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**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (CoC) Board Meeting
May 22, 2019
FINAL MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 10:05am

Location: Governmental Center East, GC-302

Time Adjourned: 11:22am

Minutes by: Anna Gibbs, CPD and
Kenisha Anthony

Members Present:

J. David Armstrong – Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Rep.; **Howard Bakalar** – CoC Vice-Chair, Advocate for the Homeless; **Jennifer Bullock**, Women in Distress Rep. -**Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio – Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI) Rep.; **Dwayne Chung**; City of Hollywood Police; **Sandra Einhorn** – Advocate for the Homeless; **Tiffany Garcia** – Broward County Housing Authority (BCHA) Rep.; **Luke Harrigan**; Faith Based Rep.; **Vice-Mayor Caryl Hattan** – Broward County Housing Council Rep.; **Maria Hernandez** – United Way Rep.; **Steve Hudson**, Broward Workshop Rep.; **Yvette Lopez** – Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) recipient Rep.; **Robin Martin** – Advocate for the Homeless; **Carole Mitchell** – School Board of Broward County Rep.; **Danny Osley** – Formerly Homeless Rep.; **Silvia Quintana** – Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) Rep. **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; **Cathy Stutin**- Fort Lauderdale Chamber Rep. **Steve Werthman** – Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds recipient Hollywood designee Rep. and **Jamie Costas** – Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Rep. participated via phone.

Members Absent:

Melida Akiti – South Hospital District Rep.; Community Services Rep.; **JoAnn Anstett** – Homeless Providers Stakeholders Council (HPSC) Chair; **Mason Jackson** – Career Source Broward Rep.; **Mark Korman** – City of Pompano Beach Rep.; **James Whitworth** – Ex-Officio-North Homeless Assistance Center (NHAC)/South Homeless Assistance Center (SHAC) Rep

Guests Present:

Lisa Vecchi, Broward Housing Solutions; **Lorraine Wilby**, The TaskForce; **Dr. Ted Greer**, Hope South Florida; **Lilly Gallardo**; The Salvation Army; **Alyse Gossman**; The Salvation Army; **Shira Fowlkes**; Broward Regional Health; **Giselle Williams**, Hope South Florida; **Jade Jones**, Hope South Florida; **Lynne Wines**; United Way **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Family; **Keith Cavanagh**; Broward Outreach Center; **Neva Whittacker**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Betsy Syprien**, Covenant House; **Jennifer Pimentel**, United Way; **Regina Kanzki**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Patrick Hardigan**, North Southern University; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **R. Campillo**; **Brenda Thompson**, Florida Veteran’s Housing and United Nations Association.

Staff Present:

Rebecca McGuire, HIP; **Sandy Steed**, Broward County Attorney’s Office; **Ricardo Moore**, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); **Darrell Cunningham**, Community Partnerships Division; **Silvia Beebe**, Community Partnerships Division; **Kenisha Anthony**, HIP

Call to Order & Quorum:

Senator Rich called the meeting to order; A. Gibbs completed the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Senator Nan Rich acknowledged two new members of the Board; Jennifer Bullock from Women In Distress and Cathy Stutin, from the Greater Chamber of Fort Lauderdale, who introduced themselves.

10:10 a.m. Maria Hernandez arrived.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve April 24, 2019 minutes.

First: Sandra Veszi

Second: Captain Scott Russell

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

CoC Board Update:

Senator N. Rich shared the following Broward County updates:

The Homeless Challenge Grant was funded, appropriated \$3.2 million reoccurring general revenue, with approximately \$200,000 going to Broward County. It is a possibility that the County will receive more.

Health and Humans Services will receive an increase of \$110 million, that was directed mainly at maintenance, adoption subsidy and Title IV-E, which will be going away.

The Agency for Health Care Administration received \$239 million, with \$220 million of that going to entitlements. The new funds are federal trust fund dollars which will be used to fund opioids treatment

This year approximately \$35 million will be put into dox stamps with a return of only \$2 million.

The Board of County Commissioners is holding a Budget Workshops next week. David Armstrong who is head of the Broward Workshop has engaged that group to help support the idea of using .2 tenths of a mil of general funds money to help fund the Affordable Housing Trust.

New Business:

- a) **Census:** Senator Rich sent the report via e-mail to all the members for review. She discussed statistics and the importance of an accurate census count of constituents as it relates to federal dollars being distributed to Broward County. She encouraged providers to recruit constituents to participate in subcommittees. Rebecca is going to help organize the count for the homeless population. It is expected to have issues with children under 5 and seniors as the count will be an online component.

- b) **HMIS PIT Count:** Dr. Hardigan presented statistical data captured during the 2018 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. This is a self-report count conducted under the guidelines set forth by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department and not a head count. There was a total of 2803 individuals, which is an increase in unsheltered individuals compared to last year. It will take some time to understand why this increase occurred, however it may have to do with eliminating the Vi- SPDAT assessment, which added 10 minutes to each individual being interviewed. This increase does not identify a trend. Data collected compares Florida statistics to other states; gender, age, Veteran, sheltered or unsheltered on the homeless from 2015 thru 2018. Also shared were several reasons given by the individuals for being homeless and if they suffered from Mental Illness, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence was being treated for HIV. Nationally, Broward County is up 33% in terms of chronic individuals which stems from the change in the definition and survey questions.

- Age Breakdown – Majority of homeless individuals are over 25 years of age.
- Veterans – It has been consistent over the years.
- The number one reason people reported being homeless was due to employment. Senator Rich reported that the CoC has been working closely with Mason Jackson and the TIGER team to address this issue.

c) **Reallocation of Funding:** Dr. McGuire presented the Board with a reallocation spreadsheet that showed those organization who underutilized funding in FY 2019 contracts. The spreadsheet showed which organization the money is being recommended to be reallocated. Dr. McGuire explained that all providers have been notified of the increase or decrease in funding and that the changes are based upon their current fiscal utilization. Staff recommended that the funds be allocated to The Salvation Army to continue rental subsidy for individuals who were housed from the encampment.

MOTION: Approve the Reallocate General Funds recommended by staff.

First: David Armstrong

Second: Carol Hatton

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Discussion: The Board discussed Sunsetting contracts and Voter Conflicts. The County Attorney is going to research if there are a large number of conflicts, is there still a quorum. The County Attorney was also going to research if Sandra Einhorn must declare a conflict as she does not receive funding.

Result: Passed

d) **DCF Notice of Intended Award:** Dr. McGuire gave an overview of the process, agencies receiving funding, and services that will be provided to the community under this award.

Hope South Florida was awarded \$120,000 for Rapid Re-Housing services. Women in Distress was awarded \$30,000 for shelter operations. Broward Partnership was awarded \$44,000 for shelter services all under the Emergency Solutions Grant. Broward Partnership was awarded \$119,000 for housing navigation under the Challenge Grant. This is a 3-year grant as long as the money is being available from the State.

MOTION: DCF Notice of Intended Award.

First: David Armstrong

Second: Vice-Chair Howard Bakalar

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Discussion: No providers applied for the TANF funds; therefore, the County will not be utilizing them.

Result: Passed

e) **HMIS presentation:**

Mr. Ricardo Moore gave an overview of a map that is a surface level view of Broward County with several Municipalities and zip codes. The map shows the number of self-report surveys completed on one day of the Point In Time Count (PIT). Sharing this map is the first attempt to present a map on where the unsheltered individuals were physically located in Broward County on that particular night. We can present this data in collaboration with the GIS Group with the goal to provide accurate numbers of concentrated areas within those cities.

Each homeless survey equals one body and does not account for every individual experiencing homelessness in Broward County. Meaning, the count does not cover everyone in the city, only individuals that agree to participate. For instance, if a volunteer approaches 5 unsheltered individuals, but only one agrees to participate then only one individual can be counted instead of 5. It is recommended in the future if this happens volunteers or Law Enforcement should make a notation. The Committee thoroughly discussed this recommendation.

f) **Feedings:** The committee addressed extensive litter caused by constituents feeding homeless individuals outside. Constituents have been encouraged to partner with providers that host feedings to conduct this activity in a dignified and sanitary manner. As a rebuttal, constituents do not agree that cities and the government are helping homeless individuals. It is recommended to increase PR coverage to change this narrative.

g) **Homeless Youth and Families:** Carol Michell from the School Board report the total count of homeless students is 5339 and 4732 active students spanning from Pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. Additionally, 198 students are in preschool, 2520 in elementary, 993 in middle school and 991 are in high school and centers.

h) **Discussion on Strategic Planning Meeting:** Senator Rich, Chair, requested that Board come back with dates that individuals are available to meet and discuss at the next Board Meeting scheduled for July 24, 2019.

Good of the Order: Brenda Thompson, United Nations Association on Broward Ambassador No Poverty introduced herself and expressed an interest in becoming a member of one HIP committees.

Ms. Wilby commented on the PIT Count.

Marilyn Lieberman was not present when called to speak.

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am: next meeting will be held July 24, 2019

MOTION: To adjourn meeting.

First: Silvia Quintana

Second: Caryl Hatton

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed