

**BROWARD COUNTY  
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL  
February 6, 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:**

**Fay Osley**, Broward Addiction and Recovery Center; **Vince Gardner**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Esau Williams**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Kenisha Bryant**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Carole Mitchell**, Broward County School Board; **Julie Solomon**, Broward Health; **Gillian Cross**, Broward House; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Edward Rafailovitch**, Broward Sheriff's Office; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Steve Werthman**, Hope South Florida; **LeAnna Vasquez**, Jubilee Center; **Yamaris Arrbitma**, Operation Sacred Trust; **Felicia Lynch**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Diana Pinero**, The Salvation Army; **Cassandra Burrell**, Urban League; **Cleophus Boggan**, Veteran Administration Homeless; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Women In Distress; **Mary McVeigh**, Veteran Administration Homeless Division; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Lorraine Gary**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Maryfer LaCruz**, Care Resource; **Anthony Pica**, Hope South Florida; **Sandra Atkins**, Family Success Administration; **Richard Campius**, resident; **Cassandra Richardson**, Salvation Army; **Jade Campbell**, Hope South Florida; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Families; **Nichole Richards**, Urban League.

**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**

Lorraine Gary, Contracts Grants Administrator at HIP, introduced herself as the County staff assigned to work with the CoC Consumer Advisory Council. She provided an overview of the symposium that was hosted in November for sheltered and unsheltered clients. She reported that Broward County Facilitators facilitate this event and provides a report to HIP that includes all of the raw, unfiltered data from the symposium. She provided an overview of the printed report, which was provided as a handout. The group discussed the need to review the data that has been gathered in comparison to previous years and use this data in tandem with the updated A Way Home Plan as a guide for future funding and programming priorities. The group discussed the need to provide additional engagement and support activities for clients who may be unwilling or unable to enter a shelter environment.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to report.

**New Business**

- Point in Time Count Update - Shira Fowlkes reported that there were over 250 volunteers not including law enforcement; 1,900 surveys from unsheltered individuals were collected; reported that the youth events were canceled due to inclement weather; reported that the overall team debrief session is scheduled for next week; reported that data entry started on Monday; reported that a new app was pilot tested at this year's count and that the ultimate goal is to move towards a more technology-based count; volunteer appreciation event will be held on 2/20 and she will follow up with an email; she reported that the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) certifications are due Monday and to contact her directly if any agencies are having difficulties with their HIC.

- DCF Funding Priorities - Jo-Ann Anstett reported that the Committee Chairs met last week on refining the Committees; she reported that HPSC is a forum where providers can provide input into community resources and funding priorities in a way that's timely and thoughtful; reported that in the upcoming months, funding priorities will be a standing item on the agenda presented by HIP staff.

## Committee Reports

- Youth and Families – Carole Mitchell reported that the next meeting is tomorrow at 1:30pm at Lauderdale Manors Elementary School; reported that there are 4,140 students identified as homeless; reported that the school board is working with HOPE South Florida on collaborating for the upcoming day respite for families program; provided an overview on a report published by the Children's Services Council and other partners about girls' and women's well-being and that this document will be distributed through the HPSC mailing list.
- Coordinated Assessment – Steve Werthman that the Committee continues reviewing the County's coordinated entry policy; reported that HIP staff has offered to take over this process and compile a draft for the Committee to review; reported that the February meeting will be deferred to March so that HIP staff can work on the draft for next month's meeting.
- MAT – Dr. Sgt. Ed Rafailovitch reported that CIT training and BSO's Homeless Outreach are continuing to operate and that upcoming courses will offer CEUs; reported that approximately 70 officers provided assistance with the Point in Time count; reported that BSO is supportive of any efforts that are being made to address the homelessness issue in Pompano Beach and the Blount Road area; reported that representatives from Palm Beach County have participated in some of the training sessions that MAT provides and that Palm Beach's homeless issue is affecting northern Broward County due to a lack of emergency shelter in Palm Beach; reported that MAT is considering holding a conference to provide additional free resources to providers; reported that the resource guide is being updated; reported that the County provided assistance with free bus passes that officers can provide to people experiencing homelessness; reported that Holy Cross Hospital provided bright green reflective vests for the volunteers working at night on the PIT count; reported that MAT has about 50 active members
- Consumer Advisory Group – Mark Esko reported that he will work with 9 Muses and Mental Health Association to distribute the Connections Book to a wider audience
- BBHC Integration – William King reported that BBHC and County HIP are collaborating to help reallocate unspent funds to provide rapid rehousing for unaccompanied youth and employment services; reported that BBHC is receiving many referrals, mostly from Henderson, for persons experiencing homelessness who are seeking housing interventions?
- PIT – previously addressed in the meeting
- Permanent Housing – Tom Campbell reported that the Committee meets on Wednesday, February 13.
- CoC Lead Agency / Local Coalition – Esau Williams reported that Committees are being reviewed and restructured and Permanent Housing Committee will be changed to a Housing Action Committee with additional representation and priority tasks; reported that HIP is working on a more detailed / advanced training for ServicePoint users.

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Rich Campillo reported that he is working with HOPE South Florida on a ½ page handout for people experiencing homelessness that shows outreach sites and basic services sites and distributed a sample; reported that the guide will be updated monthly and will be published on the County website.

Steve Werthman reported that the County's legislative package is being worked on to be submitted to the state; reported that the Homeless Housing Assistance Grant was de-funded a number of years ago and that bringing this funding back would be a good advocacy item for HPSC to escalate to the CoC Board as a priority. Carole Mitchell suggested that unaccompanied youth as a priority for future discussion.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm; next meeting will be held on March 6, 2019.