



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION**

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

**Time Called to Order:** 10:10 a.m.

**Location:** Governmental Center East, GC-302

**Time Adjourned:** 11:32 a.m.

**Minutes by** Susan Malek

**Members Present:** **Senator Nan Rich**, CoC Chair; Commissioner District 1; **JoAnn Anstett**; Local Homeless Provider and Stakeholder Council, CoC Rep.; **David J. Armstrong**, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, CoC Rep.; **Howard Bakalar** Vice Chair; **Jennifer Bullock**, Women in Distress CoC Rep.; **Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio, Broward Partnership for Homeless, Inc. (BPHI), CoC Rep; **Dwayne Chung**, City of Hollywood Police, CoC Rep; **Sandra Einhorn**, Advocate for the Homeless, CoC Rep; **Tiffany Garcia**, Broward County Housing Authority (BCHA), CoC Rep; **Mason Jackson**, CareerSource Broward, CoC Rep; **Mark Korman**, City of Pompano Beach, CoC Rep; **Yvette Lopez**, Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient CoC Rep; **Robin Martin**, Advocate for the Homeless, CoC Rep; **Reniese McNeal**; Formerly Homeless Representative, CoC Rep; **Danny Osley**, Formerly Homeless Representative, CoC Rep; **Steve Werthman**, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) , Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds recipient Hollywood designee, CoC Rep.

**Member via Phone:** None

**Members Absent:** **Melida Akiti**, South Hospital District, CoC Rep; **Jaime Costas**, Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLDP), CoC Rep; **Lee Ghezzi**, Broward Health, CoC Rep; **Luke Harrigan**, Faith Based Representative, CoC Rep; **Caryl Hattan**, **Vice-Mayor**, Broward County Housing Council, CoC Rep; **Maria Hernandez**, United

Way, CoC Rep; **Steve Hudson**, Broward Workshop, CoC Rep; **Carole Mitchell**, School Board of Broward County, CoC Rep; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health (BBHC), CoC Rep; **Scott; Russell**, Broward Sheriff's Office, CoC Rep; **Benjamin Sorensen**, Vice Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale, CoC Rep; **Cathy Stutin**, Fort Lauderdale Chamber, CoC Rep;

**Guests Present:** **Laura Saldana**, Lippman Youth Shelter; **Linda Gutierrez**, National Alliance on Mental Illness; **Joshua Rodriguez**, Florida Department of Health; **Keith Ca new avanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Jessica Abou**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Brandon Stewart**, United Way; **Richard Campillo**, Resident; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Dr. Ted Greer**, Hope South Florida (HSF); **Lynn Wines**, Broward Business Council on Homeless ness; **Chania Somarriba**, Hope South Florida; **Deidre Bolden**, Corporation for Supportive Housing; **Gabriela Barros**, H.E.A.R.T.; **Keisha Dum-Petts**, Early Learning Coalition; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advocacy Council.

**Staff Present:** **Ricardo Moore**, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); **Jose Melendez**, Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP); **Andrea Webster**, Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP); **Rebecca McGuire**, Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP); **Stuart Rakowsky**, HMIS; **Leonard Jones**, CPA; **Francisco Jiminez**, HIP; **Elizabeth Ortega**, HIP.

**Call to Order:** Senator Nan Rich called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Jose Melendez (HIP) completed the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Senator Rich moved for a motion to approve the September 2019 minutes.

**First:** Sandra Einhorn

**Second:** David Armstrong

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

## **CoC Board Chair Report:**

Nan Rich introduced new CoC Board member, Reniese McNeal. She is newly appointed by Commissioner Holness, filling the role of formally homeless. She works with SunServe.

The CoC Board introduced themselves to the new member.

Senator Nan Rich thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## **Under Legislative Update:**

An Affordable Housing workshop was held yesterday (October 22, 2019), following the Board of County Commission meeting. An analysis of the meeting will be disseminated at the next CoC Board meeting. Several items were discussed, and some items were able to gain consensus among the Commission. The County Administrator will provide a recap of the meeting and present it to the Board of County Commissioners at the November 5, 2019 meeting, prior to it moving forward to the Planning Council.

Senator Rich encouraged the Board to review the "Broward Next Plan". This is the current planning document for Broward County; however, it does not accurately address all the issues of Affordable Housing needed by each municipality. The Florida International University (FIU) Metropolitan Center conducted a needs assessment, which more accurately reflects the way affordable housing should be determined in each municipality. This assessment is on the FIU Metropolitan Website.

Three affordable housing applications totaling 288 affordable units are moving forward. The County Commission has agreed to provide a total of \$15 million in gap financing to Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, and Pembroke Pines. In addition, Fort Lauderdale is contributing \$5 million, Pompano Beach is contributing \$2.5 million, and Pembroke Pines is utilizing HFA funding for its project.

Legislation has been filed to create a Senior Services Council. This will assist with housing and services for seniors who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The other legislation is House Bill 7103, which passed, however it does not include affordable housing as a definition of capital facility. During the legislative session, efforts will be made to amend the definition to reflect affordable housing in construction as a capital facility. The last item is a local bill that has been filed to authorize the County Commissioners to levy a discretionary surtax for affordable housing. This is similar to the Miami- Dade County surtax.

Senator Rich also mentioned the Landlord recognition event on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, at the Signature Grand. The CoC will be recognizing landlords that have stepped up to help individuals get housed.

Senator Rich noted she was able to provide \$10,000 of funding from her budget to the Homeless Initiative Partnership for the purpose of Landlord Recruitment.

**Update on the HUD NoFA:** The application was successfully submitted. HUD has reinstated Technical Assistance Program. The staff has a call coming up to see what that is going to entail. We had this forum several years ago and they brought it back. It will be very helpful for the CoC as a whole.

**Update on the Government Charter:** The Ad Hoc Committee met and will bring back a document to the group for approval. This was very helpful. A special thanks to all who participated.

**Presentation by Joshua Rodriguez from the Department of Health.**

Mr. Rodriguez presented a power point presentation on Ending the Epidemic of HIV/AIDS. This was critical as 23% of individuals experiencing street homelessness in Broward are HIV positive. The presentation will be emailed out for members to review.

**Action Items:**

**Ad Hoc Committee for the Slate of Officers for the CoC Chair and Vice Chair and the PONG Chair.**

Senator Rich requested that the following unconflicted board members sit on the Ad Hoc nominating committee:

- David Armstrong
- Melida Akiti
- Mason Jackson
- Cathy Stutin

**Motion: Silvia Quintana:** To Accept Ad Hoc Committee Member

**Second: Mason Jackson**

**Discussion: None**

**Passed:**

**Reports:**

**Lynn Wines**, Executive Director of the Broward Business Council on Homelessness, provided an update to the CoC Board. She shared the Council continues to raise awareness regarding the homeless situation in our community, as well as raise funds. She announced that David Armstrong is the new Chair of the Council. The Council continues to work on outreach with various businesses and is concentrating on the homeless issue around 17<sup>th</sup> Street Causeway.

**Linda Gutierrez** from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) announced a function November 9, 2019. This will be their annual walk to raise awareness. The Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) will be participating.

**Good of the Order:**

Questions were asked about the “hotspots” throughout the County. Rebecca McGuire reported, there is an issue with crime in concentrated hot spots among the homeless on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The County and providers are working to assess the magnitude of the situation.

Robin Martin shared that at the PONG meeting the topic of equity in shelter capacity for women versus men is being discussed. Women are more vulnerable than men and have a longer wait time for access to shelters. It was requested that the staff provided data regarding this issue. This will be presented at the next PONG to assess the magnitude of the problem.

**Adjournment: 11:20 a.m.**

The next meeting is December 4, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.  
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