

**BROWARD COUNTY  
HOMELESS PROVIDERS' & STAKEHOLDERS' COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 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:**

**Tom Campbell**, 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; **Keisha Watson**, The Salvation Army; **Fay Osley**, BARC; **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition; **Julie Lauder**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Carol Lazarus**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Shira Fowlkes**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Ricci Robson**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless; **Tim Dwyer**, Covenant House; **Steve Werthman**, Hope South Florida; **Jessica Abou**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Julie Solomon**, Broward Health; **Sgt. Ed Rafailovitch**, Broward Sheriff's Office; **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; **Gracy Haladjian**, Early Learning Coalition of Broward; **Gisselle Williams**, Hope South Florida; **Carleen Robinson**, Broward County Elderly and Veteran Services; **Carole Mitchell**, Broward County School Board; **Gillian Cross Hoggs**, Broward House; **Deborah B Johnson**, Henderson Behavioral Health; **Rene YaCinthe**, Jubilee Center; **Diana Pinero**, The Salvation Army; **Marlee Cea**, Women In Distress; **Niecy Choice**, The Salvation Army; **Peggy Flood**, The Salvation Army; **Matt Anthony**, Broward Regional Health Planning Council; **Marodria Joseph**, Hope South Florida; **Gina Queen**, The Veterans Administration; **Carmela Scribner**, The Salvation Army

**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**

Emergency shelter providers presented on various topics, including Tim Dwyer from Covenant House, Lilly Gallardo from Salvation Army, Marlea Cea from Women in Distress, Keith Cavanaugh from Miami Rescue Mission / Broward Outreach Center, and Tom Campbell from BPHI.

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 reported that the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) manual has been updated and will be published in an ADA-compliant format on the website. She presented a handout that outlines several significant changes. She reported that the owner of the HMIS software, Wellsky owner of ServicePoint, will be coming to Broward to provide focus groups and gather information for system improvements. She reported that the County is seeking to purchase a middleware software that will allow agencies to import information into HMIS from their own electronic records system. She reported that the County is working on deploying the SkanPoint module in ServicePoint to track various services and shelter entries

and exits. She reported that HMIS trainings are scheduled a year in advance and are being tracked in EventBright.

- Rebecca provided an update on Hurricane Dorian and thanked providers for their efforts during the extreme weather activation and the efforts made to safely evacuate people experiencing homelessness when the airport was closed.

### **Committee Reports**

- Multi Agency Taskforce (MAT) - Sergeant Ed Rafailovitch reported that he will be sending out a list of the Homeless Outreach Trained (HOT) deputies. He reported that deputy Michael Francis will be working on the homeless outreach team. He reported that increased efforts will be made by MAT in Pompano Beach and that efforts have been recently made in Davie. He reported that a week-long homeless outreach training in the coming weeks, and that there are 8 slots available for social service providers at a cost of \$100 per slot.
- Youth and Families – Carole Mitchell reported that the Committee’s next meeting will be held on XX. She reported that a total of 41 students from the Bahamas have been identified in the system and reporting as experiencing homelessness.
- BBHC Update - William King reported on BBHC’s efforts to work with providers before and during Hurricane Dorian. He reported that BBHC has entered into an agreement with the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority and is providing assistance with potential housing vouchers.
- PIT – Jessica Abou introduced herself as the new Point in Time Count Coordinator. She reported that the 2020 PIT Count kick off event will be held on October 3. This information will be sent to the HPSC email blast list.
- Housing Action Committee – Tom Campbell reported that the committee met on Wednesday, August 14 and continues working on developing a landlord database and planning for a landlord appreciation event in November. He reported that the September meeting was canceled but that an event planning meeting will be called later this month. He encouraged agencies to participate in the planning and execution of the event.
- Consumer Advocacy Committee - Danny Osley was not available to provide a report.

### **Good of the Order:**

Whitney XXX from OIC reported on upcoming job workshops and provided a flyer, which will be sent to the HPSC email blast list.

Jo-Ann Anstett acknowledged the work that Shira Fowlkes

William King reported that he attended a meeting earlier today about the Census count and that he will send this information through the HPSC blast group.

Mark Esko reported that the Museum of Science and Discovery will host an event in tandem with National Recovery Month later this month.

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm; next meeting will be held on October 2, 2019.