

**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
PERFORMANCE, OUTCOMES, NEEDS, AND GAPS (PONG) COMMITTEE
February 14, 2019
DRAFT MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 2:36pm
Location: Governmental Center East, A-337

Time Adjourned: 3:52pm
Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus, HIP

Members Present: **Maria Hernandez**, United Way CoC Board Rep.; **Mason Jackson**, CareerSource Broward CoC Board Rep.; **Robin Martin**, Chair, Advocate for the Homeless CoC Board Rep.;

Members Absent: **Sandra Einhorn**, Advocate for the Homeless CoC Board Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health CoC Board Rep.; **J. David Armstrong**, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Continuum of Care (CoC) Rep.; **Howard Bakalar**, Advocate for the Homeless CoC Board Rep.; **Scott DiMarzo**, North District Hospital CoC Board Rep.; **Steve Hudson**, Broward Workshop CoC Board Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**; **Scott Russell**

Guests Present: **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advocacy Council; **Giselle Williams**; HOPE South Florida **Chania Somarriba**; HOPE South Florida; **Ricard Camp**, Guest; **Hope Gary**, Fort Lauderdale Community Center; **William Gary**, Fort Lauderdale Community Center

Staff Present: **Rebecca McGuire** HIP; **Ebony Dorcelus** HIP; **James Ellis**; Human Services; **Ricardo Moore**; Human Services;

**Welcome &
Introductions:**

R. Martin, Chair, called meeting to order, attendees introduced themselves, and quorum was confirmed.
Rebecca McGuire announced the promotion of Luis DeJesus.
James Ellis announced the Ricardo Morris, the new HMIS Supervisor.

**Approval of
Minutes:**

MOTION: *To approve January 10, 2019 Minutes.*
First: Mason Jackson
Second: Luke Harrigan
Declaration of Conflict: None.
Discussion: None.
Result: Passed.

HMIS Completeness and Timelines Report

Committee skipped over to discussion old business agenda item **b.** Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Completeness and Timeliness Report

- HMIS discuss the breakdown of the Provider Quarterly HMIS Timeliness Report
The HMIS Timeliness Report will be provided on a quarterly basis.
The Providers report is based on client entries and exits. It measures the date of the entry verses the date that is input into the system.

Suggestion- the quarterly reports are reviewed, approved, and finalized before going

out to the public.

Suggestion- that the report is presented at the HMIS meeting and HSPC meeting so that providers are aware of when it goes out to the public.

New Business: Both a. Employment Navigators and b. Update on Needs and Gap discussion

Discussion of handout - Department of Children and Families request for proposals. There will be a procurement announcement coming out Monday to providers that has a 30-day turnaround.

What providers will make it to the big application that is due on March 29, 2019.

A pre-meeting for providers to review the needs and gaps as it will relate to the RFP.

There are currently opportunities in the RFP.

- Challenge Grant \$300,000 (100% Match)
- TANF \$70,000
- Emergency Solutions Grant \$300,000 (100% Match)

The PONG committee will vote on the “A Way Home Plan” to pre-certify. Every year a plan must be certified according to Florida Statue that looks at the strategic vision that lays out the priorities of the plan.

One of the concepts that was brought forward is the Employee Assessment and Navigation Team which consist of roughly 3-4 members, which has been created to primarily work with anyone within the continuum who will be identified as having an opportunity to be employable, may need assistance walking through the process of CareerSource.

c. Housing and Urban Development 2019 Notice of Funding Availability Priority

Committee members review the summary hand out which explains what eligible applicant needs and the funding availability priority.

Group Discussion

How can we create a process that broadens the opportunity for other providers to get a chance at the business to serve the community for ending homelessness?

1. *Guest Comment-* Concerns about the lack of opportunity that smaller organizations are not receiving.
2. *Guest Comment –* What is the relevancy of the cost that is being spent for the homeless community verses the money we receive?

d. Discussion on HUD exit for Permanent and Supportive Housing

No discussion

e. Reallocation Discussion

Committee discussed the summary of the 3 funding streams and the available funding allocation for each component.

- Challenge Grant - Housing Navigator / Employee Navigator
- Emergency Solutions Grant – Rapid Rehousing
- TANF – Open – Prevention

MOTION: *To approve the 3 recommendations as presented by staff and providers.*

First: Mason Jackson

Second: Maria Hernandez

Result: Passed

f. Certification of the “A Way Home Plan”

MOTION: *To approve the Certification “A Way Home Plan”.*

First: Maria Hernandez

Second: Luke Harrigan

Result: Passed

Old Business:

a. By-Name List – no discussion

b. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Completeness and Timelines Report – (Moved up and discussed in New Business)

Good of the Order: Guest Richard presents the Food, Shower, Outreach (FSO) guide that helps the homeless community navigate to locations that are providing the food, shelter, and outreach services.

Adjournment &

Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm; next meeting will be held on March 14, 2019.