

**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
PERMANENT HOUSING COMMITTEE
February 13, 2019
MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 3:02pm
Location: Governmental Center East, A-337

Time Adjourned: 4:20pm
Minutes by: Luis DeJesus, HIP

Members Present: **Tom Campbell**, Chair, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Sarah Curtis**, Family Success Administration Division – Homeless Options Program; **Giselle Williams**, HOPE South Florida; **Chania Somarriba**, HOPE South Florida; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advocacy

Members Absent: **Angela Blaine**, City of Fort Lauderdale; **Norman Embree**, LifeNet for Families; **Lilly Gallardo**, The Salvation Army; **Andrea Hanner**, Broward Housing Solutions; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way; **Robert Long**, St. Laurence Chapel; **Tiffany Garcia**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Marlo Longworth**, The Salvation Army; **Janet Nichols**, Catholic Charities; **Jeri Pryor**, City of Fort Lauderdale; **James Whitworth**, Caring Place; **Luciana Wimbish**, Broward Housing Solutions

Guests Present: **Jaime Thomas**, Henderson Behavioral Health; **Michael Ranglin**, HOPE South Florida; **Camille Eisamann**, 411Veterans; **Scoundnel Oliver**, Covenant House; **William Byrd**, Caring Place; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health; **Richard Campillo**

Staff Present: **Esau Williams**, HIP; **Luis DeJesus**, HIP, **Kenisha Bryant**, HIP

Welcome & Introductions:

T. Campbell, Chair, called the meeting to order, attendees introduced themselves, and quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve October 17, 2018 minutes.
First: K. Cavanaugh
Second: J. Thomas
Declaration of Conflict: None
Discussion: None
Result: Passed.

New Business: *Update on Transition of Permanent Housing Committee to “Housing Action Committee” by T. Campbell, Chair:*

There is a need to make changes to some of the Continuum of Care committees. In the last PONG meeting, they discussed having action-oriented committees with different players at each committee to improve Continuum outcomes. The HIP staff will be providing information requested by the PONG in order for them to decide on changes, if applicable. The Permanent Housing Committee is to become the “Housing Action Committee.”

K. Cavanaugh spoke on Housing Navigator’s Networking event in December. During event, topics discussed: landlord lists, what has worked, what improvements to be made, and much more. Several organizations attended and more are signed up for next event. The objective is to come together and brainstorm how to address recruitment collaboratively. Anyone interested in attending next meeting can contact K. Cavanaugh.

Discussion on Homeless Management Information System by E. Williams, HIP:

The Coordinated Assessment HIP team has been conducting Rapid Re-Housing training. The Homeless Management Information System team has also provided training but this is supplemental to that training. The Quality Assurance team is also available to provide training. Guides are available for quick reference.

Update on Encampment Closure Activities by S. Curtis, Family Success Administration:

Encampment located at Downtown Library was abated and people were temporarily placed in hotels until housing options were available. Of 86 people, 5 were referred to HOPE South Florida, and 5 had reunification plans. The remaining were placed in Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) (rental assistance) through the Salvation Army, and the others placed in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) through Broward County Housing Authority. TaskForce assisted in the process. Although there were challenges due to the holidays, the RRH group have been successfully housed. Most of the PSH have also been housed with only a few waiting on certain things such as identification, birth certificates, and such. There are 4 case managers, behavioral health clinician, behavioral health specialist who are all working with everyone newly housed providing intensive case management. A few of the people demonstrated difficulty adjusting to changes, but overall, everyone has been doing well.

A. Corderman advised Holy Cross has received feedback on impact of encampment abatement from patients. The Salvation Army and HOPE South Florida have been addressing this very outcome.

Old Business:

Available RRH and PSH Available Units Report by E. Williams, HIP:

A couple of units have become available but are pending people in queue, so for the most part, we are almost at 100% capacity. Referrals are still coming in and then sent out to providers. Placing large families is a challenge but is being worked on. HOPE South Florida has 1 pending each in HOPE4 Families and Hollywood Homes, and 4 pending housing inspection and 10 on housing search in Keys 2 HOPE.

Veterans are screened, especially at the By-Name List Workgroups, and ensured to be sent to the Veterans Affairs (VA) for assistance. If the VA is unable to assist them, they are referred back to us. Everyone, including veterans should be referred to the Homeless Helpline.

Chronic Workgroup Update by E. Williams, HIP:

Last meeting was located at TaskForce office. Challenges were shared with Darrell Cunningham, Community Partnerships Division Director. Feedback will be provided upon his completion of assessment on challenges. The Homeless Management Information System was also discussed and some of the challenges with the system.

Defunded Projects Update by E. Williams, HIP:

2 projects were previously defunded (City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward Housing Solutions). Out of all the clients impacted by this, 5 are left to be housed and are being worked on.

Committee discussed challenges faced in housing clients from 2 projects.

Good of the Order: L. DeJesus advised of his departure from Homeless Initiative. For any administrative support assistance, Ebony Dorcelus in HIP should be contacted (edorcelus@broward.org and/or (954) 357-6101).

R. Campillo shared a list of homeless services he created.

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.