



Human Services Department

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Homeless Initiative Partnership**

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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (“HIP”)  
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting  
March 24, 2021  
FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 10:03 A.M.

**Location:** Skype Meeting

**Time Adjourned:** 10:33 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.; **Danny Osley**, Formerly Homeless Representative, HCoC Rep.; **Michael Barron**, Women in Distress, 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.; **Lorraine Wilby**, HPSC Chair HCoC Rep.; **Carole Mitchell**, School Board of Broward County, HCoC Rep.



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**Members Absent:** **Jamie Costas**, Fort Lauderdale Police Department (“FLDP”) HCoC Rep.; **Dwayne Chung**, City of Hollywood Police Department, HCoC Rep.; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way, HCoC Rep.; **Cathy Stutin**, Fort Lauderdale Chamber, 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); **Andrea Webster** (HIP); **Charlesy Nance**, (HIP); **Brittany Odom**, (HIP); **Tracie Bostick**, (HIP) Ricardo Moore, (HMIS); **Angela Rodriguez**, CAO.

**Call to Order:** Senator Nan Rich called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Completed by HIP Administrator, Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D. A quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Senator Rich asked for an approval of the January 2021 meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** To approve the January 2021 meeting minutes.

**First:** Commissioner Ben Sorensen

**Second:** Captain Scott Russell

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** January 2021 minutes were approved with the addition of Lorraine Wilby to attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Senator Rich asked for an approval of the February 2021 meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** To approve the February 2021 meeting minutes.

**First:** Sandra Einhorn

**Second:** Commissioner Ben Sorensen

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** February 2021 minutes were approved with the addition of Lorraine Wilby in attendance.

**Chair Report:**

Senator Rich provided details on the American Rescue Plan Act and advised that Broward County will receive approximately \$378,722 million in direct aid to counties out of the \$10 billion of Florida's allocation.

There is a \$7.5 billion funding dedicated to vaccine distribution. The latest amount showed approximately \$58 million from Broward County General Funds and Cares Act funding going towards vaccination distribution. We will have funding to devote to a confidence education campaign as we currently have a very serious problem regarding vaccine hesitancy in Broward and Dade Counties.

Homeless assistance will provide \$4.75 billion to homeless funding to be distributed. Also housing choice vouchers, and additional money for SNAP programs.

Senator Rich also acknowledge Melida Akiti (HCoC Board Member Representative for Memorial Health System), as the new Board Chair of the Health Foundation of South Florida.

Senator Rich shared with the board members that there is an opportunity to participate in the Broward County Dismantling Racism workshop.

**Action Item:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reallocation: Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**

- The purchase of 10 additional low demand beds from The Salvation Army for \$47,775.

Dr. McGuire explained that the county contracts 30 low demand beds from The Salvation Army, (TSA). Due to capacity issues throughout the continuum and the decision was made to purchase an additional 10 beds from TSA. The estimated cost associated from April 1st through September 30th is \$47,775. Since this dollar amount is over their 10% contract amount, the matter will go before the county commissioners for approval and approve of a contract amendment. This item will be on the April 20, 2021 agenda item.

**Motion:** Approve the Reallocation as presented.

**First:** Lorraine Wilby

**Second:** Howard Bakalar

**Discussion:** None

**Conflict:** None

**Result:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reallocation of 47,775 was approved and motion passed.

**HCoC Updates: Dr. Rebecca McGuire:**

**PIT Survey Updates:**

Dr. McGuire shared the dashboard link on the PIT (Point in Time) count surveys. The total number of surveys currently is 1056 with 245 surveys declined. The number of completed surveys is 811. Dr. McGuire complimented the efforts of the temporary employees hired to administer the unsheltered surveys. An analysis is being done by Ricardo Moore, HMIS Manager to see how the survey count is going compared to last year in various geographical areas. Dr. McGuire explained some of the regions were way out west, but interestingly the responses received were between 20, 30 to 40 surveys in these areas. There are six days left and the team will be concentrating our efforts in Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, and Hollywood. We are monitoring this very closely and comparing it to 2 years of historical data within their geographical areas. Dr. McGuire thanked Ms. Wilby for maintaining knowledge of local events like bible study in the park, which aids in being able to conduct the surveys.

**HUD 2021 Notice of Funding Announcement (NoFA): Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**

Dr. McGuire advises that the county is registered for the HUD 2021 NoFA program and asks Senator Rich to reach out to Senator Marco Rubio's office regarding the status of the 2021 NoFA.

**New Performance Outcomes Needs and Gaps (PONG) Members: Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**

Dr. McGuire advised that both Commissioner Sorensen and Lynne Wines have accept the invitation to join the PONG Committee. Dr. McGuire stated if anyone is interested or wants to recommend a board member who is not conflicted to join the PONG to let her know.

**COVID Project Updates: Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**

The Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) continues to operate.

The County in partnership with the Department of Health with a plan to vaccinate individuals experiencing street homelessness.

All record of the vaccines administered to people experiencing homelessness will be entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) The vaccine being offered is the Johnson and Johnson. We are positioned to start Monday.

**Landlord Recruitment Campaign update:** Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.

Dr. McGuire discusses coordinating with a marketing firm to do “lift” campaign for our landlord recruitment. They have agreed and we are working with the Office of Public Communication to make this happen.

**Public Comment:** None

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjournment**

**Next HCoC Meeting  
April 28, 2021 @10:00 a.m.  
Meeting will be held via Zoom  
(Watch for the link)**