

**BROWARD COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting**

**April 04, 2019**

**FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 1:40pm

**Location:** Lauderdale Manors Resource Center  
1400 NW 14<sup>th</sup> Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

**Time Adjourned:** 3:00pm

**Minutes by:** Ebony Dorcelus, **Update**  
by: Kenisha Anthony

**Attendees Present:** **Laura Saldana**, Lippman Services Florida; **Danielle Ford**, Women in Distress; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership; **Peggy Flood**; The Salvation Army; **Janee Boyd**, HEART Program; **Selena Voncile**, HEART; **Monique Thomas**, HEART; **Toni-Anne Jones**; The Salvation Army; **Nydia Pena**; Henderson; **Christina Hilliard**; Henderson; **Chelsie Thomas**; Henderson; **Edwina Douge**; BOC Hollywood; **Sari Cohen**; Healthy Mothers; Healthy Babies; **Maryfer Lacruz**; Care Resource; **Patrick Travers**; St. Vincent De Paul Society; **Gabriela Barros**; HEART; **Shakeyia Williams**; Childnet Broward; **Jessica Byczek**; 17th Judicial Circuit; **Pam Davidson**; Christmas in July; **RaShani Boynton**; HOMES Inc.; **Carole Mitchell**; HEART; **Frank Voehl**; St. Vincent De Paul

**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 and introduced the new HEART Program Specialist Gabriela Barros.

**Approval of**

**Minutes:**

Approval of minutes for March 07, 2019.

**Motion:** Laura Saldana

**Second:** Shakeyia Williams

**Result:** Minutes approved

**New Business:**

**Homeless Continuum of Care Updates**

North HAC is now under the full operation of Broward Partnership.

The transition was very successful, and the Homeless Initiative Partnership Team is working closely with Broward Partnership to ensure they are running smoothly.

There is additional Grant Funding with DCF, there were agencies who applied for the Request for Proposal, applications have been reviewed, and services may start July 1, 2019 of this year.

New services as in a Housing Navigator Team for all of Broward County.

**Broward School District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)**

Currently to date there are a total 5020 students registered in the HEART program.

**4479** - are actively enrolled in school

**3059** - are living doubled up

**242** - Unaccompanied youth

**179** - are in High School

**109** - are of the 179 are seniors

**387** - Emergency and Transitional Shelter

**335** - Hotels and Motels  
**298** – unsheltered, (living in cars, parks)

***School Breakout-***

**197** – Pre- Kindergarten  
**2,410** – Elementary  
**948** – Middle School  
**924** - High School

***Race -***

**5** - Native American  
**51** - Asian  
**104** - Multi racial  
**320** - White  
**1013** - Hispanic  
**2986** – Black

Carole gave a brief update on the importance of the Homeless Youth and Families Shelter Provider meeting and the importance of making sure your voice is heard for who and what is needed for the committee to complete mission goals.

**College Tour –**

43 students were able to attend the College Tour and 1 student was accepted on the spot to Florida Gulf Coast University.  
5 to 6 students who attended to College Tour were accepted to Florida Southwestern College. The goal is to take more students for next year's College Tour.  
The feedback received from the volunteers and students for the College Tour were positive and everyone had a wonderful time.

**Mainstreaming Education College and Career Advancement (MECCA)**

This initiative will take place for ages K – 12 October 22, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

There will be three locations:

- North Area – Charles Drew Resource Center
- Central Area – Lauderdale Manors Early Learning
- South Area – Gulfstream Early Learning Center
- The Salvation Army
- Women in Distress

Offering Tutoring Services, SAT/ACT Prep, Homework Assistance, DJJ Transition, and Social Skill Development for students experiencing homelessness.

**Guest Speaker:**

*Pam Davidson - Christmas on July (18<sup>th</sup> Year)*

A program that helps homeless children prepare for school.

Every child that registers in advance are provided with:

- A pair of shoes
- Jeans
- Two shirts
- Three pairs of underwear
- Three pairs of socks
- Books
- Backpacks

- Toiletries
- School Supplies

The final date for the event is tentative, and the location will be at the BB&T Center for 2500 children.

*Ana Rojas - The Salvation Army*

Currently assist clients that are struggling to get out of homelessness.

The Program is called "Getting Ahead" and last for 18 weeks and meet every Thursday.

The program offers, meals, gas cards, bus passes for individuals that volunteer.

The goal is to ensure that the clients have stability.

The program is now offering a Money Smart Curriculum that provides financial education to the clients.

Send referrals one month in advance to allow time for intake processing.

In addition, with Getting Ahead, the program also offers a Staying Ahead Program that allows the client to remain stable and not get behind.

The program will also be offering a Bridges out of Poverty training that is free of charge for agencies.

You may contact Ana for more information.

**Emergency and  
Transitional Shelter  
Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (North) – no update**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – no update**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – no update**
- **Covenant House – Not present**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – send referrals**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – no updates – 1 male slot open for ages 18-24 w/roommate. Paid internship for ages 18-24 is now available.**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 – send referral**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Send referral**
- **Susan B. Anthony – Not present**
- **Volunteers of America – Not present**
- **Lippman Shelter- call for referral**
- **Women in Distress – Not present**
- **Hope South Florida – Not present**

**Good of the Order:** The HEART program will be hosting a Project Promise event on April 14, 2019 and a Graduation Event on June 5, 2019.

Healthy Mothers; Healthy Babies – Will be implementing a new team program for 19-year-old pregnant or

parenting female girls.

They will also be offering Fatherhood Programs, the will teach parenting education.

**Agency/ Organization:**

**Adjournment &**

**Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm; next meeting will be held on May 2, 2019.