

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONSUMER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
January 7, 2019
FINAL MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 10:04am

Location: Governmental Center Annex, A-337

Time Adjourned: 11:00am

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Members Present: **Danny Osley**, Director of Residential Services, Broward Partnership; **Marc Esko**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Michael Stanislaus**, Covenant House;

Guests Present: **Meredith Singletary**; HOPE South Florida; **Patrick Drew**; Covenant House;
Mark Moening;

Staff Present: **Lorraine Gary**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Kenisha Anthony**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Ebony Dorcelus**, Homeless Initiative Partnership;

Welcome & Introductions:

Danny Osley called the meeting to order, and attendees introduced themselves; quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes December 11, 2018 minutes.

Motion: Marc Esko

Second: Danny Osley

Result: Approved

New Business: ***a. Recap on the 2018 Consumer Symposium:***

The Consumer Advocacy Committee gave brief feedback on the 2018 symposium.

The facility (HOPE South Florida) was very welcoming to the guest.

The guest was expressive and engaged in the questions that were presented by facilitators.

A few examples of the feedback that the guest expressed.

- They will create a separate shelter for employees.
- Say "no" to no one even if they are from a different state
- Overnight shelters for families only
- More services for veterans
- Child Care services during the day and preschool for 4-year-old.

Committee suggested that staff from BARC, members from Peer Counseling agencies, providers, case managers, and social workers should have more attendance during the Symposium due to their training certifications and knowledge to answer questions for clients who have mental disabilities.

Group Discussion:

What practices can be considered?

How do we create hope for individuals who are giving up?

How are you helping yourself get out of homelessness?

Overall the Symposium was a success.

Suggestion

Can the Symposium Report go through the PONG to see how they can assist internally, bringing attention to what is working and what is not working?

Group Discussion

How can individuals in the homeless community, navigate through the system with having no funds, transportation or access to phones?

Consumer suggested the committee initiates a way that the homeless community has a better peer network of support.

Committee went through the Symposium Report page by page and will proceed with page 9.

b. Update on Low Barrier Shelters

There is no update on the Low Barrier Shelters

c. Website Posting

Committee will regroup to discuss the specific documents/items that they are looking to get posted on the website.

Old Business:

a. Membership Recruitment-Strategy/Plan to recruit members.

The committee needs a head of household and transgender member.

Good of the Order:

Adjournment & Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52am; next meeting will be held on February 4, 2019.