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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (“HIP”)
 Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting
 May 26, 2021
 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Senator Nan Rich at 10:02 am

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
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-officio	X			Osley, Danny	X		
Cavanaugh, Keith – Ex-officio	X			Quintana, Silvia		X	
Donovan, Brian	X						
Einhorn, Sandra	X						
Garcia, Tiffany	X			Commissioner Ben Sorensen	X		
Green, William		X		Stutin, Cathy	X		
Hattan, Carvl	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; **Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**, Homeless Initiative Partnership, (HIP); **Kavaja Sarduy**, (HIP); **Kenisha Bryant, Ed. D;** **Brittany Odom**, (HIP); **Tracie Bostick**, (HIP); **Charlesly Nance**, (HIP)



1. Introductions/Roll Call

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

2. Approval of April 28, 2021 Minutes

With corrections to the minutes, **a motion was made by Caryl Hattan and seconded by Lorraine Wilby.** The Board unanimously approved the April 28, 2021, meeting minutes.

3. Board Chair Report

• New Board Member Introduction

- Senator Nan Rich introduced Mr. Brian Donovan, as the new HCoC Representative for the City of Pompano Beach.

• American Rescue Act

- Senator Rich mentioned that the American Rescue Act has funds coming directly to cities with a population of 50,000 and larger. Senator Rich also reported that 13.9 million will directly be coming from HUD to the County through HIP.

• Rental Assistance Program

- Senator Rich reported that there is \$59 million available through the rental assistance program. A third party, Tetra Tech, is assisting with the administration of the program. The portal has been open for approximately two weeks, however there are some shortfalls and issues with the program.

4. Action Items

- Kavaja Sarduy provided a brief overview of the Coordinated Entry Written Standards amendment. The policy was presented and originally approved by the Board on January 27, 2021. These documents were presented to the Coordinated Entry Work group on May 6, 2021. The document was approved and reviewed by that workgroup. The Housing Action Committee approved it on May 12, 2021, and the PONG reviewed and approve it on May 19, 2021. Today we are asking for a motion from the board to approve the amendment to policy 19A, as well as our chronicity packet.
- **A motion was made by Sandra Einhorn and seconded by Caryl Hattan The Board unanimously approved the amendment to the policy and appendix for our chronicity packet.**

5. **Update on Health and Safety for Encampments**

- Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D., reported that there is an encampment periodically on the east side of the main library. There is also a very large encampment out in Pompano and very small encampment in Lauderhill right now.
- HIP staff have crafted a document for review by leadership that addresses how HIP can provide resources for health and safety at encampments once they are become known to HIP.
- Commissioner Ben Sorensen added that the City of Fort Lauderdale is using CARES dollars, with partners and coordination to get the individuals in the encampment into short-term housing with case management and support, then the City of Fort Lauderdale will begin enforcing the no camping ordinance on the east side of the library.

6. **PONG Update**

• **Reviewed of Mission and Purpose**

- Sandra Einhorn reported that the PONG Committee has been working on updating the PONG missions and purpose. The PONG Committee synthesized all of it. So that it is clear and is concise and it is workable.
- Sandra Einhorn also mentioned that they are actively recruiting PONG members. If a member of the HCoC, does not have a voting conflict, Sandra Einhorn encouraged members to join the PONG meeting, either officially as a member or just unofficially participating. The PONG Committee really has a lot of great conversations and ideas that are then presented to HCoC.

• **Homeless Helpline Data Review**

- Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D., provided, an overview of the data from the Homeless Helpline received from A.J. Stark, manager of the Homeless Helpline. The numbers of calls received from 2019, 2020, were reviewed and then what calls were received up to April of 2021. The report provided shows a decrease in calls each month.

• **Dashboard Presentation**

- Dr. McGuire provided a brief overview on the live dashboard and its visibility.
- Ricardo Moore, HMIS Manager, gave a presentation on the dashboard project. The solution through Gaither Dynamic was purchase as a solution that would allow data to be presented. This will be an outward facing dashboard.

➤ **HCoC Updates**

- Rebecca McGuire, Ph. D., reported that on June 15, 2021, the disbursement of the 2.8 million of the Phase 2 money from the Department of Children and Families will go before the Commission for approval. The funds will be effective July 1, 2021.

7. Public Comments

- Caryl Hatton stated her concerns regarding the Sadowski percentages, and no more seeps allowed.
- Senator Rich mentioned only around \$200 million range for versus the \$423 million with additional monies going into Sadowski.
- Sandra Einhorn stated the irony of recognizing that a major affordable housing crisis before COVID, that is since been exacerbated by COVID, to have the legislators cut Sadowski in half.
- Senator Rich mentioned that two-tenths of a mill may go into the housing trust fund.
- To face the crisis Senator Rich wants to inform the community. This will allow a partnership with developers, with churches to facilitate affordable housing in the community.
- The 2018 needs assessment projected 147,000 multi-family units as well as single family homes were needed.

8. Good of the Order

- Dr. McGuire announced that the State Vaccination bus from Tampa will be at Hope South Florida from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm providing vaccine shots today. Then again on next Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The buss will be at the South Homeless Assistance Center in Hollywood next week Thursday.

9. Adjournment

Next HCoC Meeting – TBA

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