



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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**BROWARD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS  
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP) SECTION  
Performance & Outcomes & Needs & Gaps (PONG)  
Committee Meeting  
Friday, January 10, 2020  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order: 11:00 AM**

**Time Adjourned: 12:30 PM**

**Location: Government Center East Room A337**

**Minutes by Susan Malek**

**Members Present:** Melida Akiti, Memorial Health System; Sandra Einhorn, Executive Director of the Coordinating Council; Robin Martin, Rebuilding Together Broward County; Silvia Quintana, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; Scott Russell, Broward Sheriff's Office and head of the Homeless Outreach Initiatives as well as our CIT program.

**Member via Phone:** None

**Members Absent:** David J. Armstrong, Business Council on Homelessness; Howard Bakalar, Advocate; Luke Harrigan, Faith Based Representative; Maria Hernandez, United Way; Mason Jackson, Career Source Broward.

**Guests Present:** Keith Cavanaugh, Broward Outreach Center, (Miami Rescue Mission); Mark Esko, Consumer Advisory Counsel and Consumer Advocacy Committee; Yamaris Arbitman, United Way of Broward County Housing Initiatives Director; Lilly Gallardo, Salvation Army; Brandon Stewart, United Way.

**Staff Present:** Elizabeth Ortega, Andrea Webster, Ricardo Moore, Stuart Rakowsky, Kavaja Sarduy, and Rebecca McGuire.

**Call to Order @ 11:03 a.m.**

Sandra Einhorn introduced herself. She is the Executive Director of the Coordinating Council of Broward; the Nonprofit Executive Alliance and she is now the new chair for the PONG Committee.

**Roll Call:** Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Approval of Minutes

**First:** Scott Russell, BSO

**Second:** Robin Martin, Advocate

**Declaration of Conflict:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Result:** Passed

### **New Committee Action Items**

#### **Overview of Service Category Funding Priorities for FY 2021**

Dr. McGuire discussed the history of the review of the Governance Charter and the subsequent vote by the CoC, with the caveat to continue to update the document. A group worked on the document and on defining the role of the Local Providers Stakeholder Council. The group recommended that the Council function as it originally did and review gaps services and priorities in funding. Therefore, during the Local Provider and Stakeholders meeting in January 2019, discussion was held about funding priorities and the gaps in services from the Providers perspective. There was excellent data that came from this discussion, that will be brought to the PONG Committee for further discussion in March.

Dr. McGuire provided the handout to the Committee that was used at the Local Providers and Stakeholders Council meeting to demonstrate funding by service category.

Under the category of Crisis Intervention are the four shelters in Broward County that are funded by the County. The other categories are Housing (Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Transitional Housing), Supportive Services and Street Outreach. Each category was reviewed, and an overview of the services and numbers served was discussed.

There were questions about Case Management as the number seemed low. The response was that many housing providers have Case Management in house and therefore the need to contract out separately is not as great.

There was discussion about the project to get the municipalities engaged. Rebecca explained that there is a small group with Commissioner Sorensen and Senator Rich working on a strategic plan to engage them. There was a comment to try to engage the League of Cities as well.

## **Discussion on PIT numbers regarding gender and Street Homeless**

In October, Mr. Weinberg (guest) asked this committee to do research looking into the inequity of shelter capacity for women versus men. The study went back five years. The only data that is used is that data which is validated out of HMIS by the HMIS team. As suspected the ratio of men to women has maintained a relative study pace 1/3 to 2/3 men. There has been little change over five years in the capacity of the shelters overall. Ricardo Moore HMIS presented on the Point In Time Count for the past 5 years.

### **Ricardo Moore**

Ricardo shared total shelter and unsheltered homeless from the Point in Time count from 2015 through 2019. Each of those years are broken down as relating to gender. The data demonstrated this split had been relatively stable. This will be monitored and as renovation are made to the Shelters consideration of gender-neutral bathrooms and other accommodations will be considered to help increase capacity for women.

There a greater percentage of women on the street than there are in shelters. In theory there isn't enough shelters for individual single women. Women are staying on the street longer than the average man (approximately 2 weeks).

Sandra Einhorn (Chair) requested for the next meeting staff will have the total number of beds for men, the total number of beds for women and total number of family dorms. Additionally, the staff will pull the average length of stay for men, women and families.

### **Update to corrected numbers from HUD:**

An email was received from HUD. They released their annual homeless assessment report. Some discrepancies were noted. The report was from 2019 back to 2007. For 2012, in the report there was a total number of 3,183. What was reported to HUD in their system was 1,915. In 2010, their system does not have any record of what we entered but inadvertently a number of 30,225 was put in. Ricardo has opened a ticket to get the information corrected.

### **Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2020**

Motion: Approval of the 2020 calendar of meetings

First: Sylvia Quintana, BBHC

Second: Robin Martin, Advocate

Discussion: There was some discussion regarding the Jewish Holidays. Staff will update the calendar to reflect those.

Vote: All in favor

Approved: Motion Approved.

This will move to the CoC Board for final approval.

### **Fiscal Year 2021 Request for Proposals**

The request for proposal should come out in March-April at the very latest.

The 2017 contracts are sunsetting. The services to be advertised are Legal services, Medical Respite, Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive housing. The NoFA Bonus RFP for HUD is going to be published at the same time. The recommendation for the HUD RFP is PSH Chronic as well as the HUD Domestic Violence RRH project.

Silvia Quintana had a request. She stated there are going to be some people that are forever in need of permanent supportive housing because of their social issues. Her question was related to some being set aside for initiatives like SOAR project to assist individuals and families in obtaining benefits. Each PSH and RRH Service Delivery Model has the need for providers to use the SOAR Method for benefits applications.

### **Public Comment**

#### **Question:**

We do have some female beds that weren't counted.

#### **Answer:**

There are three beds for families, just for females, no fathers. There is also flexibility on moving some things around if there is a need for increase to accommodate more if necessary.

Ricardo Moore added the Salvation Army's numbers were not reflected.

#### **Comment:**

Silvia Quintana shared that she has been working with NAMI and the City of Pembroke Pines and DCF on a land lease for a property on South Florida State Hospital to affordable housing. The County has been involved. Ralph Stone (Broward County) has attended the meetings. Senator Rich is aware of this effort and is very supportive. This is an important initiative to support.

**Items for the Next Meeting:**

Rebecca suggested to review members and attendance and activity to see if we need new members.

The Committee will also be reviewing the policy for the HUD ranking and rating. Last year there was concern about how old the policy was written. Those will be sent out ahead of time with the tracked changes.

Also, the Committee will be evaluating permanent reallocation. Reallocations must stay within the service category and cannot be reallocated in any other manner.

In the next meeting there will be a discussion of the committee's individual charters.

There will be a review of the HUD system performance measures. Ricardo will be giving a presentation. He is also doing a presentation at the Local Providers Stakeholders Council in early February. These are due to HUD on 2/28/2020.

There was nothing more for the Good of the Order

**Motion to Adjourn.**

**The next meeting will be on February 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.  
Governmental Center Annex Room A337**