

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

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

**May 2, 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:** 3:26pm

**Minutes by:** Kenisha Anthony

**Attendees Present:** **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress; **Calandra Richardson**, Broward Partnership; **Beverly Plummer**, Broward Partnership; **Peggy Flood**; The Salvation Army; **Janee Boyd**, HEART Program; **Selena Voncile**, HEART; **Melissa Banner**, HEART; **Ashley L Eubanks**, HEART; **Chelsie Thomas**; Henderson; **Edwina Douge**; BOC Hollywood; **Patrick Travers**; St. Vincent De Paul Society; **Gabriela Barros**; HEART; **Aymee Prieto**, Childnet Broward; **Pam Davidson**; Christmas in July; **RaShani Boynton**; HOMES Inc.; **Carole Mitchell**; HEART; **Frank Voehl**; St. Vincent De Paul; **Mickey Singletary**, Hope South Florida, **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Cindy Alexis**, Broward Partnership; **Anike Sakariyawo**, The Seed Foundation; **Edwina Douge**, BOC Hollywood; **Sue McAllistor**, Florida Impact to End Hunger; **Michael Stanislaus**, Covenant House; **James McGhow**, The Salvation Army; **Eva Petitfrere**, Broward Partnership; **Atiya McClintion**, The Salvation Army; **Lourdes Perez**, Women in Distress

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

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Meeting was called to order by Carole Mitchell who began with introductions.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes for April 4, 2019.

**Motion:** Beverly Plumber

**Second:** Frank Voehl

**Result:** Minutes approved

**New Business:**

**Homeless Continuum of Care Updates**

No updates were reported.

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

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

**4,511** - are actively enrolled in school

**384** - Unaccompanied youth

**301** - are in High School

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.

The prom dress gives away serviced over 100 students. The event had over 600 dresses, shoes and accessories the students could chose from. The team have already started for next year's event.

The HEART Program has a planned field trip to Busch Gardens. The trip will be on May 9 and 40 seniors will be attending.

May 14, 2019, the HEART program will be distributing uniforms and backpacks to students.

May 23, 2019, the HEART Program and Broward College will host an orientation event to educated students about the required documents and actions they will need to start school in the fall.

June 5, 2019, The HEART Program will send over 100 students to college with essential supplies.

The HEART Program is requesting to partner with community agencies to host a donation drive that will services 100-150 students to help them transition to college. i.e. bath towels, laundry supplies, extra long twin sheet set, twin comforter sets. The flyer will be sent electronically to providers.

The HEART Program applied for grant funding to provide scholarship funding to unserved youth in need. The program is currently awaiting a response as to if they are a selected recipient.

May 16, 2019, Covenant House will be hosting a fundraising event. The event theme is Broadway Under the Stars.

Mainstreaming Education College and Career Advancement (MECCA)

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

Offering Tutoring Services, SAT/ACT Prep, Homework Assistance, DJJ Transition, and Social Skill Development for students experiencing homelessness. MECCA tutoring program is currently servicing students at the shelters, Women in Distress and the Plymouth Program.

Pam Davidson from Kiwanis Club informed the committee about the Christmas in July. She provided a form for providers to complete to participate in the event. The event is intended to provided care packages to homeless individuals.

Shira reported the total number from the PIT based on the HUD definition.

Total number of homeless individuals - **2803**

This total number is an increase compared to the previous year. This increase relies on several factors included but not limited to an increase in volunteers (additional 100), shorter surveys and 7-day bus passes.

#### **Youth**

Under 18 - **305**

Ages 18-24 – **131**

Person over age 24 - **2367**

Homeless male population - **1934**

#### **Ethnicity**

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino – **2497**

Black – **1617**

Chronically Homeless – 914

**Unaccompanied Youth, Total # - 108**

Under 18 – 7

Ages 18 – 24 – 101

Female – 34

Male – 72

Transgender – 2

**Ethnicity**

Non-Hispanic – 88

Hispanic – 20

White – 27

Black – 75

Chronically Homeless - 15

Presentations about PIT local questions will be presented at the upcoming PONG meeting.

**Guest Speaker:**

*Anthony Ginsberg* – Voter Participation Project

A program that assist with ensuring eligible citizens exercise their right to vote.

Mr. Ginsberg is looking to connect with providers to educate the homeless about voter registration and assist with completing necessary documents to exercise this right.

**Emergency and  
Transitional Shelter**

**Census:**

- **Broward Partnership (North) – Full**
- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – Full**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – Full**
- **Covenant House – Call hotline for availability**
- **Housing Options (Family Success) – send referrals**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – 2 available slots. 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 – Call hotline for availability Families - Full**

- **Hope South Florida – Send Referrals to Broward County**

Kenisha Bryant explained the Rapid Re-Housing Program and the coordinated assessment process. Providers expressed an interest in gaining access to HMIS.

A representative from NHAC explained that the shelter is still in the transition phase however its progressing as they continue to work with limited resources

The committee discussed summer camp for children. The HEARTH program contacted CSC who reported that they are willing to accept children and waive fees. More information will be available soon. The Salvation Army has begun referring children to summer camp at the Boys and Girls Club.

The Seed Foundation is starting a 5-week summer camp program for girls. The program will focus on STEM. The program is expected to be funding by Inspire305.

Florida Impact will provide meals for the summer funded by the USDA.

ChildNet has a new hire that will a permanent representative for the agency.

The Salvation Army has official cut the ribbon for the opening or the Respite Center.

**Good of the Order:** Frank reviewed and discussed the committees strategic plan to ensure it aligns with their mission. The committee plans to present the plan to HIP Administrator, Rebecca.

**Agency/ Organization:**

**Adjournment &**

**Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm; next meeting will be held on June 5, 2019.