

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

Time Called to Order: 2:30pm
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.; **Steve Hudson**, Broward Workshop CoC Board Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**; **Scott Russell**

Scott DiMarzo, North District Hospital CoC Board Rep resigned from the CoC Board.

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 Ricardo Morris as 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

The chair allowed for HMIS to present first as Jay needed to attend another meeting.

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 into the system not the date the client entered the program.

Suggestion- the quarterly reports are reviewed, approved by the providers and they are allowed an opportunity to provide comments explaining any anomalies in their numbers, prior to the presentation at the PONG.

New Business:

a. Employment Navigators

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Request for Proposals (RFP) is adding service category of Employment Navigators. 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.

This could be funded out of the Challenge Grant component of the funding.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) announcement was published on February 18, 2019 to providers that has a 30-day turnaround.

Announcements of selected providers will be completed on March 27, 2019 and the full RFP to DCF will be submitted before March 29, 2019. There are currently funding opportunities in the RFP are as follows:

- Challenge Grant \$300,000 (100% Match)
- TANF \$70,000
- Emergency Solutions Grant \$300,000 (100% Match)
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b. Update on Needs and Gaps discussion:

There was also discussion regarding the match issues with all RFP's. Guest who have been unable to apply due to the match expressed their concern. Staff expressed that the issue of match is a system wide concern. One effort is to engage the business community to help with match so that our community does not loose valuable funds due to the lack of match. Rebecca to follow up with the Business Alliance.

There was concerned expressed that smaller organizations can not take advantage of these opportunities due to the match issue.

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 (smaller) 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 cannot receive funding.
2. *Guest Comment:* What is the relevancy of the cost that is being spent for the homeless community verses the money we receive?

e. Reallocation Discussion

This item was tabled. Will be reviewed at the 2/14/2019 meeting.

f. Certification of the “A Way Home Plan”.

The PONG committee had a robust discussion regarding the vote on the “A Way Home Plan”. There was concern expressed about the late dissemination of the report. Staff explained the report was received on 1/28/2019 from the consultant and then had to be routed to Human Service Department administration for approval. Concern was expressed that this is typical of how the County delays the presentation of critical material. HIP staff apologized for the delay, however there was not a lot of opportunity to get it out much sooner due to the timing of the DCF, RFP.

The addition of the Employment issues to the plan was also addressed. After much discussion as to whether to vote or not on the certification, a motion was made.

Every year a plan must be certified according to Florida Statue that looks at the strategic vision and lays out the priorities of the CoC.

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

First: Maria Hernandez

Second: Luke Harrigan

Result: Passed

Old Business:

a. By-Name List – This item was tabled and will be discussed at the 3/14/2019 meeting.

b. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Completeness and Timelines Report – See above.

Good of the Order: Guest Richard Campillo presented the Food, Shower, Outreach (FSO) guide that helps individuals experiencing homelessness navigate to locations that are providing the food, shelter, and outreach services.

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

The Next meeting will be held on March 14, 2019, @ 2:30 p.m..