



Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Homeless Initiative Partnership

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**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
CONSUMER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 10:15 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:05 a.m.

Location: Virtual Skype Meeting

Minutes by Lorraine W. Gary (HIP)

Members Present: **Reniese McNeal**, Chair, Formally Homeless; HCoC Board Representative; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council,

Staff Present: **Tracie Bostick**, (HIP); **Lorraine Gary** (HIP).

Welcome &

Introductions: **Reniese McNeal**, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m. and all-in attendance introduced themselves. A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of

Minutes:

Motion: Approval of Minutes for April 2021 meeting.

This was tabled as participants did not receive a copy of the minutes to review prior to meeting. Tabled until May.

First: Marc Esko Ginsberg

Second: Anthony Ginsberg

Discussion: None

Conflict: None

Result: Approved



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Old Business:

Symposium.

Discussion regarding the November 2021 symposium was held. Participants agreed to hold an in-person Symposium in November. Location to be identified.

Anthony would like to ensure that Voter Registration is part of the Symposium activities

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 Gary requested that group submit proposed questions to Reniese for submission to staff. Anthony submitted information for review. Requested Anthony to re-send to Reniese.

A brief discussion was held regarding adding questions on the survey for the Symposium.

Questions suggested:

- Why do some clients prefer remaining homeless rather than go into shelter?
- What assistance or referrals were offered to housing programs while in shelter?

Committee Goals

The committee needs to record a vote on acceptance of the committee description prepared pre-pandemic. Lorraine Gary will send again to participants for review. The goals should be taken from that description. This needs to go to the HCoC and be voted upon in June 2021.

New Business

Group was interested in how to utilize the new County sponsored identification for the homeless. Additional information to be shared at next meeting by HIP staff.

Good of the order- Meetings will be changed to the Microsoft Teams platform. Members were not sure they had access. Explained it could be accessed online via a browser.

Adjournment

First: Marc Esko Ginsberg

Second: Anthony Ginsberg

Discussion: None

Conflict: None

Result: Approved **Next Meeting: June 7, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**



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