

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (CoC) Board Meeting
January 23, 2019
DRAFT MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 10:06am
Location: Governmental Center East, GC-302

Time Adjourned: 10:52am
Minutes by: Luis DeJesus, HIP

Members Present: **JoAnn Anstett** – Homeless Providers Stakeholders Council (HPSC) Chair; **J. David Armstrong** – Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Rep.; **Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio – Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI) Rep.; **Jamie Costas** – Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Rep.; **Scott DiMarzo** – North Hospital District Rep.; **Sandra Einhorn** – Advocate for the Homeless; **Tiffany Garcia** – Broward County Housing Authority (BCHA) Rep.; **Vice-Mayor Caryl Hattan** – Broward County Housing Council Rep.; **Steve Hudson**, Broward Workshop Rep.; **Mason Jackson** – Career Source Broward Rep.; **Mark Korman** – City of Pompano Beach Rep.; **Yvette Lopez** – Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) recipient Rep. (via phone); **Robin Martin** – Advocate for the Homeless; **Danny Osley** – Formerly Homeless Rep.; **Silvia Quintana** – Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) Rep. (via phone); **Senator Nan Rich** – CoC Chair, Commissioner District 1; **Captain Scott Russell** – Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) Rep.; **Vice-Mayor Benjamin Sorensen**, City of Fort Lauderdale; **Steve Werthman** – Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds recipient Hollywood designee Rep.; **James Whitworth** – Ex-Officio-North Homeless Assistance Center (NHAC)/South Homeless Assistance Center (SHAC) Rep.

Members Absent: **Howard Bakalar** – CoC Vice-Chair, Advocate for the Homeless; **Maria Hernandez** – United Way Rep.; **Carole Mitchell** – School Board of Broward County Rep.

Guests Present: **Casey Bowen**, Oracle; **Mertella Burris**, Legal Aid; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Families; **Dr. Ted Greer**, HOPE South Florida (HSF); **Linda Gutierrez**, NAMI Broward County; **Janice Lavarar**, Saint Laurence Chapel; **Norm Rothfell**; **Bob Swindell**, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance; **Gisselle Williams**, HSF; **Lynne Wines**, United Way Broward; **Sara Wulf**, Operation Sacred Trust

Staff Present: **Rebecca McGuire**, HIP; **Luis DeJesus**, HIP; **Sandy Steed**, Broward County Attorney’s Office; **Ricardo Moore**, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); **Stephanie Rosendorf**, Commissioner Rich’s Office; **Darrell Cunningham**, Community Partnerships Division; **Andrea Webster**, HIP; **Silvia Beebe**, Community Partnerships Division; **Mandy Wells**, Human Services Department (HSD)

Call to Order & Quorum: Senator N. Rich, Chair, called the meeting to order; L. DeJesus called attendance and confirmed quorum.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** To approve December 12, 2018 minutes.
First: S. Russell
Second: S. Einhorn
Declaration of Conflict: None
Discussion: None.
Result: Passed.

CoC Board Update:

The Homeless Continuum of Care Board is reaching membership capacity with South Hospital District and City of Hollywood Law Enforcement coming on board. There are still 5 vacancies. R. McGuire will provide update on the encampment. The first night of Point-in-Time Count is tonight.

R. McGuire advised that there are 22 hotel rooms left occupied from those temporarily housed from the encampment. The goal is to have everyone housed by end of the month. United Way and Family Success have contributed a lot of effort towards this pilot. For those who have yet to be housed, we have contacted TaskForce to ensure follow-up with those people. Everyone has been contacted to ensure they comply with supportive services available to them. 3 people fell out of housing and 3 left hotels to go to Homeless Assistance Centers (HACs).

New Business:

System Update presented by M. Wells, HSD:

In March, there was a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued for all of the HACs (North, Central, South). Miami Rescue Mission applied and was awarded the agreements to operate the North and South. Contracted negotiations occurred thereafter at the request of the provider due to concerns in providing sleeping spaces. Decisions were made to close some sleeping spaces and renegotiation took place to result in interim 6-month agreement to reopen sleeping spaces with option to renew if consensus by both parties. Prior to and during these processes, there have been significant expressed safety and security concerns, particularly with the North HAC. In consulting with County Administration and reviewing needs of that area, as a business decision, we will be recommending not to renew with providers at the North HAC (Miami Rescue Mission for most of the services, and Saint Laurence Chapel for day respite and some overnight sleeping services). There will be no reduction of services, but there will be a new provider contracted to provide services. Sufficient notice will be provided to current providers in order to work on a seamless transition. And additional funds have been identified in order to ensure continuity of services. Broward Partnership was the only other provider who originally responded to RFP and will be extended contract without request for match due to the nature of change and time for them start operating the North HAC.

M. Korman advised that the City of Pompano is supportive of the County's business decision for the change.

M. Wells extended gratitude to Miami Rescue Mission for their work at the North HAC, in hopes that they will remain operating the South HAC.

2019 Notice of Funding Availability (NoFA) Released presented by R. McGuire, HIP:

Registration is to be completed by March 7th and contact will be made to all providers to ensure they have registered accordingly. Until the Federal Government reopens, we will not know our award for 2018. Letter of Intent for Bonus Project may or may not be forthcoming depending on what is released from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office.

T. Garcia advised that the Housing Choice Voucher Program is funded until February. Some landlords have expressed their concerns and possible evictions if no payments are made thereafter. The Broward County Housing Authority is currently reviewing the situation as it services approximately over 10,000 families. This is troublesome as we do not want anyone to result in homelessness.

2019 Post Notice of Solicitation for Department of Children and Families presented by R. McGuire, HIP:

Meeting invite has been sent out on needs and gaps for Friday, February 1, 2019. We are looking to discuss what our community needs and housing. There is information on a workshop that will be sent out on changes in priorities. This is to be submitted by the end of March, and refers to Unified Grant (Local Coalition, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Challenge Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grant) monies.

Discussion on Sub-committees Meeting presented by R. McGuire, HIP:

Previously there have been discussion on the number of committees under the Continuum and what purpose they serve, where they may overlap, and which may need to be merged. A meeting scheduled on January 31, 2019 to discuss this further will provide the opportunity to ensure our committees are action driven.

2 New HUD Awards from 2017 NoFA to Build Capacity presented by R. McGuire:

Unbeknownst to HIP, 2 projects were funded from the 2017 NoFA. Proper notification was lost in transit. When HIP discovered information, verification request was sent to HUD who verified with Washington, DC if projects could still be ranked. They agreed it could for 2019. This is additional almost \$1,000,000 for SHIELD and BROWARD V.

Submission of 2019 HMIS NoFA to Build Capacity presented by R. McGuire, HIP:

The HMIS team has had a vacancy for manager position for a long time but has been filled. Ricardo Moore is our new HMIS Manager and one of the first things he did is notice that there was a NoFA HMIS Capacity Building opportunity. An application was submitted and we are waiting on phase one notification to see if we move on to second phase.

Old Business: *Update on Encampment presented by R. McGuire, HIP:*

Discussed above.

Today Kicks off the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count presented by R. McGuire, HIP:

5pm today is the beginning of PIT. This is the first year we are having 2 west locations to collect more data. Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome to sign-up.

Committee

Reports/Updates: Reports attached to meeting packet and are readily available at <http://www.broward.org/homeless/Pages/Default.aspx>.

R. Martin advised some of committees were actually workgroups or ad hoc committees and therefore, a full review of all committees will provide which need to be sunset, and which will continue and/or be merged.

Homeless Providers

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J. Anstett advised a new email address has been created to correspond HPSC information: hpsc Broward@gmail.com. Additionally, contact list is being reviewed for updates, changes, deletions, and additions to ensure clean contact list is in possession.

Adjournment & Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52am; next meeting will be held on February 27, 2019.