

BROWARD COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

November 12, 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:35pm

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

Time Adjourned: 3:05 pm

Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega

Attendees Present: **Carole Mitchell**; Broward County Schools (HEART) program, **Gabriela Rafford**; Broward County Schools (HEART) program, **Brittany Burnette**; ChildNet, **Jessica Abou**, PIT- BRHPC, **Beverly Plummer**, BPHI; **Rashani Boynton**, Homes Inc.; **Michael Ranglin**, Hope South Florida; **Anelle Moss**, Broward College.

HIP Staff Present: **Charlesy Nance**, (HIP); **Brittany Odom**, (HIP); **Kavaja Sarduy**, (HIP); **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP); **Dr. Kenisha Bryant**, (HIP).

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 2020
Motion: Brittany Burnette
Second: Rashani Boynton
Result: Minutes approved

New Business: **Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)**

1,439 students registered in the HEART program.

51 in Pre-K = 3%

800 In K-5 elementary school =56%

274 in 6-8 middle School = 19%

314 in 9-12 High School = 22%

Unaccompanied homeless children and youth = 77

Of those, 52 in high school. Of 52, 29 are high school seniors.

Number of HEART Students by Nighttime residence:

- **Emergency & Transitional Shelter = 111**
- **Doubled-Up sharing housing = 1157**

- **Cars/parks etc. (Unsheltered) = 51**
- **Hotels / Motels = 120**

A. Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates:

- Kavaja Sarduy, Human Service Manager provided a brief update on the Homeless Continuum of Care. Kavaja reported the following.
 - DCF Emergency Solution Grant we did receive a grant amount of 1.17million and this funding is limited to our current ESG providers. However, an RFP was submitted last week for any providers interested in the following service categories.
 1. Emergency Solutions for Domestic Violence and Family Homeless Street Outreach
 2. Individual and family RRH
 3. Mobile Sanitation Project
 4. ESG Essential Services
 5. Housing Case Management & Housing Search Navigation
 - We anticipate receiving a 2nd amendment from DCF in the amount of 3.2 million this month and an RFP will be release for those different Service Categories as well. All providers can go to the HIP Community Partnership website to see all service categories and how to apply for RFP on Broward.org.
- We also have been working in collaboration with City of Fort Lauderdale strategically planning on how to provide intakes with our homeless population due to the pandemic.
- The emergency shelters are now open and are following the CDC guidelines.
- We have an NCTS that is used to quarantine our COVID 19 positive constituents.
- Coordinated Entry team members Brittany Odom and Charlesy Nance provided insight on the status the youth and family by name list(s). The by- name list for youth and families is a real-time list of all identified youth and families experiencing homelessness within the continuum of care. The data points allow coordinated access and prioritization of youth and households to housing provides so that they may receive supportive housing services. At this time, all referrals on the youth by- name list have been addressed; please, if you know of any youth, refer them! At this time families are being addressed on the by- name list as well and being referred to available housing slots.
- Brittany Odom also reported that The Youth By-Name list meetings will take place on a quarterly basis. Look out for an invite to the next Youth By-Name list meeting, to be held in January 2021. The Covenant House has expanded the age of youth eligible for their RRH program from 18-21 years to 18-24 years. If you have questions/concerns regarding referrals for homeless youth, direct inquiries to CoordinatedEntry@broward.org.

B. Broward County School HEART Program Update:

- Carole Mitchell reported that November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, and a Resolution was submitted to the Board and has been accepted and the color affiliated

is purple. Also, it is National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness week the 15th through 22nd.

- The HYF Committee also reports out to the Children's Services Council. Through both the Children Services Council & HYF Committee is how we create the Turn the Curve Report. Once the updated report is ready a copy will be provided to everyone.
- Gabriela Rafford gave a brief update on the ArtReach after-school care enrichment program / OneNote Notebook & HEART/Shelter Computer Learning Lab Initiative.

Point in Time Count 2021:

- **Jessica Abou – gave an overview of the P.I.T.**
 - **The 2021 PIT count is scheduled for January 27 & 28.**
 - **We are starting the Committee Recruitments.**
 - **We have Unsheltered, Shelter, & Volunteer Recruitment Committees**
 - **The 2020 PIT Count report is as follows.**
 - **Ages 18 - 288 Broward County**
 - **Ages 18-24 - 101 Broward County**
 - **8 Parents that had children**

Emergency and Transitional Shelter Census:

- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – Not Present**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – Not Present**
- **Broward Partnership (North) – No Availability**
- **Covenant House –Not Present**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – Call for Availability**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 – Not Present**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Not Present**
- **Lippman Shelter- Call for availability**
- **Women in Distress – Call the hotline**
- **Hope South Florida – Accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing**
- **FSAD- Accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing**

Agency/ Organization: Committee members gave agency updates.

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm; next meeting will be held on *February 4, 2021*.