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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (“HIP”)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting
September 23, 2020
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

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

Location: Skype Meeting

Time Adjourned: 11:01 A.M.

Minutes by: Elizabeth Ortega

Members Via Skype:

Senator Nan Rich, HCoC Chair; County Commissioner District 1; **Melida Akiti**; Memorial Hospital District, HCoC Rep.; **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; **Mason Jackson**, CareerSource Broward, 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.; **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

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.; **JoAnn Anstett**, Co-Chair, Local Provider Stakeholder Council; HCoC Rep; **Robin Martin**, Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep. **Yvette Lopez**, Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Recipient, HCoC Rep.

Guests Present: **Jessica Abou**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Angela Rodriguez**, County Attorney’s Office (“CAO”), **Marty Cassini**, Intergovernmental Affairs /Boards Section Manager; **Orlando Garcia**, Intergovernmental Affairs /Boards Section Boards Administrator/Legislative Policy Analyst

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

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 August 26 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion to approve the draft minutes.

First: Mason Jackson

Second: Caryl Hattan

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: August 26, 2020 minutes were approved.

Chair Report:

Senator Rich reported that there are seven (7) days left to respond to the Census for a complete count. Broward County, as of August 25, 2020, has reported a 62.2% self-response rate, which is slightly behind the national self-response rate. Senator Rich encouraged the Board to continue to spread awareness of the importance of completing the 2020 Census.

Senator Rich reported that the funding formula for the Emergency Solution Grant (“ESG”) COVID-19 has been developed. The distribution method was approved by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and then sent to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval. The ESG COVID-19 Phase one (1) funds have not been distributed, nor has the ESG COVID-19 Phase two (2) formula been developed. The Department of Children and Families is reviewing recommendations that have been collected from the various stakeholders, particularly the Continuum of Care entities (“CoCs”) across the state of Florida. We do not anticipate that ESG COVID-19 Phase two (2) funds will be released until sometime in 2021. The ESG COVID-19 Phase one (1) funds must be used by June 30, 2021, however ESG COVID-19 Phase two (2) will not have to be used until 2022. There is, however, a possibility of an extension for all ESG COVID-19 thru June 2022.

Senator Rich welcomed Mr. William Green as the new representative from Broward Health onto the Board.

HCoC Updates by Dr. Rebecca McGuire:

Dr. McGuire reported that there are over 350 inquiries and 240 people have been served by the Non-Congregate Shelter (“NCS”).

As for the HCoC Shelters a meeting was held to establish how we could implement the CDC guidelines to reopen without making testing for COVID 19 a prerequisite. Once opened the HCoC Shelters will test a sample of individuals weekly. Should there be a positive test, that individual will be transported via ambulance to the NCS.

Dr. McGuire also reported that TaskForce is working to engage families and individuals experiencing homelessness to begin to initiate intakes as of October 1, 2020.

Dr. McGuire reported a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) will be published regarding ESG COVID 19 Phase two (2) funds in the Winter of 2020.

Kavaja Sarduy, Human Services Manager for the Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP), gave a brief update on the Landlord Recruitment Campaign. She shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the new logo design. Ms. Sarduy mentioned HIP’s latest marketing strategies to engage potential landlords. She also encouraged the Board to follow HIP on all social media accounts.

Presentation of the Sunset Review:

Orlando Garcia, Intergovernmental Affairs, /Boards Section Boards Administrator/Legislative Policy Analyst, gave a brief presentation on the recommended changes for the Homeless Continuum of Care Board under Sunset Review. Mr. Garcia opened the floor for questions after his presentation.

Public Comments regarding the Sunset Review:

Comments were shared regarding concerns of the oversight of funds and accountability as it appears that had all been redacted from the current ordinance and taken away from the board. There was mention about why the language was stricken regarding the Local Coalition and oversight. It was shared that House Bill 163 passed that eliminated the Local Coalition, therefore the changes are in line with the statute.

There was discussion regarding the proposed make up of the board regarding the three municipalities. The changes recommend that the municipality's representative can only be an employee or elected official. Concern was expressed that noted this would force a member off the board as they are not a city employee or elected official.

Good of the Order:

Caryl Hatton acknowledged Dr. McGuire for her continuous efforts for Broward County's most vulnerable constituents.

Adjournment

**Next HCoC Meeting
October 28, 2020 @10:00 a.m.**