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BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
CONSUMER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
June 7th, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 10:08 a.m.
Location: Virtual Skype Meeting

Time Adjourned: 11:14 a.m.
Minutes by Stephanie-Ann Elie (HIP)

Members Present: **Reniese McNeal**, Chair, Formally Homeless; HCoC Board Representative; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Danny Osley**, Formally Homeless.

Staff Present: **Lorraine Gary** (HIP); **Stephanie-Ann Elie** (HIP)

Welcome & Introductions: **Reniese McNeal**, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** Approval of Minutes for April 2021 and May 2021 meeting.

First: Danny Osley
Second: Anthony Ginsberg
Discussion: None
Conflict: None
Result: Approved



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Old Business:

Symposium.

Discussion on symposium Questions.

Chair McNeal asked Lorraine to compile all the questions that were proposed in the previous meetings. This discussion was held off and will be discussed next month once everybody has the shared information and can ultimately decide which questions will be on the survey for the symposium.

Regarding the symposium, the current plan to work with the County’s Office of Learning and Organization Development as Facilitators. Lorraine Gary mentioned to participants that the previous champion of the event has retired. Lorraine will engage with current leadership to determine interest.

Lorraine asked what the main issue that homeless people struggle with before they get into the system. While the discussion took place, here are some valid points that were proposed by members that could help facilitate through LOD.

- DMV could come once a month in accordance with the community Court.
- Birth certificated (Vital Checks).
- Legal County IDs.
- Sponsorship of the fees related to the above propositions.

In the past symposiums held, outside organizers were brought in to help with the people that attended.

Discussion on the finalization of CAC Description (are these the by-laws)

- Lorraine shared the content of her screen that state the purpose of Consumer Advocacy Committee as well as its responsibilities. She mentioned that the policies are always changing, and recommendations. Dr. Kenisha Bryant spoke briefly about the new coordinated entry workflow that could better direct traffic with providers as well as the training that may be provided.

- **Vote on the below:**

The members voted positively on the purpose of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) which is to educate, Advocate and inform change.

Motion: Approval of the purpose of the CAC
First: Danny Osley
Second: Reniese McNeal
Discussion: None
Conflict: None
Result: Approved



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Committee Goals

The main idea behind these goals is to provide an opportunity to people to learn the reality of homelessness and the issues providers and the homeless go through.

The committee voted positively on the three goals that were previously discussed in the may meeting and

1. Help to assess needs of people currently experiencing homelessness and their concerns about the homeless system through convening focus groups and other opportunities for feedback and convey findings from these focus groups to the HCoC Board and other policy developers as needed.
2. Educate members of HCoC Bodies and the larger community on the realities of homelessness, and help members develop relationships with people in homeless or low-income communities.
3. Suggest and support means for the members of the HCoC Board to participate in activities that would help them to develop an understanding of the realities of the homelessness and develop relationships with people in homeless or low-income communities. This may involve activities with CAC members or activities to achieve elsewhere in the community.
4. Meet more than once per year with homeless groups and use shelters and gathering sites.

Good of the order- No Meetings will be held for the month of July 2021.

Adjournment

First: Anthony Ginsberg

Second: Danny Osley

Discussion: None

Conflict: None

Result: Approved

Next Meeting August 2, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.



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