

**BROWARD COUNTY  
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL  
MAY 1, 2019  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 3:05pm

**Location:** Salvation Army Church (100 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

**Time Adjourned:** 4:30pm

**Minutes by:** Tom Campbell

**Members Present:**

**Gabriela Barros**, Broward County School HEART program; **Michael LaLoneo**, Broward Health; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Felicia Lynch**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Women In Distress; **Maryfer LaCruz**, Care Resource; **Lorraine Wilby**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Zach Moore**, Veterans Administration Homeless Division; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Vincent Gardner**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Gillian Cross Hogg**, Broward House; **Yamaris Arbitma**, Operation Sacred Trust; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Diana Pinero**, The Salvation Army; **Fay Osley**, BARC; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Danny Osley**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Elianna Dorvil**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **F. Martin**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Julie Lauder**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Tim Dwyer**, Covenant House; **Steve Werthman**, Hope South Florida; **LeAnna Vasquez**, Jubilee Center; **Carol Lagaue**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Andre Joyce**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Sandra Atkins**, Broward County Family Success Administration Division.

**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**

Fay Osley provided a comprehensive overview of the services that Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC), including detoxification, inpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, and residential treatment, at locations throughout Broward County.

Anthony Ginsberg provided an overview of the Voter Registration Project, which works to ensure that every eligible citizen has the right to vote. He reported that the Project can provide information sessions for clients and encouraged all agencies to contact him to schedule a session.

Shira Fowlkes reported that Broward Regional Health Planning Council will be presenting the full Point in Time Count report to the Continuum of Care Board next month. She provided an overview of the preliminary numbers that were included in the handout.

**Old Business**

Gabriella Barros, Broward County Public Schools, provided an overview of a graduation fundraising and donations collection event to benefit seniors in the HEART program who are moving to college who do not have resources to cover their basic needs. She provided a hardcopy flyer and will send an electronic version to the HPSC email group.

**New Business**

JA reminded the Council that the July meeting will be recessed.

## **Committee Reports**

- Youth and Families – no report.
- MAT – no report.
- BBHC Update - William King reported that BBHC just finished contract negotiations with all 32 funded agencies. Reported that BBHC is working with Oxford Homes, which provides recovery residences and is working on moving into Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Reported that BBHC has funded new respite beds and to contact him or Selena King if any clients require this service.
- PIT – provided earlier in the meeting.
- Housing Action Committee – TC reported that the newly formed committee met last month and discussed several new initiatives. He reported that the Committee is looking into developing a homelessness-specific landlord database in MLS format, in partnership with one of the local Realtors' Associations. He reported that Keith Cavanaugh is leading an effort to develop a set of standards for clients and landlords, building on existing documents that have been published. He reported that the Committee is planning a landlord appreciation event in July and that assistance will be needed from everyone on the planning and implementation of that event.
- Consumer Advocacy Committee - DO reported that the PONG Committee moved to merge this committee with the Coffee and Conversation group provided at the library. Reported that the Committee is meeting on Monday to review the details of this merger and will provide updates to the Council on a monthly basis.

## **Good of the Order:**

Gabriella Barros reported that a recent event provided prom gowns and tuxes for homeless seniors, was a major success.

Tom Campbell reported that Broward Partnership was recently awarded a low-income housing tax credit project to develop a new 72-unit affordable housing facility on the parking lot at the Central Homeless Assistance Center. He reported that 36 of the units will be designated for homeless households.

Diana Pinero reported that the Salvation Army will be hosting a grand opening event for its new Day Respite program on Friday at 11:30am at the Broward Boulevard location.

## **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm; next meeting will be held on June 5, 2019.