

**BROWARD COUNTY
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL
November 6, 2019
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 3:05pm

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

Time Adjourned: 4:30pm

Minutes by: Tom Campbell, BP

Members Present:

Erika Laverde, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Marc Esko**, Consumer Advisory Council; **Jo-Ann Anstett**, Wellness Through Empowerment, LLC; **Keith Cavanaugh**, Broward Outreach Center; **Anthony Ginsberg**, Voter Participation Project; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Jessica Abou**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Ricci Robson**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Tim Dwyer**, Covenant House; **Dep. Michael Francis**, Broward Sheriff's Office; **Amy Corderman**, Holy Cross Hospital; **Tracy Norelien**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Deborah B Johnson**, Henderson Behavioral Health; **Rene YaCinthe**, Jubilee Center; **Diana Pinero**, The Salvation Army; **Chania Somarriba**, Hope South Florida; **Zachary Moore**, The Veterans Administration; **Mertalla Burris**, Legal Aid, **Lorraine Wilby**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness; **Cassandra Burrell**, Urban League; **Annette Burroughs**, Volunteers of America; **Jaqueline Arroyo**, US Census Bureau; **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Cassandra Canty**, Broward County Elderly and Veteran Services; **Vincent Gardner**, Broward County Housing Authority; **Carole Mitchell**, Broward County School Board; **Julie Solomon**, Broward Health; **Natasha Grant**, Department of Children and Families; **Jeanne Lewis Albaugh**, Showering Love; **Kavaja Sarduy**, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Marlo Longworth**, The Salvation Army; **Melissa Reesor Martin**, Archways; **Peggy Flood**, The Salvation Army; **Carmela Scribner**, The Salvation Army; **Felicia Martin**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Jeff Weinberger**, October 22nd Alliance; **Carol Lazarus**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Scott DiMarzo**, Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness

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

Rapid Re-Housing Presentations:

- Chania Somarriba and Gisselle Williams provided an overview of HOPE South Florida and their rapid rehousing programs.
- Marlo Longworth provided an overview of Salvation Army and their rapid rehousing programs.

The presentation materials will be sent to the email blast group following the meeting.

Old Business

Kavaja Sarduy reported that HIP is hosting a landlord appreciation breakfast on November 21 at the Signature Grand. She reported that on November 5 the County Commission and City of Fort Lauderdale Commission made proclamations about National Homelessness month. She reported that HIP hosted a furniture and goods giveaway at the North Homeless Assistance Center with items gathered from the closing of Pier 66 Hotel.

Committee Reports

- Multi-Agency Taskforce (MAT) - Michael Frances reported that there is no formal report from MAT at this time and he publicly recognized the hard work that MAT and all the providers do every day to address the needs of Broward's homeless population.
- Youth and Families – Carole Mitchell reported that the last meeting was October 24 and the next meeting is tomorrow. She reported that the committee is reviewing methods and strategies for increasing the number of youths that are included in the Point in Time Count. She reported that she attended a national conference in Washington D.C. and will share information gathered at the conference. She reported on the most recent homelessness numbers in the public-schoolsystem.
- BBHC Update - William King reported that 211 Broward has been selected as one of three providers for a pilot project addressing suicide prevention in Florida. He reported that BBHC is working with several agencies to participate in a collaborative grant application to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's Grants to Benefit Homeless Individuals program. He reported that the YMCA is working on a SOAR initiative for youth aging out of foster care.
- PIT – Jessica Abou announced that a volunteer flyer is being distributed at this meeting and by email. She reported that the PIT count will be held on January 29 and 30 and that the youth count will be held on the same days as the regular count. She reported that the major decision this year is that locations will not be sited at the HACs. She reported that the City of Davie is interested in hosting a site and a city specific PIT count. She reported that BRHPC is working on shift schedules and volunteer recruitment.
 - Lorraine Wilby recommended that church groups and other groups should be considered for volunteer solicitation. Jessica reported that BRHPC will provide on-site trainings for groups of 10 or more. Amy Corderman reported that smaller groups could be hosted at Holy Cross facilities.
- Housing Action Committee – Tom Campbell reported that the landlord appreciation breakfast event has been scheduled for Thursday, November 21 at the Signature Grand. He reported that Rebecca McGuire from HIP sent out a blast email about the event.
- Consumer Advocacy Committee - Kavaja reported that the Committee will be hosting a symposium on November 20 at HOPE South Florida and that the event will include a variety of services available for consumers, such as DMV, TaskForce, etc. Kavaja reported that Renice Mcneal with Sunserve has been appointed to the CoC Board as a homeless / formerly homeless representative.

Good of the Order:

Jo-Ann Anstett reported that the December meeting will include a celebration of events and happenings throughout 2019 and requested that providers send information and photos to the Chair email.

Jo-Ann Anstett reported that the January meeting will be held on the second Wednesday (January 8) and will include a PIT training.

Lorraine Wilby reported that Advocacy has traditionally been included on the agenda and requested that the item is included on future agendas.

Jeff Weinberger advocated for the elimination of restrictive rules at shelters that prohibit visits from people from the outside and described a recent experience that he had when attempting to visit a friend who was living at the shelter.

Cassandra Kansy from Broward Elderly Services reported about funding that is available to provide temporary stipends for people age 60 and above with a disability in order to locate stable housing. She will send her contact information and a referral form through the HPSC mailing list.

Julie Solomon announced that Broward Health is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 25.

Tim Dwyer announced that Covenant House is hosting its annual Sleep Out event on November 21 at Covenant House's main location on Fort Lauderdale beach.

Lorraine Wilby announced that the memorial for homeless individuals will be hosted at HOPE South Florida on December 17. She reported that an email has been sent out soliciting names of people who died on the streets during the year and that a flyer will be provided at the next meeting.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

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