

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

January 10, 2019

MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:38pm

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

Time Adjourned: 2:47pm

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Attendees Present: **Laura Saldana**, Lippman Services Florida; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress; **Danielle Ford**, Women in Distress; **Keisha Gray**, Children's Service Council; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership; **Jamie Perkins**, Childnet; **Patrice Troope**, Young At Art Museum; **Tanya Cassidi**, **Michael Stanislaus**, Covenant House; **RaShani Boynton**, HOMES Inc.; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership; **Whitney Edden**, Opportunities Industrialization Centers; **Adrinia Woods**, Opportunities Industrialization Centers; **Edwin Douge**, Broward Outreach Center; **Peggy Flood**, The Salvation Army; **Mickey Singletary**, HOPE South Florida; **Melissa Banner**, HEART Prpgram; **Tanya Casside**, Lutheran Services; **Jane Boyd**, HEART Program; **Sue McAllista**, Florida Impact; **Ellen Kendrick**, Broward Housing Options

HIP Staff Present: **Lina Silva**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Kenisha Anthony**, Homeless Initiative Partnership

Welcome &

Introductions:

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

Discussion of Meeting "Merger"

Meetings will be sun-shined and a brief announcement proposing to change committees name and there will be a vote during August meeting.

Approval of

Minutes:

Approval of minutes for December 6, 2018.

Motion: Peggy Flood

Second: Laura Saldana

Result: Minutes approved

New Business:

Homeless Continuum of Care Updates

The PIT count will be taking place on January 23rd, 24th, and 26th of 2019.

Please feel free to register as a volunteer.

www.browardpointintimecount.org

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)

3867 students registered for the HEART program.

4.7% Pre School

55.3% Elementary School

21% Middle School

19% High School – within this percentage, 64 students are unaccompanied youth (not living with a parent or guardian).

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Keisha Grey/ Collective Impact/ Turn the Curve Report

Mission: Pulling all resources and make a lot with a little!

Dr. Grey brought the draft ‘Turn the Curve’ report in to review with the committee.

All sections of the turn the curve report was reviewed by committee. The committee discussed what needed to be removed from the report and what should be added to the report.

Best Ideas for what will work from the Turn the Curve Report

- Parent engagement
- Sharing resources with youth and families electronically and hard copy.
- Collaboration between school board staff and community organization.
- Educating youth and families on available mental health services/ counseling
- Providing youth with job readiness training,
- Identifying host homes for youth living in transition.
- Providing youth and families with access to employment and financial literacy (courses and information) to resulting in self-sufficiency.
- Providing youth and families with affordable health care, behavioral and mental Health/services.
- Providing families access to Homeownership education courses.

Action Steps

- Identify what works in other counties (e.g. Miami-Dade and Palm Beach County) in comparison to Broward County.
- Assessment for our homeless continuum of care.

**Emergency and
Transitional Shelter
Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) – 0**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – no update**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – 0**
- **Covenant House – Send Referrals**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – send referrals**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – contact for referral**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 - 0**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Send referral**
- **Susan B. Anthony – No update**
- **Volunteers of America – No update**

- **Lippman Shelter- call for referral**
- **Women in Distress – Call the hotline**
- **Hope South Florida/Hope for Families – Send referral**

Good of the Order: *Students apply directly to Broward College.*

The Broward Futures Endowment is a collaboration with Broward College, Broward College Foundation, Broward Sheriff's Office and Broward County. These parties entered into the agreement to establish an endowment fund to provide scholarships to at-risk students in Broward County. In order to apply for the Broward Futures Scholarship and be considered for selection, the applicant must meet the eligibility criteria including at-risk factors, demonstrate financial need, readiness to study at the postsecondary level, seeking a degree or certificate, have a referral from a completion of a youth mentoring or otherwise eligible program.

Agency/ Organization: *Committee members give agency updates*

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm; next meeting will be held on *February 7, 2019.*