



Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Homeless Initiative Partnership

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BROWARD COUNTY

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP)
Housing Action Committee
March 10, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES
Tom Campbell, Chair**

Time Called to Order: 3:05 pm
Location: Virtual Skype Meeting

Time Adjourned: 3:35 pm
Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega
Homeless Partnership Initiative (HIP)

Members Present: **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.; **Michael Ranglin**, Hope South Florida; **Esta Tudela**, Family Success Administration Division (FSAD). **William King**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC), **Lilly Gallardo**, The Salvation Army (TSA).; **Vincent Gardner**, Broward County Housing Authority, (BCHA), **Debra Peterson**, Container Housing Systems Corporation.

Staff Present: **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP); **Brittany Odom**, (HIP); **Kenisha Bryant**, Ed.D. (HIP), **Charley Nance** (HIP) **Rebecca McGuire**, PH.D. (HIP); **Danilo Medina** (HIP).

Welcome &

Introductions: Tom Campbell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and all-in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Campbell asked for a motion the meeting minutes for February 2021.

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes for February 2021.

First: Debra Peterson

Second: Vince Gardner

Declaration of Conflict: None



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Discussion: None

Result: Minutes were approved.

Committee Action Items:

Update on PSH/RRH Monthly Capacity: Dr. Kenisha Bryant, Program Project Coordinator

Dr. Kenisha Bryant reported the Broward County HCoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Capacity is at 121.2%. As a continuum there are 566 housing slots dedicated to (PSH) as reported in our NoFA, we currently have 686 housing slots filled with 11 more pending.

Broward County HCoC Rapid Rehousing Capacity is at 88.0%. As a continuum there are 225 housing slots dedicated to RRH as reported in our NoFA, we currently have 198 slots filled with 40 more pending.

Barriers: COVID-19 is making it difficult to house more rapidly and new contracts are underway in RRH.

Dr. Bryant reported on the partnership with the HIP section and Dania Beach Housing Authority concerning their mainstream vouchers. Dr. Bryant informed the committee that the vouchers are for clients who are housed in the HCoC programs. Dr. Bryant informed providers on the call to email the completed application to her email address and she will be forwarded it to the Dania Beach Housing Authority.

Keeping Families Together Pilot Project: Charlesy Nance, Administrative Officer

Charlesy Nance (HIP Administrative Officer) presented a power point regarding the Keeping Families Together Initiative with Child Net and United Way.

Keeping Families Together (“KFT”) is a program model that brings together housing providers and child welfare agencies to strengthen society’s most vulnerable families and improve outcomes for children.

Broward County’s Homeless Initiative Partnership is responsible for the Coordinated Entry and Assessment process, Coordinating Shelter Services and Housing placement, as well as funding housing providers throughout Broward’s Continuum of Care. This project involves families within the child welfare systems, to help ensure they are kept intact. This model can prevent parent/child separation by pairing supportive housing with comprehensive supportive services to meet the needs of every family member. The KFT initiative offers the chance to prevent or end child welfare involvement, achieve better outcomes for parents and children and decrease public costs.

The KFT Initiative workflow was shared to show the flow of services of the five families that will be the subject of this pilot and be identified by Child Net. Dr. McGuire inquired the roll out date for this project. Charlesy informed that the project rolled out March 1, 2021 and that she was

working with ChildNet's staff, Tabeel Hibbert (Community Outreach Coordinator) and case managers to identify the families.

Ms. Peterson requested a copy of the mini presentation; Charlesy informed her that she would follow-up with HIP Administration to follow-up on disbursement.

Collaboration Crisis Intervention Support Division Update: Dr. Kenisha Bryant

Dr. Bryant reported that the HIP section has partnered with the Crisis Intervention Support Division at the County to address clients who are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions including human trafficking and experiencing homelessness. The partnership will assist clients who are Category Four (4) homeless as defined by HUD, with assistance and access to housing and services.

Landlord Recruitment Marketing Brochures: Brittany Odom, Program Project Coordinator

Brittany Odom reported while awaiting the finalization of the purchase of RentalNet MLS, HIP has partnered with a designer and the County's Office of Public Communication, to design two informational brochures. One brochure provides an overview of HIP and our efforts to end homelessness in Broward County. The other brochure describes RentalNet and the benefits for landlords who offer their units for HCoC's, RRH and PSH clients.

Public Comment: None

Good of the Order: None

Adjournment

The next meeting will be April 14, 2021