

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

March 07, 2019

FINAL APPROVED MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:42pm

Location: Lauderdale Manors Resource Center
1400 NW 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Time Adjourned: 3:00pm

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Attendees Present: **Laura Saldana**, Lippman Services Florida; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress; **Danielle Ford**, Women in Distress; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership; **Richard Camp.**; Guest; **Michael Stanislaus**, Covenant House; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership; **Whitney Edden**; Opportunities Industrialization Centers; **Peggy Flood**; The Salvation Army; **Mickey Singletary**; HOPE South Florida; **Melissa Banner**, HEART Program; **Janee Boyd**, HEART Program; **Atiya McClinton**, The Salvation Army; **Selena Voncile**, HEART; **Monique Thomas**, HEART; **James McGhow**, The Salvation Army; **Dr. Keisha Grey**; Children's Service Council Broward; **Toni-Anne Jones**; The Salvation Army; **Atiya McClinton**; The Salvation Army; **Wilgens Edmond**; HEART; **Ashley Eubanks**; HEART; **Ellen Kendrick**; Broward County

HIP Staff Present: **Lina Silva**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Ebony Dorcelus**, Homeless Initiative Partnership;

Welcome &

Introductions:

Meeting was called to order by Carole Mitchell who began with introductions. Committee attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of

Minutes:

Approval of minutes for February 07, 2019.

Motion: Laura Saldana

Second: Michael Stanislaus

Result: Minutes approved

New Business:

Homeless Continuum of Care Updates

- Some updates and feedback that has been received sense the encampment.
- Possible encampment pop-ups and calls from the business community. The CoC Board will be gathering information to bring together that will identify what an encampment is.
- Broward Partnership will take over the BOC North, and in this transition, there will be no more over night beds but more day respite.
- The Broward Sheriff Office (BSO) guides will be ready for distribution once all the updates are final.
- The county staff is currently working on proposing an idea about an app that will be accessible to the community for meals, showers, and outreach services.
- The A Way Home Plan has been updated and will be presented to the PONG and then the COC Board.

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)
4327 students registered for the HEART program.
221 Unaccompanied
160 High School (9-12)
97 Highschool Seniors
276 Seniors (unaccompanied/companied)
77% percent of the youth that are experiencing homelessness are experiencing homelessness.
3325 (Emergency Shelter)
381 Motels
324 Hotels
297 on the Street/Car

Updates on the College Tour / Tutor Program

50 Seniors will be going to Fort Myers for a college tour on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

The students will be traveling to *Florida Gulf Coast* and *Florida Southwestern College*.

The HEART program will be coordinating with Broward College to do a JUMP start program to get students into college during the summer time.

The annual College send off will take place in June of 2019.

Tutoring Program

HEART and Women in Distress are looking to start tutoring programs for students who are in need.

The HEART program will be also assisting seniors with prom attire, dresses, accessories, and shoes.

During the HSPC meeting, a lot of the attendees were interested in assisting the seniors with whatever they needed for Prom.

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker.

**Emergency and
Transitional Shelter
Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) – no update**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – no update**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – no update**
- **Covenant House – Send Referrals**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – send referrals**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – no updates**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 – send referrals**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Send referral**
- **Susan B. Anthony – No update**
- **Volunteers of America – No update**

- **Lippman Shelter- call for referral**
- **Women in Distress – Contact the homeless hotline**
- **Hope South Florida – Send referral**

Good of the Order: HOPE South Florida has officially begin opening their new day respite center. They provide meals, showers, families can wash their clothes.

Agency/ Organization:

Adjournment &

Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm; next meeting will be held on *April 4, 2019*.