

**BROWARD COUNTY  
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL  
APRIL 3, 2019  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**Time Called to Order:** 3:05pm

**Location:** Salvation Army Church (100 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

**Time Adjourned:** 4:30pm

**Minutes by:** Tom Campbell

**Members Present:**

**Esau Williams**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Rebecca McGuire**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Carole Mitchell**, Broward County School Board; **Julie Solomon**, Broward Health; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Felicia Lynch**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Women In Distress; **Maryfer LaCruz**, Care Resource; **Francisco Gomez**, Care Resource; **Lorraine Wilby**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Zach Moore**, Veterans Administration Homeless Division; **Annette Burroughs**, Volunteers of America; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Cassandra Canty**, Broward County Elderly and Veteran Services; **Sarah Curtis**, Broward County Family Services Housing Options; **Nick Sakhnovsky**, Broward County Library; **Gillian Cross Hogg**, Broward House; **Sgt. Ed Rafailovitch**, Broward Sheriff's Office; **Debbie Perry**, Henderson Behavioral Health; **Yamaris Arbitma**, Operation Sacred Trust; **Ronald Brown**, Broward County Library; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Kevin McConnell**, Voter Participation Project; **Michelle Kogo**, Starbucks; **Hailey Berman**, FTL; **Richard Campius**, resident; **Peggy Flood**, The Salvation Army; **Gabriela Barros**, Broward County School HEART program.

**Call to Order and Quorum:**

Jo-Ann Anstett called the meeting to order, and attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**Hot Topic/ Providers Plus/ HEARTH Topic Presentations**

Nick Sakhnovsky from the Broward County Library System provided an overview of the Coffee and Conversation program that is conducted at the Main Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale on Fridays at 2pm (5th floor).

**Old Business**

There was no old business to report.

**New Business**

- Rebecca McGuire reported that the Coe Board has passed the reconfiguration of the subcommittees and should be fully transitioned by May. Reported that the Consumer Advisory Committee will be integrated with the Coffee and Conversation group that meets at the library. Reported that the Housing Action Committee will include Housing Navigators, landlords, community-based service providers, housing providers, landlords, and other stakeholders, and the first meeting will be at the end of April or beginning of May. Reported that the HMIS Committee will be rolled into the Performance Outcomes Needs Gaps (PONG) Committee. Reported that data timeliness and data quality have improved in the last year. Reported that the Ad Hoc Fort Lauderdale Committee will be sunsetted after a final meeting where the original priorities will be reviewed. Reported that the Coordinated Assessment Committee will be transitioned to an ad hoc committee.
- RM reported that an RFP for DCF funding for TANF, Challenge Grant, and ESG funding was published. Reported that there was no applicant for TANF funding. Reported that 3 applicants for ESG funding included Women in Distress, Hope South Florida, and BPHI for shelter. Reported that there was one challenge Grant for the maximum

of \$300,000. Reported that a response from DCF is expected by the end of the month. Reported that the projects will launch on July 1.

- RM reported that all county departments are working on the budget process and that HIP is requesting an increase in permanent housing funding and new employment programming. Reported that HIP has been working closely with CareerSource.
- RM reported that the operator of the NHAC formally transitioned over from Miami Rescue Mission to Broward Partnership at midnight on April 1. Reported that all parties involved have been helpful in making sure that this major transition has happened smoothly.
- RM reported that HIP is planning to submit an application in response to the Youth Demonstration Grant through HUD.
- RM reported that a consultant has been hired to review and update the HUD prioritization and ranking tool and invited everyone to attend the next PONG meeting where the new rubric will be discussed. Reported that she anticipates that the NOFA will be published within the next month.
- RM reported that upcoming trainings will include grant writing, compliance and standards, and how to prepare for monitoring.
- RM reported that HIP has been working with the airport to allocate part of their budget to provide outreach to approximately 60 homeless people living at the airport. Reported that there is an ongoing homelessness issue under many bridges throughout the County and this will be a new outreach project.
- Reported that HIP is working with the South Broward Hospital District on a pilot project to divert /prevent high ER utilizers from entering the hospital system.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Youth and Families - Carole Mitchell reported that the next meeting is tomorrow; reported that Salvation Army will present on economic stability, and Sunrise Kiwanas will present about their Christmas in July event. Reported that Project Promise will be collecting dresses so that high school students can go to prom. Reported that a similar project will be implemented for boys' tuxes.
- MAT- JA reported on behalf of Dr. Sgt. Ed Rafailovict that MAT has a goal of raising \$10,000 and has reached \$5,000. Reported that these funds will be used for MAT officers to provide various services for people experiencing homelessness. Reported that MAT is expecting to finalize 501(c)(3) status in the next few months.
- Consumer Advisory Group - Mark Esko
- BBHC Integration - William King reported that
- PIT - JA reported on behalf of Shira Fowlkes that the final 2019 count numbers will be presented.
- Permanent Housing - no report

**Good of the Order:**

JA reported that the July meeting falls on July 3 and that the July meeting is usually recessed. The Council approved recessing for July.

Rich Campillo reported that there is a need for eyeglasses and is seeking information from providers on whether this is a need. Esau Williams reported that there is a provider that has been participating in Community Court. Sarah Curtis reported that the lions Club provides this service. Nick S. reported that the 3rd floor of the library has an abundance of donated eyeglasses available for pickup.

A reported that next week is National Crime Victims Awareness weeks and that events and trainings have been distributed to the email group.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm; next meeting will be held on May 1, 2019.