Board Rep.

Guests Present: **JoAnn Anstett**, Women in Distress CoC Board Rep.; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advocacy Council; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Alysse Gossman**, **Jaid Jones**, HOPE South Florida; The Salvation Army; **Larry Rein**, ChildNet

Staff Present: **Rebecca McGuire**, HIP; **Luis DeJesus**, HIP; **Kenisha Anthony**, HIP; **Jay Ellis**, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

**Welcome &
Introductions:**

R. Martin, Chair, called the meeting to order, attendees introduced themselves, and quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of
Minutes:**

MOTION: To approve October 11, 2018 Minutes with revision.

First: S. DiMarzo

Second: M. Hernandez

Declaration of Conflict: None.

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed.

New Business: *Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Survey Review by R. McGuire, HIP and J. Ellis, HMIS:*

The PIT questionnaire includes a number of questions which may need to be updated, modified, and/or removed altogether, particularly, the local questions, based on desire data to be collected. Data collected from some of the questions is never requested or put to use. Therefore, a review of entire questionnaire is required.

S. Fowlkes, PIT Coordinator, shared background information on how and why questions were in survey.

Committee discussed all questions in length to determine changes, if applicable (removal, keep, or change).

The top part of survey seems to serve its function (demographics). However, question #9 is to include "outdoors" with first option: *Place not meant for habitation car/boat/street/encampment/abandoned building/outdoors.*

MOTION: To update question #9.
First: S. Quintana
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #14.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To keep question #15.
First: S. Russell
Second: L. Harrigan
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To keep question #16 and add *Aged out of foster care* as an option.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #17.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To keep question #18.
First: L. Harrigan
Second: S. DiMarzo
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To keep question #21.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #22.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #23.
First: S. Russell
Second: M. Hernandez
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #24.
First: S. Quintana
Second: S. DiMarzo
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #25.
First: S. Russell
Second: S. DiMarzo
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To remove question #27.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

MOTION: To add question concerning Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) that matches youth PIT survey.
First: S. DiMarzo
Second: S. Russell
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.

Children/Youth Need for Services Discussion:

Item is tabled for next meeting.

Old Business: *Update of Extreme Weather Ad Hoc Committee by T. Campbell, Chair:*

Initial Ad Hoc Committee met, provided HIP feedback on needs and recommendations. HIP met with Broward Emergency Management (EM) and Transit to discuss needs and recommendations and recognized that there would potentially be a lot hotter weather shelter days than cold weather, there would be a high cost associated with that, Transit faces the obstacle of running during the day when activations would occur which impacts Transit's schedules; so other options are being looked at. A final determination is still needed on temperature activation, but perhaps a heat index somewhere between 105-115. The National Weather Service would trigger activation initiation. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet again to discuss Broward EM and Transit's feedback.

Update on Business Council on Homelessness by R. McGuire, HIP:

United Way and City of Fort Lauderdale stepped up and help with initiative. There has been great progress made in implementing initiative.

Good of the Order: R. Martin asked for PIT recommendations to be submitted to the CoC Board as a consent agenda of some sort to include survey stricken with changes.

M. Esko thanked everyone for efforts that contribute to ending homelessness.

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:11pm; next meeting will be held on December 13, 2018 at 2:30pm in Room A-337.