

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

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

**February 4, 2021**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 1:35pm  
**Location:** Virtual Skype Meeting

**Time Adjourned:** 3:05 pm  
**Minutes by** Elizabeth Ortega

**Attendees Present:** **Carole Mitchell**; Broward County Schools (HEART) program, **Gabriela Rafford**; Broward County Schools (HEART) program, **Brittany Burnette**; ChildNet, **Jessica Abou**, PIT- BRHPC, **Beverly Plummer**, BPHI; **Rashani Boynton**, Homes Inc.; **Michael Ranglin**, Hope South Florida; **Anelle Moss**, Broward College; **Monique Thomas**; BCPS (HEART); **Rebecca Monfistan**; BOC, **Laura Saldana**; LSF, **Ellen Kendrick**; FSAD/HOP, **Pam Davidson**, Christmas in July.

**HIP Staff Present:** **Brittany Odom**, (HIP); **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP); **Kenisha Bryant**, (HIP).

**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 February 2021  
**Motion:** Brittany Burnette  
**Second:** Beverly Plummer  
**Result:** Minutes approved

**New Business:**

**Broward County Schools District Homeless Education Liaison (HEART)**

**2,402** students registered in the HEART program.

**84** in Pre-K

**1,260** In K-5 elementary school

**427** in 6-8 middle School

**574** in 9-12 High School

**Unaccompanied homeless children and youth = 139**

**Of those, 52 in high school. Of 51, 86 are high school seniors.**

## **Number of HEART Students by Nighttime residence: 2,285**

- **Emergency & Transitional Shelter = 174**
- **Doubled-Up sharing housing = 1,794**
- **Cars/parks etc. (Unsheltered) = 88**
- **Hotels / Motels = 229**

## **Homeless Continuum of Care (HCoC) Updates: None**

## **Youth by Name and Families by Name Lists: Brittany Odom**

Brittany Odom reported we continue to monitor the youth by-name list to ensure all referrals are sent to housing providers timely and to track referrals up until the youth has been housed. At present there are no youth on the list awaiting referral to a housing provider. We encourage providers to send referrals for homeless youth and invite you to contact us if you have questions about submitting referrals or the status of referrals. Coordinated Entry referral training sessions will be scheduled soon for provider staff that are new to sending referrals, or for individuals that need a refresher. We will be sending out invitations to these trainings very soon. HIP is working to build public awareness about the work that HIP and HCoC providers are doing to end homelessness. We invite everyone to follow us on Facebook & Twitter.

## **ArtReach after-school care enrichment program / OneNote Notebook: Gabriela Rafford**

- Gabriela Rafford gave a brief overview about ArtReach after-school care enrichment program.

## **Point in Time Count 2021:**

- Jessica Abou – gave an overview of the P.I.T for 2021. She reported that the PIT Survey from the last week in January changed to March 20, 2021 through March 30, 2021. Instead of volunteers this year, we will be hiring temporary staff to conduct the unsheltered surveys.

## **Guest Speaker: Pam Davidson, Christmas in July.**

- Pam Davidson gave a brief presentation regarding Christmas in July and also a form was emailed to all providers to complete and return to Pam.

## **Emergency and Transitional Shelter Census:**

- **Broward Outreach Center (South) – No Availability**
- **Broward Partnership (Central) – No Availability**
- **Covenant House –Not Present**
- **H.O.M.E.S. Inc. – Call for Availability**
- **Salvation Army Level 1 – No Availability**

- **Salvation Army Level 2 – Accepting referrals**
- **Lippman Shelter- Call for availability**
- **Women in Distress – Call the hotline**
- **Hope South Florida – Accepting referrals for Rapid Rehousing**
- **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 3:05 pm; next meeting will be held on *May 6, 2021*.