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**BROWARD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP) SECTION
Performance & Outcomes & Needs & Gaps (PONG)
Committee Virtual Skype Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES**

Time Called to Order: 10:03 AM

Time Adjourned: 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual Skype Meeting

Minutes by Elizabeth Ortega

Members Present: **Sandra Einhorn**, Executive Director of the Coordinating Council; **Maria Hernandez**, United Way; **Silvia Quintana**, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC).

Members Absent: **Melida Akiti**, Memorial Health System; **Howard Bakalar**, Advocate for the Homeless; **Robin Martin**, Rebuilding Together Broward County; **Scott Russell**, Broward Sheriff's Office.

Staff Present: **Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.**, Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP); **Elizabeth Ortega**, (HIP); **Kavaja Sarduy** (HIP) **Ricardo Moore** (HMIS); **Brittany Odom** (HIP); **Tracie Bostick** (HIP) **Charlesy Nance** (HIP); **Andrea Webster**, (HIP).

Call to Order: Sandra Einhorn, Chair: called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call: Completed by Rebecca McGuire, Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator. A quorum was confirmed.



Approval of Minutes: Sandra Einhorn asked for an approval of December 2020 minutes.

MOTION: Maria Hernandez: Approval of the December 2020 meeting minutes.

Second: Silvia Quintana

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

New Committee Action Items:

Data for HCoC Presentation: Andrea Webster

Andrea Webster, Senior Project Coordinator presented a power point presentation on demographics for those services through the Homeless Continuum of Care (HCoC). The brief synopsis included raw data obtained for last quarter (October 2020 - December 2020). The data presented included those from various services (legal, supportive services, crisis shelter and supportive housing). There were comments by the Committee members to explore how we can get more involvement to engage those individuals experience homelessness of the Hispanic descent.

Point in Time (PIT) Survey: Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.

Dr. McGuire reported Federal Officer, William Snow provided guidance on the PIT process, specifically on the survey and the time to conduct the unsheltered count. The County was given an exception by HUD to change the PIT Survey from the last week in January to March 20, 2021 through March 30, 2021. Instead of volunteers this year we will be hiring temporary staff to conduct the unsheltered survey.

The committee was presented with the HUD approved PIT Unsheltered Survey that consists 10 questions.

Approval of PIT Survey Questions:

MOTION: Maria Hernandez: Approval of the PIT Survey as presented.

Second: Silvia Quintana

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

Written Standards: Dr. Kenisha Bryant

Dr. Bryant, Program Project Coordinated, gave a brief overview of the Written Standards composed by Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) staff in conjunction with the providers, specifically, the Coordinated Entry Work Group.

The Written Standards incorporated HUD's regulations noted CBP17-01, which establish additional requirements for HCoC Coordinated Assessment and Entry System. The document contains terms and definitions, system overview, purpose of the HCoC, population of focus, the definition of homelessness, and the placement process as it pertains to shelter and housing for individuals and families.

Approval of Written Standards:

MOTION: Maria Hernandez: Approval of the Written Standards as presented.

Second: Silvia Quintana

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

Recommendations for Performance Outcomes Needs and Gap (“PONG”) Meetings for 2021:

Sandra Einhorn, Chair suggested a Doodle Poll be sent out to all the PONG Committee members to establish a meeting date and time that is convenient for all the members to attend the meetings.

Discussion of the employment addendum of the “A Way Home Plan”: Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.

Dr. McGuire presented the addendum to the “A Way Home Plan” generated in 2019. The “A Way Home Plan” was created in 2018.

The addendum adds an employment tenant to the “A Way Home Plan”.

Approval of Written Standards:

MOTION: Maria Hernandez: To approve the A Way Home Plan Addendum as presented.

Second: Silvia Quintana

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

Recommendation for New PONG members:

Sandra Einhorn, Chair, expressed her approval to have the following individuals to join the PONG Committee Ron Moffitt, Career Source Representative; Lynne Wines, Broward Alliance Foundation Representative; William Green, Broward Health; Danny Osley, Formerly Homeless Representative; and Lorraine Wilby Representative as Co-Chair of the Local Provider Stakeholder Council.

Grant COVID-19 funds Phase 1 Discussion of contracts & Phase 2 RFP Discussion of RFP Results: Rebecca McGuire, Ph.D.

Dr. McGuire reported Phase one was \$1,170,000. Phase two is supposed to be around 3.2 Million. Phase I was allocated to the current Emergency Solution Grant Funders to expedite the dissemination of the funds. The Request for Proposal (“RFP”) closed in December for Phase II.

Dr. McGuire also informed the member that an RFP will be coming out in March or April of 2021. Dr. McGuire shared there is discussion of having only one RFP for the year that may include the HUD Bonus Project, the ESG funds and General Funds projects. All services would be out for bid at the same time. So that if providers present a proposal, they will have an opportunity to take advantage of anyone of those funding streams.

Dr. McGuire also reported that it is time to register for the HUD Notice of Funding Announcement (“NoFA”). HUD is anticipating the 2021 NOFA will move e There was not a 2020 NOFA. The 2020NOFA is going to be a non-competitive NOFA. Currently we are waiting the award letter.

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Dr. McGuire made mention that she received a call at around 7:30pm asking if she could gather 130 homeless individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Tom Campbell from Broward Partnership for the Homeless, (BPHI) stated that it was a spontaneous event.

Mr. Campbell also suggested that we embark on an education campaign. Not only for our shelter population, but for the general population overall. There is a lot of misinformation about the vaccines.

Sandra Einhorn, Chair acknowledge Mr. Campbell and his staff for all their efforts with the vaccination event.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be in March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.