



**Human Services Department**


**Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division**

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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (“HOSS-D”)**  
**Performance Outcomes Needs and Gaps (PONG) Meeting**  
**April 15, 2025**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Time: 9:04 a.m.

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
Sandra Einhorn Board Chair	X						
Dwayne Chung	X						
Brian Donovan	X						
Maria Hernandez			X				
Robin Martin	X						
Reniese McNeal	X						
Silvia Quintana		X					
Howard Bakalar			X				
Ron Moffett		X					
Keith Cavanaugh			X				
Juan Saavedra			X				

  
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**Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (HOSSD)**  
**Performance Outcomes & Needs & Gaps (PONG)**  
**Committee hybrid meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**Time Called to Order:** 9:04 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 10:27 a.m.

**Location:** 115 S. Andrews Ave. Room A-337, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Minutes By:** Nicole Hague (HOSS-D)

**Members' Present:** Sandra Einhorn, Executive Director of the Coordinating Council, (Chair), Dwayne Chung, Hollywood Police Department,

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Completed by Patrice Paldino, HOSS-D director. A quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the March 2025 meeting minutes

**First:** Reniese McNeal

**Second:** Dwayne Chung

**Declaration of conflict:** None

**Results:** Approved

**Old Business:**

**Ad hoc committee for HCoC Seats:**

The Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Marty Cassini attended the meeting to answer any questions the Committee may have regarding the new HCoC seats.

Patrice Paldino informed the Committee that the ad hoc members made a decision that the Performance Outcomes Needs and Gaps (PONG) Committee should not move forward with the additional seats at this time and to bring the matter back for discussion at a later date.

**Legislative updates:**

Marty Cassini informed the Committee that the Staffing and Challenge Grants will be fully funded.

**Public Comment:**

Greg Hunt signed up for a public comment regarding a grant application for assistance with his business so that he will be able to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with job opportunities.

**Discussion of Peer Support Specialist:**

Alex Morales informed the Committee that a Taxonomy would need to be changed, and a category added to outreach for a certification as a Peer Recover Support Specialist with six months of lived experience. This was done due to previous conversations and the concern of having to have a degree in order to fill the role.

**New Business:****A House With Heart Homes Presentation:**

Roxanne Rowles with A House With Heart Homes gave the Committee a presentation to the Committee and provided them with information on what her organization does.

**DCF ESG RFP funding:**

This recommendation will go straight to the Homeless Continuum of Care to vote.

**Approval of the Mid-year Reallocation:**

**Motion:** To approve the Mid-year Reallocation

**First:** Reniese McNeal

**Second:** Dwayne Chung

**Declaration of conflict:** None

**Results:** Approved

**Approval of the Miami Rescue Mission Contract:**

**Motion:** To approve Broward County in the creation of a Sole Source Contract regarding the Broward Outreach Center.

**First:** Dwayne Chung

**Second:** Reniese McNeal

**Declaration of conflict:** None

**Results:** Approved

**Move PONG meeting time:**

A discussion took place regarding changing the meeting time. The PONG Chair mentioned that the current day and time have produced the best attendance.

**Data:**

**HUD & DCF Utilization Presentation:**

Alex Morales reviewed the handout with the Committee regarding HUD & DCF Utilization.

**Shelter updates:**

Tom Ruthardt with BPHI informed the Committee that the North Homeless Assistance Center (NHAC) and Central Homeless Assistance Center (CHAC) are operating at 95% capacity or above. Tom Ruthardt stated that there are still some bathroom renovations happening at the CHAC with no big impacts.

Tom Ruthardt informed the Committee that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation has approved their application for funding low-income housing tax credits for the development of Aspire 1650 which will be developed on land behind the NHAC.

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge:**

The Jorge Hruschka with the City of Ft Lauderdale Informed the Committee of a challenge that takes place every six months to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to feed the disadvantaged. Roughly 250 kids will be participating and making the sandwiches to distribute.

**Good of the order:**

Sandra Einhorn informed the Committee that she, along with a few others attended the City of Boston for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Leadership trip. Sandra Einhorn stated that she Chaired the Housing Affordability and Homelessness Committee and while in Boston spent several days visiting the different affordable housing developments with the Preservation of Affordable Housing which is one of the largest affordable housing developers.

Next Meeting May 13, 2025  
115 S. Andrews Avenue  
Room A-337 9:00 a.m.