

# Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes: September 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Health – Sumter County, 415 E Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL

Officers in Attendance:	—	Robert Morin, Commissioner, City of Eustis, Chair	—	Melissa Simmes, Advent Health Waterman, Vice Chair
Directors in Attendance:	—	Veda Ramirez – Hernando County Health & Human Services	—	Dr. Alan Holden – United Way of Lake & Sumter
	—	Stephen Teaster – Citrus County	—	Jessica Peters – Hernando County
	—	Steve Smith – Lake County	—	Barbara Venditto – Dawn Center
	—	Sheri Goodwin – LSF Network	—	Paula Anspach – Advocate (GTM)
	—	Cara Meeks	—	
Staff:	—	Barbara Wheeler, Executive Director	—	Paula Holtsclaw, HMIS Administrator
	—	Tomi Steinruck, Operations Manager	—	Kristy Lindke, Lead CAS Navigator
	—	Cassie Fountain & James MacDonald, PATH Outreach	—	Amber Tucker, Housing Locator
Proxy:				
Presiding:		Dr. Alan Holden		

Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Holden called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on behalf of Robert Morin. He welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were sent out and posted on the <a href="http://www.midfloridahomeless.org">www.midfloridahomeless.org</a> website. <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the August 23, 2019 minutes as presented. <b>Motion By:</b> Cara Meeks <b>Seconded By:</b> Barbara Venditto <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously	
3. Standing Committee Reports	<b>Veterans' Committee</b> Stephen Teaster reported that on the progress of the creation of a Veteran's Committee. In addition to the Lake County appointee, The VA in Orlando will be participating, a call to Hernando County indicates that they have received the letter. Stephen is pursuing Citrus County. Greg Williams of St. Vincent de Paul indicated that he could reach out to James A Haley VAMC. Stephen reported that he is hoping for a group to meet in January.  <b>Coordinated Access</b> Barbara Venditto reported on behalf of Melissa Simmes. Additional results of the survey were received. The Coordinated Access Evaluation Tool was presented and discussed.	Add "with children" to BNL slide.

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	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the Coordinated Access Evaluation Tool as presented at the CAS Meeting with corrections and recommendations. <b>Motion By:</b> Barbara Venditto                      <b>Seconded By:</b> Cara Meeks <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for October 7.</p> <p><b>Performance Committee</b> Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of Steve Smith. The Show Me The Money cards, the up-to-date By Name List numbers of homeless in the CoC, and information regarding First Time Homeless, Risk Factors of Homelessness, as well as Racial Disparity was presented.</p>	
4. WellCare Presentation	<p>Cara Meeks of WellCare Health Plans provided information on their Medicaid programs. The mission of WellCare Community Connections is meeting members where they are, to support them in removing social barriers to improve health outcomes. What is happening in a person’s life can have an impact on their health. Some of the social determinants of health are socioeconomic factors, physical environment, health behaviors, and cost of and access to health care.</p> <p>The Community Connections department includes several areas to improve health outcomes. Community Engagement, data evaluation, and a peer-based social service help line with a resource database that can guide members to improving their overall health by improving their situations. WellCare has staff to access and update the resource database. They try to find resources when gaps in service are recognized. They make follow-up calls to those who are provided referrals to find out if they were able to receive assistance.</p> <p>Funding for Community Engagement is provided by government dollars, and as such, WellCare collects data and analyzes that data to determine if programs are working. WellCare Community Engagement is investing in community organizations who can contribute data to aid in evaluating their programs. Through data, they have found that when Community Connections is involved, people’s health has improved.</p>	<p><i>Add presentation to MFHC website.</i></p>

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	<p>Community Connections Helpline – Services beyond healthcare – over 17,000 organizations listed throughout Florida. The Helpline is open to everyone, not just those who are on Medicaid/Medicare. Call 866-775-2192.</p> <p>Welcome Rooms are located throughout the state where participants can get a number of services. New cards, computers, and someone to help walk through the system. There is one in Marion County and one in Spring Hill.</p> <p>WellCare is tasked with improving access to healthcare. 42% of WellCare members are missing – the company doesn’t know where they are. They could be homeless, or just moved. Phone numbers change.</p> <p>If you or anyone you know has Medicaid or Medicare, there are many benefits outside of typical doctor and hospital visits. Please just ask! <a href="http://www.wellcare.com">www.wellcare.com</a> has information about the benefits available to those who have the different plans.</p>	
5. MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>HUD CoC Application - the completed application is on the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition website, and all Governing Board members have received the application for review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the HUD CoC application. <b>Motion By:</b> Stephen Teaster                      <b>Seconded By:</b> Cara Meeks <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p> <p>New Members - Dr. Holden announced that Shay Razaire has applied to be on the Board. <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve Shay Razaire to be added to the Governing Board. <b>Motion By:</b> Cara Meeks                      <b>Seconded By:</b> Sheri Goodwin <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p> <p>2020 Point in Time Count <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to set the date for the 2020 Point in Time Count as January 28, 2020. <b>Motion By:</b> Cara Meeks                      <b>Seconded By:</b> Barbara Venditto <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p>	

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	<p>MFHC is holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Breakfast on October 30, 2019. This is an opportunity to inform the community about what we do, how we work with the community, as well as to recognize the work our partners do, and encourage financial support of Mid Florida Homeless Coalition. The community is invited.</p> <p>The MFHC Conference that had been scheduled for December has been canceled and will be rescheduled due to site unavailability. MFHC has identified educational opportunities in this year's HUD CoC NOFA and will be looking for educators on those topics for a conference to be held in the new year.</p> <p>The Florida Coalition for the Homeless' conference is scheduled for October 9-11. Registrations were made by MFHC for staff; however, some of the registrations are being made available to Governing Board members.</p>	
6. Membership Input	<p>At the Lake Provider meeting in September, there was a discussion about a drop-in facility that needs to move. A question was raised about the need for a 24-hour drop in center. Barbara Wheeler indicated the Provider meetings are exactly the place where those conversations can be held to get local feedback.</p> <p>Lt. Chris Doborwicz from The Salvation Army of Lake &amp; Sumter reported that they are looking at the possibility of creating an emergency shelter in Lake County. They are looking for funding from local governments, and identifying property. Additionally, they want to learn how an emergency shelter would work within the CoC.</p> <p>Barbara shared that the MFCH PATH outreach team recently went to downtown Leesburg in the evening to talk to those who are homeless in the area to ask them about shelter and whether or not they'd use it. Most indicated they'd just like a roof over their heads, and if that means a shelter they'd use it.</p> <p>Hernando County School System's Families in Transition program is holding a Homeless Symposium to educate the teachers and any others about the needs and services available for those households who are homeless.</p>	

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	<p>Lake County is having a formal Stand Down event on November 16, from 8-5pm, in Tavares.</p> <p>Hernando County Salvation Army Angel Tree intake is October 7-11, 2019. This is for Angel Tree program as well as Thanksgiving baskets. Proof of residency and need is required.</p> <p>On October 5, the Friends of the Homeless are holding an event at Trinity Church in Fruitland Park. MFHC Outreach team will be on hand to provide MREs and assessments, but the organizers will also be providing food, showers, etc.</p>	
7. Next Meeting Date	<p>Next meeting will be held on October 25, 2019 at Florida Department of Health – Sumter County, 415 E Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL at 9a.m.</p>	
8. Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:37 a.m. <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. <b>Motion by:</b> Dr. Alan Holden                                 <b>Seconded by:</b> Barbara Venditto <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Dr. Alan Holden for Robert Morin, Chair \_\_\_\_\_