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BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (“HIP”)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting
January 26, 2022
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Senator Nan Rich at 10:05 AM

| Board of Directors | Present | Excused | Absent | Board of Directors | Present | Excused | Absent |
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| Senator Nan Rich Board Chair | X | | | Martin, Robin | X | | |
| Akiti, Melida | X | | | McNeal, Reniese | X | | |
| Bakalar, Howard-VP | | | X | Moffett, Ron | X | | |
| Barron, Michael | | | X | Mitchell, Carole | X | | |
| Campbell, Tom- Ex- | X | | | Osley, Danny | X | | |
| Cavanaugh, Keith – Ex-officio | | | X | Quintana, Silvia Lt. Ed Rafailovitc | X X | | |
| Donovan, Brian | X | | | | | | |
| Einhorn, Sandra | X | | | | | | |
| Garcia, Tiffany | X | | | Commissioner Ben Sorensen | | X | |
| Green, William | | | X | Stutin, Cathy | X | | |
| Hattan, Caryl | X | | | Werthman, Steve | X | | |
| Hernandez, Maria | X | | | Wilby, Lorraine | X | | |
| Lopez, Yvette | X | | | Wines, Lynne | X | | |



Staff Present:

Darrell Cunningham, Director of Community Partnership Division; **Silvia Beebe**, Assistant Director of Community Partnership Division, **Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**, Homeless Initiative Partnership, (HIP); **Brittany Odom** (HIP); **Charlesy Nance** (HIP); **Ricardo Moore** (HMIS).

Introductions/Roll Call

Roll call was completed by the HIP Administrator, Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D. A quorum was confirmed.

Chair Report

Senator Rich thanked Richard Campillo for sending out information regarding services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Senator Rich informed the Board that the federal government has officially closed all County Park sites administering the monoclonal antibody treatments. This was decided after it was announced that the Regeneron and Eli Lilly antibody treatments were not effective on the Omicron variant.

Senator Rich shared there are two new Commission Members, Torey Alston and Jared E. Moskowitz. They were appointed to their seat by the governor. However, both would have to run for office in 2022 to retain their seat.

Review of Yearly Calendar

Dr. McGuire presented a brief overview of this year's calendar of activities by month. Dr. McGuire did mention the calendar can be modified as deemed necessary throughout the year.

Shelter/COVID – Update

Senator Rich requested that an update on the HCoC activities be provided prior to meetings.

Dr. McGuire shared the barriers to bring shelters to capacity. These include staffing and the ongoing issues with COVID outbreaks. This impacts the capacity for the cold weather activation as well.

Dr. McGuire stated with the four shelters that are being funded occupancy has dropped and they are currently operating around 80% collectively. Some shelters did drop a little bit lower because of how they are laid out and the ability to quarantine safely, but all shelters are cautiously open for intake.

It was noted that HIP staff need to be more aggressive in finding alternative cold weather shelters so that more individuals experiencing homelessness can get in out of the cold.

Point In Time - Update

Dr. McGuire informed board members a link to the dashboard was sent out this morning and currently over 600 homeless people have been surveyed.

Incentives are being given as individuals participate in the survey. Numbers are a little down from last year at this point, but workers are working diligently to get as many individuals to participate in the survey as possible.

HUD Reallocation – FY 2022

Dr. McGuire informed a policy revision will go to (PONG) in February and then brought back to HCoC Advisory Board. The policy needs to be completed by the time the (NOFO) is published, which is anticipated to be in July. There are two ways to do a reallocation; voluntarily or involuntarily. HIP staff are hopeful the reallocations will be voluntary.

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) – Update

Dr. McGuire shared the coordinating entry team will be down one person. Currently there is a waitlist for the EHV's. Referrals to the housing authorities are being sent as requested weekly. There are currently more referrals than vouchers available. The project will run until 2023. One barrier continues to be the high cost of rents in Broward County.

Senator Rich shared she did speak with the County Attorney and a letter will be coming soon to educate landlords and tenants on the process of how security deposits are to be refunded, these are county funds, and their utilization must be accounted for. Therefore, the funds need to be returned to the agency who paid the deposit upon the clients exit from the property.

Data Report - CoC

Dr. McGuire shared a report generated by service categories that gives data on the household size, age, how many children, income, demographics, data quality and timeliness, etc.

Although this is an APR (Annual Performance Report), updated data will be given to board members on a quarterly basis to view.

Greater Good:

Homelessness Updates:

Ms. Carole Mitchell (Homeless Education Liaison for Broward Schools) shared information on the state rate versus Broward Schools rate of "identification". This is the rate a program utilizes a system such as free/reduced lunch program to identify students at risk of homelessness and/or identified as living in poverty.

Ms. Mitchell will send the advisory board the revised policy for Homeless Education based on compliance with Every Student Succeed Act for review to assure wording flows and is easily understandable.

Public Comments:

None.

Motion to Approve: October 27, 2021, minutes.

Motion approved.

Adjournment: 11:25am

Next HCoC Meeting – February 23, 2022

Community Partnerships Provider Directory:

<http://www.broward.org/HumanServices/CommunityPartnerships/CPDirectory/index.html>