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**BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (CoC) Board Meeting
June 26, 2019
FINAL MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 10:10 AM

Location: Governmental Center East, GC-302

Time Adjourned: 10:59 AM

Minutes by: Kenisha Anthony

Members Present: **Senator Nan Rich** – CoC Chair, Commissioner District 1; **Melida Akiti** – South Hospital District CoC Rep.; **JoAnn Anstett** – Homeless Providers Stakeholders Council (HPSC) CoC Rep.; **J. David Armstrong** – Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance CoC Rep.; **Tom Campbell**, Ex-Officio – Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI) CoC Rep.; **Dwayne Chung** -- City of Hollywood Police CoC Rep.; **Sandra Einhorn** – Advocate for the Homeless, CoC Rep.; **Tiffany Garcia** – Broward County Housing Authority (BCHA) CoC Rep.; **Luke Harrigan**; Faith Based Representative CoC Rep.; **Mason Jackson** – CareerSource Broward, CoC Rep.; **Mark Korman**, City of Pompano Beach CoC Rep.; **Robin Martin** – Advocate for the Homeless CoC Rep.; **Danny Osley** – Formerly Homeless CoC Rep.; **Silvia Quintana** – Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) CoC Rep.; **Steve Werthman** – Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds recipient Hollywood designee CoC Rep.; **Jennifer Bullock**, Women in Distress CoC Rep.; **Cathy Stutin**- Fort Lauderdale Chamber CoC Rep.; **Lee Ghezzi** – Broward Health CoC Rep.

Member Via Phone: **Yvette Lopez** – Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) recipient CoC Rep.;

Members Absent: **Howard Bakalar** – CoC Vice-Chair, Advocate for the Homeless; **Jamie Costas**, Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLDP), CoC Rep.; **Vice-Mayor Caryl Hattan** – Broward County Housing Council CoC Rep.; **Maria Hernandez** – United Way CoC Rep.; **Steve Hudson**, Broward Workshop CoC Rep.; **Carole Mitchell** – School Board of Broward County CoC Rep.; **Captain Scott Russell** – Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) CoC Rep.; **Vice-Mayor Benjamin Sorensen**, City of Fort

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Lauderdale, CoC Rep.; **James Whitworth** – Ex-Officio- North Homeless Assistance Center (NHAC) CoC Rep.

Guests Present: **Lisa Vecchi**, Broward Housing Solutions; **Lorraine Wilby**, The TaskForce; **Dr. Ted Greer**, Hope South Florida; **Lilly Gallardo**; The Salvation Army; **Alyse Gossman**; The Salvation Army; **Shira Fowlkes**; Broward Regional Health; **Giselle Williams**, Hope South Florida; **Jade Jones**, Hope South Florida; **Lynne Wines**; United Way **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Family; **Keith Cavanagh**; Broward Outreach Center; **Neva Whittacker**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Betsy Syprien**, Covenant House; **Jennifer Pimentel**, United Way; **Regina Kanzki**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Patrick Hardigan**, North Southern University; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **R. Campillo**; **Brenda Thompson**, Florida Veteran’s Housing and United Nations Association.

Staff Present: **Rebecca McGuire**, HIP; **Sandy Steed**, Broward County Attorney’s Office; **Ricardo Moore**, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); **Darrell Cunningham**, Community Partnerships Division; **Silvia Beebe**, Community Partnerships Division

Call to Order & Quorum: Sandy Steed called the meeting to order; A. Gibbs completed the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Sandy Steed acknowledged a new member of the Board; Lee Ghezzi, who introduced herself.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve May 22, 2019 minutes.

First: Robin Martin

Second: Steve Werthman

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: The committee discussed grammatical errors and correct spelling of members name. No further discussion.

Result: Passed

CoC Board Chair Update:

Senator Rich shared the following updates:

Funding: It was reported that the Challenge Grant has had a change in money in the last 5 years. It has gone from \$500,000 non-recurring to this year \$300,000 recurring (Broward County allocations).

\$170,429 has been received for a Staffing Grant which is being used to pay for a Human Service Manager at Broward County through State funding. We are expecting to receive another \$200,000 on the challenge grant. Which is good news.

Housing Trust Fund: The County partnered with Florida International University to complete an assessment on affordable housing. The assessment is complete and available on the Broward County Council website. The report emphasizes a connection between affordable housing and the homeless. It's a display of each city within Broward County and their lack of affordable housing, 54% cost burdened households and this county is one of the most unaffordable places to live in the U.S. A study issued by Harvard Housing Center validates this information as well. Per the study, only 12.7% of Broward County households can afford the average priced home; \$350,000.

The housing trust fund was created in 2018. The money in the fund was utilized for hurricane ravaged areas. The remaining amount of money should have been used to fund affordable housing and inventory; however, it wasn't.

It is important to have revenue going into the Housing Trust Fund. 30 millage of general funds will be put into the housing trust fund if passed. The Commission has had a budget workshop and it will be a few more weeks before it is finalized in September. The fund is a lockbox, the amount of money put into the fund can only be used for affordable housing. As promised, there will not be a raise in taxes due to the passing of the trust fund.

Wilton Manors voted to authorize 48 affordable housing units on the Pride Center property for elderly and disabled. The county was able to finance the gap for this project which is why money needs to be put into the housing trust fund. Wilton Manners will be expanding their Carrefour program to Broward County.

Broward County currently has 6 proposals from developers. The deadline is November 7, 2019. The County is looking to partner with non-profit and for-profit organizations to focus on building affordable housing.

The Call to Action document has been developed. It is recommended that a draft of resolution be created to encourage signatures and aid in building partnerships with other cities.

Census: The count committee has been established and is active. It was recommended to check out the website census2020@broward.org to review sub-committees to possibly join one that may be on interest. The census is a major factor in receiving federal dollars so, we need to be sure that every person is counted. Over the last 10 years, Broward County has lost \$210 million due to undercounting.

The Supreme Court is expected to make a final decision about the citizenship question this upcoming week.

A postcard will be sent out asking Broward County residents about how they will like to fill out the census; online, phone, mail.

An RFP is currently out to have a marketing firm to help us focus on hard to enumerate populations. Jobs are also available on the census website. The position will pay \$17.50 an hour.

Meals on Wheels will be trained to administer the survey this includes the homeless population. Providers will be trained as well. Trainers will attend committee meetings to equip everyone.

Follow-up Questions from the County Attorney's Office:

- Abstentions (Conflicts) affect quorum – the answer is no, the vote is based on the number of yes versus no who do vote.
- Whether Sandra Einhorn need to declare a conflict whenever voting on measures that benefit members organizations of Non-Profit executive Alliance of Broward – the answer is yes, Sandra does need to declare a conflict.

New Business:

Request for Funding Proposal: The proposal was for \$220,000 for Rapid Re-Housing and General Funds. Three (3) organizations applied: The Salvation Army, Choices Network and Broward Partnership for the Homeless. Broward Partnership for the Homeless ranked the highest. This will be voted on and go on to the County Commission for a vote for funding.

MOTION: To put forward BPHI RFP to the County Commission.

First: Sylvia Quintana

Second: J. David Armstrong

Declaration of Conflict: Danny Osley, Tom Campbell and Sandra Einhorn

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

Encampment: A encampment has been identified in Pompano. There are 30 people, 28-30 well-organized tents. Two (2) people have been identified as the leaders and have been residing there for more than 10 years. Some have jobs. The property is owned by the County.

An online process has been set up where we send referrals directly to the outreach team when any calls or concerns are received regarding street homelessness. Education is needed so that the public is aware of the two types of calls. Those from the private property owners and those who are addressing public property.

The public can continue contacting the County. The County will be responsive and do the best to resolve the matter. Outreach will continue its efforts to engage them.

Showers: There were concerns about the frequency of showers in the community as we have been to experience extremely hot weather. Steve Werthman responded, permits for showers can be obtained every 90 days from the City of Ft. Lauderdale. The

permits are free. A permit for the full summer is unable to be obtained because the activity is considered an event.

Guest Speaker: Anthony Ginsberg

Anthony represents a 501cB, Voter Participation project. The project is to make sure all citizens that are eligible to vote have an effective right. The project is to serve underserved populations. This is about establishing a relationship of citizenship of civic engagement, that make sure that every person, every homeless person has an ID and registered to vote, have access to registration, public officials and candidates, understand the ballot.

Anthony is also a volunteer with the Friends of the Broward County Library. The project is focused on offering nonprofit organizations overstock of adult and children reading and other materials.

Good of the Order:

Senator Rich informed the Board that an additional \$3 Million has been proposed for the next County budget.

Adjournment & Next Meeting: Meeting was adjourned; next meeting will be held August 28, 2019.