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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (“HIP”)  
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Workshop  
December 9, 2020  
FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 10:06 A.M.  
**Location:** Skype Meeting

**Time Adjourned:** 10:57 A.M.  
**Minutes by** Elizabeth Ortega

**Members Via Skype:** **Senator Nan Rich**, HCoC Chair; County Commissioner District 1; **Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio, Broward Partnership for Homeless, Inc., HCoC Rep; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Ex Officio, Broward Outreach Center, HCoC Rep.; **Sandra Einhorn**, Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep.; **Caryl Hattan**, Councilmember, Broward County Housing Council, HCoC Rep; **Reniese McNeal**, Formally Homeless Representative, HCoC Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, (“BBHC”), HCoC Rep; **Steve Werthman**, Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds recipient, City of Hollywood designee, HCoC Rep.; **Melida Akiti**; Memorial Hospital District, HCoC Rep.; **Captain Scott Russell**, Broward Sheriff’s Office, HCoC Rep.; **Commissioner Benjamin Sorensen**, City of Fort Lauderdale, HCoC Rep.; **Cathy Stutin**, Fort Lauderdale Chamber, HCoC Rep.; **Danny Osley**, Formerly Homeless Representative, HCoC Rep.; **Michael Barron**, Women in Distress, HCoC Rep; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way, HCoC Rep; **Carole Mitchell**, School Board of Broward County, HCoC Rep; **Howard Bakalar** Vice-Chair; Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep. **Tiffany Garcia** , Broward County Housing Authority (“BCHA”), HCoC Rep; **Robin Martin**, Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep. **Yvette Lopez**, Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Recipient, HCoC Rep; **William Green**; Broward Health HCoC Rep.



**Members Absent:** **Jamie Costas**, Fort Lauderdale Police Department (“FLDP”) HCoC Rep.; **Dwayne Chung**, City of Hollywood Police Department, HCoC Rep; **Luke Harrigan**, Faith Based Representative, HCoC Rep.

**Staff Present/Skype:** **Rebecca McGuire**, Ph.D., Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP); **Darrell Cunningham**, Director of Community Partnerships Division; **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP); **Kavaja Sarduy** (HIP); **Ricardo Moore** (HMIS).

**Call to Order:** Senator Nan Rich called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Completed by HIP Administrator, Rebecca McGuire, Ph. D. A physical quorum was not confirmed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Senator Rich tabled the October 28, 2020 Draft meeting minutes until next meeting.

**Chair Report:**

Senator Rich introduced two new members, Lorraine Wilby, HCoC Representative for the Local Providers and Stakeholder Council and Ron Moffitt, HCoC Representative for Career Source Broward.

Senator Rich reported item #50 from the previous commission meeting will have a public hearing on January 12, 2021 to allow virtual advisory board meetings to continue and not mandate a physical quorum.

Senator Rich noted that the County is working with Broward Behavioral Health Coalition and the Nonprofit Alliance to distribute different monies available to nonprofit providers for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). There is an initiative being worked on for smaller, nonprofits to be able to apply for smaller grant money for anything that was used on COVID-related items.

**HCoC Workshop Discussion: Dr. Rebecca McGuire**

Dr. McGuire discussed the status of the non-congregate shelter. It was scheduled to close on December 30, 2020; however, an upcoming meeting will decide what will happen and if the project will be extended. When Dr. McGuire reported 183 individuals had been served in the non-congregate shelter and over 400 phone calls were received, from the start of June 2, 2020 until September 30, 2020.

Dr. McGuire gave an update on the Homeless Continuum Care shelters. Cold Weather Activation Protocol has been initiative when the temperature drops to 45 degrees for over 3 hours. She acknowledged the providers who put up shelters in less than eight to 10 hours. She also mentioned Mr. Darrell Cunningham, Community Partnership Director and Mr. Keith Bostick, Human Services Deputy Director also helped set up cots and purchase supplies. The first night 42 males, 13 females, and one family with one child were beneficiaries of the service.

In terms of the Point in Time (“PIT”) count, Dr. McGuire stated Miami has interesting ideas. She mentioned for discussion purposes, asking HUD to look at modifying questions. A tentative meeting has been set on Friday with William Snow, HUD Federal Officer to obtain some feedback and advice Broward’s plan. Dr. McGuire stated the County’s intention is to move forward with doing a unsheltered survey.

Dr. McGuire provided an update on the East Side of the Library encampment. There has been positive progress with the City of Fort Lauderdale, the County and United Way in collaborating to resolve the issue.

Dr. McGuire gave an update on the landlord initiative and stated purchasing is ready once she receives the chart fields from the OMB. Virtual meetings with landlords, property managers and realtors will begin in January. She asked for everyone to share/like on social media.

**Good of the Order:**

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition has test kits that will be distributed to Broward Partnership for the Homeless for immediate testing.

**Adjournment:**

**Next HCoC Meeting  
January 27, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Location TBA**