

BROWARD COUNTY
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL
August 7, 2019
FINAL APPROVED MINTUES

Time Called to Order: 3:05pm

Location: Salvation Army Church (100 SW 9th Avenue)

Time Adjourned: 4:30pm

Minutes by: Tom Campbell

Members Present:

Tom Campbell, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Felicia Lynch**, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Wellness Through Empowerment, LLC; **Lorraine Wilby**, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Zach Moore**, Veterans Administration Homeless Division; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Vincent Gardner**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Keisha Watson**, The Salvation Army; **Fay Osley**, BARC; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Danny Osley**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Elianna Dorvil**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Felicia Martin**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Tim Dwyer**, Covenant House; **Chania Somaribe**, Hope South Florida; **Carol Lagae**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Ricci Robinson**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Cassandra Canty**, Broward County Elderly and Veteran Services; **Mertella Burris**, Legal Aid; **Julie Solomon**, Broward Health; **Sgt. Ed Rafailovitch**, Broward Sheriff's Office; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Families; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Tracy Norelien**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Esta Tudela**, Family Success Administration Division; **Rebecca McGuire**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Whitney Edden**, OIC of South Florida; **Jennifer Pinentel**, United Way; **Tatyana Carvajal**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Keisha Dunn-Pettis**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Gracy Haladjian**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Cierra Floyd**; **Gisselle Williams**, Hope South Florida; **Richard Campillo**, Resident/Advocate; **Kavaja Sardry**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Angela Blaine**, City of Fort Lauderdale

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

Tatiana Carvajal provided an overview of the services that the Homeless Helpline provides for callers, including diversion, referrals to shelter and general information. She provided a handout with detailed information.

Lorraine Wilby provided an overview of the services that TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness provides, including outreach, engagement, bus passes, and referrals. She presented PowerPoint slides with various statistics. Lorraine encouraged all providers to take advantage of free bus pass programming offered by Broward County Transit that provides a year's worth of 30-day bus passes for free for persons experiencing homelessness.

Keshia Dunn-Pettis, Gracy Haladjian, and Tracy Norelien provided an overview of the services provided by Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, including administering subsidized child care programming. They provided a handout with detailed programmatic information. They reported that a new portal will soon be implemented and that all providers will be invited to a training session on how to make referrals through the new portal.

Presentations and handouts will be distributed to the HPSC email blast list following the meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

- Rebecca McGuire, Administrator, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership provided an update. She reported that the HUD NOFA has been published and that a bonus project has been published for RFP. She reported that Jennifer from the United Way will present month on Veterans initiatives.

Rebecca reported that providers should expect to receive a survey from Wellsky, which owns the ServicePoint HMIS, and that focus groups will be scheduled in the coming months, in order to improve the use of the data system. She reported that the County will be applying for an HMIS expansion through the NOFA that will facilitate uploads from agencies' own electronic health records systems.

Rebecca thanked TaskForce and her team for all the hard work they do in responding to calls from the community regarding people experiencing homelessness. She reported that she has been working with the airport and bridges/transportation departments to provide targeted outreach and placements for people living in the airport and under bridges.

Rebecca reported that the CoC Board will be looking at the governance charter and discussing at this month's meeting. She reported that the County attorney will be providing an overview of HUD regulations and how they relate to changes that will be proposed to the CoC governance charter.

Rebecca reported that HIP is monitoring 5 by-name lists and that by name list committees will be meeting regularly to review the lists and address high priority cases.

Rebecca reported that HIP staff is working on reviewing all rapid rehousing data for the last 18 months to determine recidivism rates.

Committee Reports

- Multi Agency Taskforce (MAT) - Sergeant Ed Rafailovitch reported that another deputy will be joining the homeless outreach team; he reported that a street outreach training will be coming up in October and to contact him directly if the agency needs training but is budget constrained; reported that his team has been working with hospital case managers to improve discharge planning for patients experiencing homelessness; he reported that MAT officers are located in 29 municipalities in Broward County and encouraged providers to become familiar with the MAT officer assigned to their cities.
- Youth and Families – Jo-Ann Anstett reported on behalf of Carole Mitchell. She reported that HEART program staff is getting ready for the new school year. She reported that preliminary data for
- BBHC Update - William King reported that he recently met with an agency (Steward Holdings) that rehabs old hotels to provide affordable housing that is currently working on several projects in Broward County. He reported that BBHC recently partnered with the Dania Beach Housing Authority on an application for vouchers.
- PIT – Shira Fowlkes reported that there is no update.
- Housing Action Committee – Tom Campbell reported that the committee was recessed in July and is meeting next Wednesday, August 14. He reported that the Committee will be planning a landlord appreciation event for November and encouraged agencies to participate in the planning and execution of the event.
- Consumer Advocacy Committee - Danny Osley reported that the committee met Monday. He reported that the committee will focus on getting people registered for the census. He reported that committee members will be attending the weekly coffee and conversation meetings at the library.

Good of the Order:

Jo-Ann Anstett reported that the next meeting will include presentations from emergency shelter providers and from CareerSource. She reported that the October meeting will include a chance for organizations to share their holiday activities.

Angela Blaine reported that she is working on building a list of non-profits in the City of Fort Lauderdale who can accept donations of food and water.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm; next meeting will be held on September 4, 2019.