

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

December 5, 2019

FINAL APPROVED MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:35pm

Location: Lauderdale Manors Resource Center
1400 NW 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Time Adjourned: 2:46pm

Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega

Attendees Present: **Carole Mitchell;** Broward County Schools (HEART) program, **Lourdes Perez;** Women In Distress, **Gabriela Rafford;** Broward County Schools (HEART) program, **Madison Harris;** CHF **Brittany Burnette;** ChildNet, **Jessica Abou,** PIT- BRHPC, **Peggy Flood;** The Salvation Army, **Keith Cavanaugh;** BOC, **Beverly Plummer,** BPHI; **Julia McDonald;** BPHI, **Ellen Kendrick;** FSAD/HOP, **Ashley Mann;** BPHI, **RaShani Boynton;** HOMES Inc., **Rebecca Monfiston, Tamara Kolvek, Roudy Kersaint.**

HIP Staff Present: **Lina Silva,** Homeless Initiative Partnership.

Welcome &

Introductions: Meeting was called to order by Carole Mitchell who began with introductions. Committee attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of

Minutes: Approval of minutes for November 7, 2019
Motion: Brittany Burnette
Second: Jessica Abou
Result: Minutes approved

New Business:

Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates:

The County, Broward Business Council on Homelessness and various CoC providers, are working with local businesses to assess and raise awareness on crimes related with the homeless population along 17th Street Causeway.

The County is also working with local hospitals including Holy cross, Broward Medical, and North Broward to collaborate & ensure proper discharge planning is being conducted so individuals experiencing homelessness are not released back to the streets.

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)

3,660 students experiencing homelessness (PreK-12).

3,382 students registered for the HEART program.

236 active high school seniors

184 unaccompanied homeless youth students.

As you know, our numbers continue to increase throughout the school year due to the identification strategies we have in place. Therefore, our total number identified to date has increased.

Turn the curve report was distributed & discussed.

Point in Time Count 2020:

The PIT count will be taking place on January 29th & 30th.

Please feel free to register as a volunteer. (www.browardpointintime.org)

- The youth logistics Taskforce group was created to focus on targeting homeless youth.
 - First meeting held on November 19, 2019 at Broward Regional.
 - Second and final meeting held on December 10, 2019 at 2 p.m.
- PIT locations throughout Broward County were discussed- currently looking for site Captain in Margate.

Emergency and Transitional Shelter Census:

- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – Call hotline for availability**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – Call hotline for availability**
- **Broward Partnership (North) - Call hotline for availability**
- **Covenant House – Call hotline for availability**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – 1 male slot-Call for availability**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 – Call for availability**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Call / send referrals**
- **Susan B. Anthony – Not present**
- **Volunteers of America – Not present**
- **Lippman Shelter- Not Present**
- **Women in Distress – Call hotline for availability**
- **Hope South Florida – Not Present**
- **FSAD: Accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing**

Agency/ Organization: Committee members gave agency updates

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm; next meeting will be held on *January 9, 2020*.