

**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL**  
**October 2, 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:** Ellianna Dorvil/Jo-Ann Anstett

**Members Present:**

**Ellianna Dorvil**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Wellness Through Empowerment, LLC; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Jessica Abou**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Ricci Robson**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Tim Dwyer**, Covenant House; **Steve Werthman**, Hope South Florida; **Sgt. Ed Rafailovitch**, Broward Sheriff's Office; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Sarah Curtis**, Family Success Administration Division; **Gracy Haladjian**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Deborah B Johnson**, Henderson Behavioral Health; **Rene YaCinthe**, Jubilee Center; **Diana Pinero**, The Salvation Army; **Chania Somarriba**, Hope South Florida; **Gina Queen**, The Veterans Administration; **Mertalla Burris**, Legal Aid, **Lorraine Wilby**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Cassandra Burrell**, Urban League; **Annette Burroughs**, Volunteers of America; **Jaid Jones**, Hope South Florida; **Jaqueline Arroyo**, US Census Bureau; **Barbara Hobson**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Erika Laverde**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Melissa Reesor Martin**, Archways; **Richard Campillo**, Resident;

**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**

Day Respite and Family Overflow providers presented on various topics, including Jaid Jones from Hope South Florida and Ellianna Dorvil and Barbara Hobson from Broward Partnership for the Homeless.

William King from Broward Behavioral Health Coalition presented on SOAR.

Jaqueline Arroyo, Partnership Specialist with the United States Census Bureau, presented on the 2020 Census.

Presentations and handouts will be distributed to the HPSC email blast list following the meeting.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to report.

**New Business**

- A vote was held to accept the revised HPSC Operational Guidelines to be effective 10/1/19. The change is required to remain in line with the Broward County Governance Charter which indicates HPSC shall have one seat on the CoC Board. (A change from previous Charters which allowed for both the Chair and Vice Chair of HPSC to hold CoC Board seats) Membership attendance was reviewed and eligible members voted. The change to the HPSC Operational Guidelines was approved with Lorraine Wilby putting the motion forward and Marc Esko seconding the motion.
- Rebecca McGuire was not present to provide the HIP Update.

## **Committee Reports**

- Multi-Agency Taskforce (MAT) - Sergeant Ed Rafailovitch reported that he is finalizing the list of the Homeless Outreach Trained (HOT) deputies for distribution. He reported MAT conducted a meeting with the Police Chiefs that went well.
- Youth and Families – No one was present to provide a report.
- BBHC Update - William King reported BBHC has been working with Oxford House, a recovery house option, to expand their services to Broward County. He also reported that Fort Lauderdale Retirement Center will be closing permanently by 11/1/19 and they are working to ensure placement for the current residents. He also reported Healthcare for the Homeless will be losing their medical respite beds which will have an impact on the community.
- PIT – Jessica Abou reported the PIT Kickoff Event will be held on 10/3/19. This information will be sent to the HPSC email blast list.
- Housing Action Committee – No one was present to provide a report.
- Consumer Advocacy Committee - Marc Esko reported the next meeting will be held on October 10th.

## **Good of the Order:**

Jubilee Center reported they are having a fundraiser on 10/12/19.

Lorraine Wilby encouraged providers to identify homeless or formerly homeless individuals to join the Healthcare for the Homeless Broward which meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Healthcare for the Homeless. Lorraine also distributed flyers for the annual Healthcare for the Homeless Thanksgiving Feast to be held on Monday, 11/25/19. Information will be sent to the HPSC email blast list.

Tim Dwyer provided information on Covenant House's Annual Sleep Out to be held on 11/21/19. Information will be sent to the HPSC email blast list.

Sgt. Ed reported on BSO's involvement in the "Boost Your Brain" Resource Fair on 10/19/19 as well as the NAMI walk on 11/9/19.

Jo-Ann Anstett reported that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and many community events are happening to celebrate victims and survivors.

Urban League reported their Healthy Start program has seen an increase in pregnant women. As part of their response, they will be hosting various community "baby showers" with the first one to be held on 10/25/19 specifically for Creole speaking participants.

Richard Campillo reported he has been successful in engaging local ophthalmologists who will provide pro-bono services for individuals experiencing homelessness at Hope South Florida on the 3rd Thursday of each month. He is also looking to identify a location in the South part of the County to replicate these services.

## **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm; next meeting will be held on November 6, 2019.