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**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (CoC) Board Meeting
August 26, 2020
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 10:10 A.M.

Location: Skype Meeting

Time Adjourned: 11:01 A.M.

Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega

Members Via Skype:

Senator Nan Rich, CoC Chair; County Commissioner District 1; **Melida Akiti**; Memorial Hospital District, CoC Rep.; **Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio, Broward Partnership for Homeless, Inc., CoC Rep; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Ex Officio, Broward Outreach Center, CoC Rep.; **Sandra Einhorn**, Advocate for the Homeless, CoC Rep.; **Tiffany Garcia**, Broward County Housing Authority (BCHA), CoC Rep; **Caryl Hattan**, Councilmember, Broward County Housing Council, CoC Rep; **Mason Jackson**, CareerSource Broward, CoC Rep; **Reniese McNeal**, Formally Homeless Representative, CoC Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, (BBHC), CoC Rep; **Steve Werthman**, Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds recipient, City of Hollywood designee, CoC Rep.; **Captain Scott Russell**, Broward Sheriff's Office, CoC Rep.; **Commissioner Benjamin Sorensen**, City of Fort Lauderdale, CoC Rep.; **Cathy Stutin**, Fort Lauderdale Chamber, CoC Rep.; **Danny Osley**, Formerly Homeless Representative, CoC Rep.; **Michael Barron**, Women in Distress, CoC Rep; **Yvette Lopez**, Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient, CoC Rep; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way, CoC Rep; **Carole Mitchell**, School Board of Broward County, CoC Rep.

Members Absent: **Jamie Costas**, Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLDP) CoC Rep.; **Dwayne Chung**, City of Hollywood Police Department, CoC Rep; **Luke Harrigan**, Faith Based Representative, CoC Rep.; **Howard Bakalar** Vice-Chair; Advocate for the Homeless, CoC Rep.; **JoAnn Anstett**, Co-Chair, Local Provider Stakeholder Council; **Robin Martin**, Advocate for the Homeless, CoC Rep.

Staff Present/Skype: **Rebecca McGuire**, Ph.D., Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP); **Darrell Cunningham**, Director of Community Partnerships Division; **Silvia Beebe**, Assistant Director of Community Partnerships Division; **Kavaja Sarduy**, (HIP); **Andrea Webster**, (HIP); **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP) **Tracie Bostick** (HIP) **Charlesy Nance**, (HIP).

Call to Order: Commissioner Nan Rich called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Roll Call: Completed by HIP Administrator, Rebecca McGuire, Ph. D. A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes: Senator Rich asked for an approval of the August 26th meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion to approve the draft minutes.

First: Caryl Hattan

Second: Mason Jackson

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: August 26, 2020 minutes were approved.

Chair Report by Senator Rich:

Senator Rich acknowledged the recent death of Courtney Richard, who was an advocate for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Captain Scott Russell gave a brief history in memory of Courtney. Senator Rich appointed Captain Russell to head up an Ad Hoc committee to provide a plan to honor Courtney.

In August, a County-wide Census Workforce Campaign was launched to allow employees at several large businesses and companies to complete their census online, during the workday. This campaign will likely be extended through September. Senator Rich encouraged the Board to promote the Workforce Campaign and census completion.

Senator Rich welcomed Mr. Michael Barron as the new representative from Women in Distress to the Board.

Census Update by Senator Rich:

Senator Rich shared that the County is currently at 60% for the overall self-response rate, with several municipalities below 50%. The new date for the end of the collection of data is September 30, 2020. Enumerators are currently out in communities going door-to-door to count households that have not yet responded to the census. Broward County's 2010 self-response rate was 63.7% so the goal is to meet and then surpass the 2010 completion rate.

The President and CEO of the Florida Panthers, Matthew Caldwell, donated two Billboards to help raise awareness about the 2020 Census and they will stay up through September 30th.

CoC Updates by Dr. Rebecca McGuire:

Dr. McGuire reported that the Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS), has been very busy with intakes from multiple sources. The CoC continues to have weekly shelter calls to streamline the intake process.

Currently census is low in CoC shelters, but strategies are being explored to increase the census for the four shelters funded by the County. The CoC shelters continue to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to manage COVID-19 outbreaks.

Dr. McGuire thanked Commissioner Sorensen for continuing to help strategize and plan, to get individuals experiencing homelessness tested faster and into COC shelters. Dr. McGuire to brief Commissioner Sorensen regarding strategies for issues regarding homelessness and the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Outreach Officers.

Commissioner Sorensen stated he is currently working with Judge Tutor to open Community Court. They are in the discussion phase for opening a COVID testing site in Holiday Park.

Dr. McGuire reported that Blount Road in Pompano has been cleaned up thanks to Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) and Broward Partnership for the Homeless (BPHI). Dr.

McGuire is also having calls with Tom Campbell, (BPHI) to help control the unsanctioned meal sharing at that site.

Kavaja Sarduy, Human Services Manager for the Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP), gave a brief presentation on the Landlord Recruitment Campaign. She shared the progress and projects. The goal is to launch this campaign by October 1, 2020. Ms. Sarduy encouraged Board Members to share the HIP Coordinated Entry email address (coordinatedentry@broward.org) with landlords or property managers that might be interested in this initiative. The campaign includes printed brochures that will be available by mid-September. Ms. Sarduy will be providing updates to the board monthly.

Dr. McGuire shared that the County had submitted a proposal in early July for Phase One of Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) COVID-19 funding from the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The County is waiting for DCF to provide the amendment to contract JP003, so the funds may be approved for disbursement to subrecipients.

DCF has started the budget process for phase two of the COVID-19 funds. Broward County is estimated to receive an estimated 3.2 million dollars for emergency shelter services, rapid rehousing, and street outreach. The projected timeframe for the disbursement of the 3.2 million dollars will come in January 2021.

Good of the Order: No Responses

Adjournment

**Next CoC Meeting
September 23, 2020 @10:00 a.m.**