

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Homeless Youth and Families and Shelter Providers Meeting

March 5, 2020

FINAL APPROVED MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 1:38pm

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

Time Adjourned: 2:15pm

Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega

Attendees Present: **Brittany Burnette**; ChildNet, **Beverly Plummer**, BPHI; **Rebecca Monfiston**; BOC, **Rashani Boynton**, Homes Inc.; **Laura Saldana**, Lippman Youth Shelter; **Atiya McClinton**, The Salvation Army Plymouth Colony II; **Pam Davidson**, Christmas in July; **Toni-Anne Jones**, The Salvation Army Plymouth Colony II; **Jaid Jones**, The Salvation Army Economic Stability; **Betsy Sypriena**, The Covenant House; **Miranda GoPaul**, Family Central; **Ellen Kendrick**, FSDA/HOP; **Peggy Flood**, The Salvation Army; **Melbys Milian**, Broward Schools (H.E.A.R.T).

HIP Staff Present: **Lina Silva**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Kenisha Bryant**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Brittany Odom**, Homeless Initiative Partnership.

Welcome & Introductions:

Meeting was called to order by **Kenisha Bryant** who began with introductions. Committee attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes for February 2020

Motion: Brittany Burnette

Second: Betsy Sypriena

Result: Minutes approved

New Business:

Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)

HEART DATA

Students Registered as of 3/3/2020:		%	School	Grade Level	#Sdts	%
Emergency & Transitional Shelter	349	8.2%	Pre-K	PK (150)	150	3.5%
Hotel/Motel	349	8.2%	Elementary	K (425); 1 (399); 2 (407); 3 (392); 4 (380); 5 (346)	2349	55%
Doubled-up (sharing housing)	3306	77.4%	Middle	6 (3 25); 7 (275); 8 (269)	869	20.4%
Unsheltered (cars, parks, etc.)	267	6.2%	High/Center	9 {222}; 10 (186); 11 (183);12 (311)	902	21
Total:	4270	100%		Total:	4270	100%

Unaccompanied - do not reside with parent or legal guardian:

All grades (PreK-12th)	258 (6% of total homeless students identified)
High School (9th-12th)	191 (74%)
High School (12th)	130 (50 % of the total #unaccompanied children and youth)

HEART UPDATES

1. Early Release and School Closures:

- A. 3/19 - early release; 3/17 & 3/20 employee planning (no school for students); Spring Break: 3/23-3/27.
2. On April 2nd and 3rd HEART will co-host 3 college tours to Broward College for HEART registered students in 11th and 12th grade up to approx. 200 students can be accommodated. For more information people may contact Meibys Millian, HEART Liaison at (754)321-1667.
 - a. **April 1st- South Campus** (Hallandale, South Broward, Miramar, Hollywood Hills)
 - b. **April 2nd- Central Campus** (Bus 1: Plantation, Stranahan, Piper, Dillard 6 -12); bus 2: Boyd Anderson)
 - c. **April 3rd - North Campus** (Cora I Glades, Deerfield Beach, Coconut Creek, Taravella)
3. On April 9, 2020 HEART will host our 3rd annual Project Promise event. Donations of new and like-new gowns/ dresses are being requested to help make this prom dress giveaway event a success (see flyer). For more information, please contact Janee Boyd, HEART Community Liaison at (754) 321-1663 or the main line (754) 321-1566.

PIT Count Update 2020:

- No update provided as PIT Coordinator was not in attendance.

Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates:

- Brittany Odom has joined the HIP staff as a Program/Project Coordinator.

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Pam Davidson, Kiwanis – Christmas in July

- Speaker gave an overview of the event and how the providers can register their clients.

**Emergency and
Transitional Shelter
Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – Family of 5.**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – Not Present.**
- **Covenant House – Call for Availability.**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – 2 male shared units available.**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 – 1 room**
- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Accepting referrals**
- **Lippman Shelter- Call for availability**
- **Women in Distress – Not Present**
- **Hope South Florida – Not Present**
- **FSAD- Accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing**
- **Broward Partnership (North)- No Availability**

Agency/ Organization: Committee members gave agency updates

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Next meeting will be held on *April 2nd, 2020.*