



Human Services Department

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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (“HIP”)  
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting  
February 24, 2021  
FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**


**Time Called to Order:** 10:02 A.M.

**Location:** Skype Meeting

**Time Adjourned:** 10:35 A.M.

**Minutes by** Elizabeth Ortega

**Members Via Skype:** **Senator Nan Rich**, HCoC Chair; County Commissioner District 1; **Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio, Broward Partnership for Homeless, Inc., HCoC Rep.; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Ex Officio, Broward Outreach Center, HCoC Rep.; **Sandra Einhorn**, Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep.; **Caryl Hattan**, Councilmember, Broward County Housing Council, HCoC Rep.; **Reniese McNeal**, Formally Homeless Representative, HCoC Rep.; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, (“BBHC”), HCoC Rep.; **Steve Werthman**, Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds recipient, City of Hollywood designee, HCoC Rep.; **Melida Akiti**; Memorial Hospital District, HCoC Rep.; **Captain Scott Russell**, Broward Sheriff’s Office, HCoC Rep.; **Commissioner Benjamin Sorensen**, City of Fort Lauderdale, HCoC Rep.; **Cathy Stutin**, Fort Lauderdale Chamber, HCoC Rep.; **Danny Osley**, Formerly Homeless Representative, HCoC Rep.; **Michael Barron**, Women in Distress, HCoC Rep.; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way, HCoC Rep.; **Howard Bakalar**, Vice-Chair; Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep.; **Tiffany Garcia**, Broward County Housing Authority (“BCHA”), HCoC Rep.; **Robin Martin**, Advocate for the Homeless, HCoC Rep.; **Yvette Lopez**, Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Recipient, HCoC Rep.; **William Green**; Broward Health HCoC Rep.; **Dwayne Chung**, City of Hollywood Police Department, HCoC Rep.; **Lorraine Wilby**, HPSC Chair HCoC Rep.



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**Members Absent:** **Jamie Costas**, Fort Lauderdale Police Department (“FLDP”) HCoC Rep.; **Carole Mitchell**, School Board of Broward County, HCoC Rep.

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

**Call to Order:** Senator Nan Rich called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

#### **Chair Report:**

Senator Rich reported that the County Commission ratified an agreement between Broward County and the State of Florida Department of Health (Broward). The agreement specified using the Cares Act funds and additional County funds for a total of \$58 million. This will be the County’s investment in the COVID vaccination plan.

The agreement will also provide additional access for the County administration to accommodate eligible individuals with a disability and those on the County’s special needs shelter list to gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

The County also received \$59 million from the CARES Act for rental assistance as well as meal sharing.

Senator Rich reported that the demographic survey distributed to members of County Advisory boards by the office of Governmental affairs has been pulled. The survey has some HIPPA issues, and an updated survey will be forthcoming.

Senator Rich reported that bills have been filed in the 2021 State Legislative Session that address distribution and funding of Sadowski Trust Fund dollars.

Senator Rich reported there is legislative bills addressing the Sadowski fund. Of funds transferred to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 65% must be used for single family homeownership programs and 25% goes to multifamily rentals.

This distribution does not address the critical need for multifamily affordable housing.

## **HCoC Updates by Dr. Rebecca McGuire:**

### **PIT Survey Updates:**

Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D., reminded everyone of the Point-in-Time Count being held March 20, 2021 through March 30, 2021.

Dr. McGuire reported she will be meeting with both Commissioner Sorensen and Senator Rich to discuss strategies to engage the 10 municipalities that have been chosen as focus geographic locations during this point in time count 2021.

Promotional items have been ordered. Rebecca McGuire also stated she will be reaching out to engage law enforcement.

Broward Regional Health Planning Council is working on hiring temporary staff who will be doing the survey. Both the devices and survey are ready for the March 20, 2021 launch.

### **Upcoming Request for Proposal for General Funds**

Dr. McGuire stated that Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Fund projects will be announced early in March 2021. Please make sure you are registered on the Community Partnership website to get the notice.

### **HUD 2021 Notice of Funding Announcement (NoFA)**

Dr. McGuire reported that registration for the 2021 NoFA must be completed by March 4, 2021. Once the County is registered as the Florida, FL 601, CoC with HUD, the NoFA publication will be visible. **System Performance Measures – Due March 1, 2021**

Dr. McGuire shared that Ricardo Moore, HMIS Manager has been working very hard with the agency administrators for each provider. The goal is to ensure the data submitted is as “clean” as possible.

Dr. McGuire acknowledged all the providers for their hard work and quick turnaround.

### **New PONG Members**

Dr. McGuire reported that at the previous Performance, Outcomes, Needs, and Gaps (PONG) meeting; it was decided that the membership needed to increase. HCoC Board members have been approached to join the PONG.

We have two confirmed new members. Lynne Wines and Commissioner Ben Sorensen. We have also extended invitations to Ron Moffett and William Green. If there is a board member who is not conflicted, and you are interested in sitting on the PONG, please reach out to Dr. McGuire.

### **COVID Project Updates:**

Dr. McGuire provided a brief update on the ongoing COVID projects. The County and their partners are doing as much as possible to slow the spread of COVID in the community with our individuals on the streets. We continue our mobile sanitation with HOPE South Florida. We have our Non-Congregate Shelter, which is continuing through September. The HCoC shelters and the non-congregate shelter are experiencing an increase in the number of children exposed to COVID at school.

Juan Vicente was introduced as our new Behavioral Clinician. He will be managing the Non-Congregate shelter and all of the COVID related projects. He will also be working with the Department of Health and the hospitals to admit those individuals who need to be admitted to NCTS.

### **Landlord Recruitment Campaign update:**

The County continues to expand this effort with our social media platforms. Brittany Odom has done a fantastic job.

### **Public Comment:**

Gayle Giese representing NAMI reported they are preparing Request for Proposal (RFP) for financing for a permanent supportive housing project for people with severe mental illness in Pembroke Pines. It is in the Howard Foreman Health Park. HIP staff will provide data on the number of people who are homeless and have a mental illness who need housing.

### **Good of the Order:**

Tom Campbell and Senator Rich both acknowledged Rebecca McGuire and the team in their efforts to launch the Landlord Recruitment Campaign.

### **Adjournment**

**Next HCoC Meeting  
March 24, 2021 @10:00 a.m.**