

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONSUMER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
May 6, 2019
FINAL MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 10:05am

Location: Governmental Center Annex, A-337

Time Adjourned: 11:12am

Minutes by: Kenisha Anthony

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: **Mickey Singletary**, HOPE South Florida; **R. Campillo**, Resident; **T. Young**, Covenant House

Staff Present: **Esau Williams**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Kenisha Anthony**, 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

Motion: Michael Stanislaus

Second: Marc Esko

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 at least once a month.

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?

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.

The committee discussed reaching out to the homeless within their purview and ask the 3 questions below on a monthly basis. Non-Committee agencies will be encouraged to also provide their responses prior to the monthly meeting.

QUESTIONS:

1. How do you feel about the delivery of services in Broward County?
2. What barriers are you currently facing to help you?
3. What would you like to see change?

By asking the same questions, the Committee will be able to organize feedback from across the spectrum of homeless clients. Responses will be sent to Michael Stanislaus via e-mail for consolidation one week before the monthly meeting. Monthly meeting will

be a review and consolidation of issues as well as a review of prior meeting inputs.

The committee discussed increasing membership. Members should represent a cross-section of formerly homeless as well as providers of services to the homeless. Ideally, members should represent the following:

CLIENTS

Head of household
Single male
Single female
Youth
Veterans
Transgender

PROVIDERS

Law Enforcement
Outreach
Homeless Hotline
Homeless Assistance Centers
Respite Centers
Library

The committee recommended that HIP Administrator, Rebecca make efforts to engage community providers that are not currently participating in the consumer advocacy meeting.

The committee discussed the subject of sunsetting the Consumer Advocacy meeting. It is recommended the meeting remain every first Monday of the month to discuss information received from the 3-question forum and committee recommendations.

b. Re-consider meeting schedule.

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

Motion: Danny Osley

Second: Marc Esko

Result: Passed

Old Business:

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

The committee need to receive bi-laws to review membership requirements.

Committee member provided updates on low-barrier shelters. Shelters continue to operate in low-barrier and service clients that are working toward their housing goals. The NHAC continues to improve structure in the facility due to their most recent transition.

b. What items need to be posted on the website?

The committee discussed posting the homeless outreach guide on the website. This document includes a list of times, dates and locations for meals, showers and services.

The committee discussed having this schedule in an app to help consumers access services.

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12am; next meeting will be held on June 3, 2019.