

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONSUMER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
March 4, 2019
DRAFT MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 10:05am

Location: Governmental Center Annex, A-337

Time Adjourned: 10:47am

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

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

Guests Present: **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Family; **Mickey Singletary**, HOPE South Florida; **Marcus Hall**; Broward Sheriff Office;

Staff Present: **Lorraine Gary**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Kenisha Anthony**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Ebony Dorcelus**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Susan Batchelder**, 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 March 4, 2019 minutes/ No meeting in April

Motion: Marc Esko

Second: Danny Osley

Result: Approved

New Business:

a. Revisit –Committee Meeting Location to host future meetings

The committee discussed possibilities of the Consumer Advocacy Committee meeting merging with the Coffee and Conversation meeting every 2nd Friday at 2:00pm.

Who will run the meeting?

How will the meeting merger be effective for the Consumer Advocacy Committee and what the Broward County Continuum of Care Board guidelines and standards are?

How often will the Consumer Advocacy committee meet in the event the merger takes place with the Coffee and Conversation at the library?

A meeting with Rebecca, Danny, and possibly Nick from the Libraries will need to take place for discussion of the future structure of the Consumer Advocacy and Coffee and Conversation merger.

b. Consider meeting every other month.

Committee members proposed that the Consumer Advocacy Meeting should be scheduled to meet every other month.

The Continuum of Care Board has set a goal to narrow down the amount of sub committees that take place every month.

The Consumer Advocacy Committee has been considered one of the recommended committees due to the importance of hearing the needs of the community consumers.

The Consumer Advocacy Committee will like to meet every other month moving forward instead of monthly effective immediately.

Motion: Danny Osley

Second: Marc Esko

Result: Passed

c. What items need to be posted on the Website

This initiative was mentioned by a committee member considering individuals who did not have access to a cell phone.

The committee agrees that the homeless outreach guide should be posted to the website. This document has a list of time, date, and location for meals, showers and outreach.

The committee will like to table the discussion on the necessary items that need to be posted on the website and will further discuss during next meeting.

Committee discussed a possible incentive, "the app" that should help the homeless community better navigate the website for resources that are provided for the homeless community.

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 11:00am; next meeting will be held on May 6, 2019.