

**BROWARD COUNTY
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL
MARCH 6, 2019
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 3:05pm

Location: Salvation Army Church (100 SW 9th Avenue)

Time Adjourned: 4:30pm

Minutes by: Tom Campbell

Members Present:

Fay Osley, Broward Addiction and Recovery Center; **Vince Gardner**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Esau Williams**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Rebecca McGuire**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Carole Mitchell**, Broward County School Board; **Julie Solomon**, Broward Health; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Jade Campbell**, Hope South Florida; **Anthony Pica**, Hope South Florida; **Felicia Lynch**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Diana Pinero**, The Salvation Army; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Women In Distress; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Maryfer LaCruz**, Care Resource; **Francisco Gomez**, Care Resource; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Families; **Aileen Turner-Nestor**, Archways; **Carleen Robinson**, Broward County Elderly and Veteran Services; **Cathy Branch**, Covenant House; **Whitney Edden**, Opportunities Industrialization Centers of South Florida(OIC); **Lorraine Wilby**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Zach Moore**, Veterans Administration Homeless Division; **Annette Burroughs**, Volunteers of America; **Beatriz Severson**, Health Services Advisory Group; **Danny Davis**, Health Services Advisory Group; **Jeanne Lewis Albaugh**, Showering Love; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center

Call to Order and Quorum:

Jo-Ann Anstett called the meeting to order, and attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved as presented.

Hot Topic/ Providers Plus/ HEARTH Topic Presentations

JA reported that the presenter that had been scheduled for today was unable to present today and will present instead next month.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

- Rebecca McGuire reported that HIP will be coordinating focus groups in the coming weeks and invited everyone to respond to invitations for these groups.
- RM reported that HIP is seeing an increase in calls from community members asking for specific information about people experiencing homelessness. She reported that HIP's practice is to notify TaskForce about these potential clients and that return calls are not placed to the concerned citizens in order to protect clients' privacy. Reported that the calls have been increasing and that providers can help by participating in conversations in partnerships with HIP and community groups and municipalities.
- RM reported that HIP is working on the County's policy on encampments to create a formal definition of an encampment. Reported that HIP is researching other municipalities' definitions. She reported that a focus group

will be held at 3:30 on Tuesday, March 12 in Room GC-302. Reported that defining encampments is important to distinguish between people that are loitering and people that are establishing residence with their belongings. Reported that HIP is working to find a way to address community concerns while also maintaining dignity and compassion for clients.

- Reported that HIP is offering advice to concerned citizens/ businesses/ private property owners to post signs about No Loitering/ No Trespassing.
- Reported that HIP is working with municipalities on developing practices to address loitering and prevent potential encampments.
- Reported that citizens can send an email to homelessinitiativepartnership@broward.org to report concerns about homelessness.
- Reported that HIP is looking to reduce the number of meetings and consolidate work done by committees to reduce duplication. Reported that PONG will review the recommended committee structure next week. Reported that the Consumer Advocacy Committee will begin meeting in coordination with the library groups in order to reach more consumers. Reported that the Permanent Housing Committee will be modified to a Housing Action Committee that will include landlords, housing navigators, and other housing representatives, and would be charged with building capacity for units and landlords.
- Reported that HIP registered for the HUD NOFA yesterday. Reported that the 2 new projects that were recently awarded will be going before County Commission on April 9 to accept the funds from HUD. Reported that the ranking tool for HUD projects is being further refined and should be presented at the Coe Board in April and May. Reported that the tool will use real time data from HMIS, rather than using Annual Performance Report data from previous years.
- Reported that the operator of the North Homeless Assistance Center is being transferred from Miami Rescue Mission to Broward Partnership at midnight on March 31. Reported that the Coe is not losing capacity but is not operating overnight beds in NHAC. Reported that there are significant issues along Blount Road and that HIP is working to implement strategies to address these concerns, including installation of fences, working with the City to develop an ordinance, and increasing engagement opportunities with the population. Reported that the City of Pompano has identified 5 parks with potential encampments and that Mark Korman is working with TaskForce on outreach.
- Reported that the Homeless Resource Guide is currently being updated. Reported that HIP is working on putting the Guide online and on an app. Reported that the County has secured funds to develop the app and expects to have something developed by this summer. Lorraine Wilby suggested that the app could be developed in tandem with 211's existing database.
- Rich Campillo reported that he attended a meeting with Community Court and requested an update. RM reported that HIP staff attended Community Court and is participating in a meeting next week to further clarify roles and provide as much support as possible.
- RM reported that the A Way Home Plan was certified by the CoC Board and that a 5th pillar will be added to cover workforce activities. Reported that the Plan is posted on the website. Reported that the CoC Board will be engaged in a strategy building activities. Reported that upcoming priorities will include developing workforce activities, improving the coordinated entry system, improving HMIS and data reporting, and increasing and improving rapid rehousing and permanent housing activities.

Committee Reports

- Youth and Families - Carole Mitchell reported that Children's Services Council has been providing assistance with refining the Committee's mission and goals, and that the Committee is reviewing results from a recent "turn the curve" report. Reported that a total of 4,797 students are currently enrolled in homeless education services with the School Board. Reported detailed statistics on various demographics of students experiencing homelessness. Reported that Broward Schools works with the 28 universities in the State system to ensure that students in their senior year are connected with services and supports once they enter the university system.
- Coordinated Assessment Workgroup - Lorraine Wilby reported that the Workgroup started in 2014 and will end its work in the coming months with the finalization of procedures.
- MAT-JA reported on behalf of Dr. Sgt. Ed Rafailovitch that the group developed a recognition plaque for HIP and other supporters; reported that the group is working on a time and a place for an upcoming conference; RM reported that HIP recently held a conference call with OrgCode and has requested a package of curriculum topics for live and web-based trainings for providers and staff.
- Consumer Advisory Group - Mark Esko confirmed that the Group is working on changing its meeting schedule to coordinate with the library meeting with consumers.
- BBHC Integration - William King reported that BBHC has met with the County and Covenant House to help work on their rapid rehousing program. RM reported that there are 160 families on a by-name list who are literally homeless.
- PIT -Shira Fowlkes reported that all data has been entered and initial estimates are showing approximately 1,300 unsheltered. Reported that there was an increase in the number of duplicated surveys, potentially due to the use of 7-day bus passes as an incentive. Reported that the report is being finalized and preliminary results will be presented to the CoC Board next month. Reported that the volunteer appreciation luncheon was well attended.
- Permanent Housing - Tom Campbell reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, February 13 and reviewed the available units report. Reported that Sarah Curtis provided an update on the closure of the encampment in downtown Fort Lauderdale. RM reported that as of the last week of January all households were placed into housing, with the exception of 5 households who were placed into temporary units. Reported that the success of the initiative will be evaluated in several months as the case managers work with clients to maintain their housing placements.
- Coe Lead Agency/ Local Coalition - previously addressed by Rebecca McGuire.

Good of the Order:

JA reported that April 7 through April 13 is National Crime Victims Awareness Week. Reported that Broward Victims Rights Coalition will be hosting several fundraiser events that week to support their efforts in working with victims, as well as a vigil on the Tuesday of that week in Davie. JA will send information on these events to the HPSC distribution list.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm; next meeting will be held on April 3, 2019.

