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**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
Housing Action Committee
December 9, 2020
DRAFT MINUTES
Tom Campbell, Chair**

Time Called to Order: 3:05pm
Location: Virtual Skype Meeting

Time Adjourned: 3:45pm
Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega, Homeless Partnership Initiative (HIP)

Members Present: **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Miami Rescue Mission; **Dan Lindblade**, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; **Michael Ranglin**, Hope South Florida; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Esta Tudela**, FSAD.

Staff Present: **Dr. Rebecca McGuire**, (HIP); **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP); **Tracie Bostick**, (HIP); **Charlesy Nance**, (HIP); **Brittany Odom**, (HIP); **Kavaja Sarduy** (HIP); **Kenisha Bryant**, (HIP).

Welcome &

Introductions: Tom Campbell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and all-in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of

the Minutes: Tom Campbell stated the October meeting minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

Update on the MLS

The MLS is in the final stages of approval by purchasing and then the contract will be signed. We hope to begin the set up by mid-January 2021.

Housing Meetings Quarterly

Dr. McGuire asked whether a quarterly meeting with housing providers is helpful to start standardizing items, look at Written Standards, and figure out how to shift our expectations collectively as the greater good. Mr. Campbell stated his support of a

regular, standing meeting with providers. He stated having set agendas to discuss service point issues, landlord issues, and what is happening in the current market that frontline staff is experiencing. He mentioned having housing authority representatives and possibly the Broward Partnerships Housing Director present to share their expertise and frontline experience with the group.

Written Standards Workgroup Reconvening

Ms. Sarduy reported the last meeting for Coordinated Entry Workgroup was in February 2020. Currently, they're in a process of reconvening the workgroup and planning for a meeting on January 8th, 2021 but awaiting confirmation.

Ms. Sarduy reported that Elizabeth sent out the draft to the committee and Ms. Sarduy welcomed feedback and or revisions. She asked that remarks be sent back by the Christmas holiday.

ESG COVID-19 Funding Update

Dr. McGuire reported that the CoC is slotted to get another \$3.2 million. She asked what can HCoC do to bolster infrastructure, capacity because Rapid Rehousing is an ESG favorite. She asked if there was a certain target population CoC may want to earmark the monies for. Dr. McGuire mentioned she wants to start the meetings with discussions about Rapid Rehousing and how we have been operationalizing it and what changes can be made so that the population served can be more successful. The money will go on until June 2022 and we do expect changes with new president-elect. She welcomed suggestions and ideas.

Discussion around Landlord Recruitment

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. McGuire restated Senator Rich's donation of \$20,000 and Commissioner Ryan also donated \$27,000, with a total of \$47,000 of funds for landlord recruitment activities. Ms. Odom requests for providers who are working with interested landlords to test the site once it's live. Please share the information. Dr. McGuire is interested in virtual landlord recruitment events and using the virtual tools to education landlords on our process. Dan Lindblade stated this is a great opportunity to engage in market research and get professionals to help us in recruitment of landlords.

Ms. Odom stated we're waiting for the MLS to fall in place. She requested for housing providers to inform her of landlords who are interested in participating in Rental Net. She emphasized the significance of Dan Lindblade's suggestion of a marketing blitz.

Dr. McGuire inquired about virtual conventions. In mid-January, Dr. McGuire wants to have a list developed of a target group to actively go after. Dr. McGuire expects a strategic plan by February 2021.

Public Comment

Esta expressed concerns over client buy-in in terms of the roommate public housing program. She asked if something can be done (i.e. questions added to assessments or HMIS) to vet individuals. Kavaja stated she, Esta and Kenisha can collaborate on strategies to mitigate this issue. Kavaja mentioned it may be a good idea to get together with the case managers at the shelters so everyone is completely aware of the process. Keith will also join the conversation.

Good of the Order

None

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded.

The next meeting will be 1/13/2021