

BROWARD COUNTY
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020

Time Called to Order: 3:05pm

Time Adjourned: 3:50pm

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

Minutes by: Tom Campbell, BP

Members Present:

Marc Esko, Consumer Advisory Council; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **Elianna Dorvil**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Tim Dwyer**, Covenant House; **Gracy Haladijin**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Deborah B Johnson**, Henderson Behavioral Health; **Tameka Thomas**, Hope South Florida; **Camille Harris**, Hope South Florida; **Lorraine Wilby**, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Scott DiMarzo**, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Fay Osley**, BARC; **Metella Burris**, Legal Aid; **Cassandra Burrell**, Urban League; **Marlee Cea**, Women In Distress; **Rebecca McGuire**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Sarah Curtis**, Broward County Housing Options Program; **Danny Osley**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Maryfer Lacruz**, Care Resource; **Suzette Podieme**, The Salvation Army; **Carmela Scribner**, The Salvation Army; **Laura Irabor**, The Salvation Army; **I Franco**, The Salvation Army; **Carol Lazurus**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Ricci Robson**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Annette Burroughs**, Volunteers of America; **Brandon Stewart**, United Way; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Wellness Through Empowerment, LLC

Call to Order and Quorum:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the February 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

Hot Topic / Providers Plus / HEARTH Topic Presentations

Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership System Performance Measures Presentation - Rebecca McGuire provided an update on the January discussion regarding the Committee's identified needs and gaps within the continuum. She reported that the top priorities included permanent supportive housing for clients who do not meet the HUD definition of chronically homeless, supportive services, incidentals / move-in costs, legal aid, and adult family care homes. Other priorities included peer supportive services, medical respite, prevention/DUI services, and others. She reported that a general funds request for proposals (RFP) will be published very soon that will include medical respite and rapid rehousing. She reported that HIP is monitoring an upcoming RFP from HUD regarding funding for unsheltered.

Rebecca reported that an RFP will be published later this month that will include medical respite and rapid rehousing. She reported that the RFP process will include a required pre-application workshop and that many changes have been made from previously published RFPs.

Jo-Ann provided an update of last week's CoC meeting. Rebecca reported that she is working with Senator Book on increasing the Challenge Grant funding at the State level. Jo-Ann reported that there will be many opportunities to participate in the upcoming census and that agencies with case managers in housing programs should be working with clients to ensure they understand the importance of the census and how to complete online surveys. She reported that an updated calendar of committee meetings was presented and that she will distribute the document on the HPSC email group.

Rebecca reported that the downtown encampment that had been previously abated has seen an influx of new people who were not part of the original encampment. She reported that TaskForce and the City of Fort Lauderdale

Anthony Ginsberg reported on transportation services that will be provided for people experiencing homelessness on Election Day. He reported that a flyer was distributed through the HPSC email group.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Youth and Families - no report was available.

Multi-Agency Task Force - no report was available

BBHC - no report was available

Point in Time Count 2020 - Rebecca reported that she worked with Davie Police, and BSO and had very positive experiences with each of these groups. Rebecca reported that the updated PIT numbers may be ready for presentation at the CoC Board in April.

Housing Action Committee - Tom Campbell reported that the committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11.

Consumer Advocacy Committee - Danny Osley reported that the committee met on Monday and voted to change its by-laws to increase membership capacity.

Good of the Order:

Rebecca reported that the County is monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and will be working closely with the Department of Health on any required actions or responses. Scott Dimarzo suggested that providers should require front line staff to get the flu vaccination.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.