

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Governing Board & CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2020 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 (GTM)	—	Dr. Alan Holden – United Way of Lake & Sumter (GTM)
	—	Stephen Teaster – Office of the Criminal Conflict & Civil Rights Counsel	—	Jessica Peters – Hernando County Advocate
	—	Steve Smith – Lake County	—	Barbara Venditto – Dawn Center
	—	Sheri Goodwin – LSF Network (GTM)	—	Paula Anspach – (GTM)
	—	Cara Meeks – WellCare (GTM)	—	Shay Razaire – Alan Madden Foundation (GTM)
Staff:	—	Barbara Wheeler, Executive Director	—	Paula Holtsclaw, HMIS Administrator
	—	Tomi Steinruck, Operations Manager	—	Kristy Lindke, Lead CAS Navigator
	—	Cassie Fountain, Coreen Garrity, PATH Outreach	—	Amber Tucker, Housing Locator
Proxy:				
Presiding:		Robert Morin		

Agenda Items		Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
I.	Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions	Robert Morin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., and self-introductions were made.	
II.	Approval of Minutes	November 22, 2019 Governing Board & CoC Ending Homelessness Minutes were reviewed. Motion: A motion was made to approve the November 22, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion By: Steve Smith Seconded By: Stephen Teaster Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously	
III.	Standing Committee Reports	Veteran’s Committee Stephen Teaster announced that the first meeting of the Veterans Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 31, at the Health Department. Coordinated Access System Committee (CAS) Melissa Simmes reported on the January CAS meeting. A Client Satisfaction survey was finalized and recommended for approval by the CoC. This survey will be offered to participants at various stages of the Coordinated Access process including after assessment,	<i>Paula to reach out to Veda Ramirez to discuss her concerns on the Performance slides.</i>

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<p>MFHC Lead Agency Update</p>	<p>Point in Time Census Prep Paula Holtsclaw reported that all county plans have been finalized for the Tuesday, January 28 Census. There is an increase in the number of locations that will be canvased, especially in south Lake County. Law enforcement in Citrus, Hernando and Lake County has been invaluable in identifying new locations and confirming those locations we already had.</p> <p>Discussions with law enforcement are ongoing to create a partnership whereby they may be able to provide day-to-day information on those homeless that they are meeting on the street. The App that will be used for the PIT is being considered for use by law enforcement personnel if we can afford the cost of it on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>HUD CoC Awards Barbara Wheeler reported the 2019 HUD CoC Application Tier 1 awards have been announced. Coordinated Access, MFIN, and Planning grants for MFHC have all been approved. United Way of Citrus County's renewal application for Rehousing was approved, and St. Vincent de Paul's Returning Home – Mid Florida new rehousing program has also been approved. Tier 2 funding announcements have not yet been announced.</p> <p>Trainings Iain de Jong from OrgCode spoke to about 30 community members in December on practices and strategies that maximize the impact of ending homelessness. His presentation made an impact on all who attended, specifically opening new avenues of conversation with the Lake County Commission. We thank St. Vincent de Paul for coordinating this presentation.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about what might be a good place to go with additional training by Iain. Barbara has asked the governing board to review the presentation that was emailed out and provide feedback to her about what they might like to hear from an additional presentation. Feedback about how to present our needs to the public was one area, and continuing the conversation where Iain left off.</p> <p>County Updates <i>Citrus County</i> – Barbara reported that she and Paula Anspach met with the Citrus County Chronicle editorial board and presented what MFHC is actually doing. Immediately</p>	
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IV.	Membership Input	<p>Barbara Venditto wanted to thank the Hernando County Sheriff's Office deputies who were in attendance and acknowledged that their participation at the Hernando Providers meeting has been invaluable.</p> <p>Melissa Simmes shared that the trend in Waterman hospital is seeing homeless individuals being in the waiting room, sleeping under blankets, etc. Hospital staff is uncomfortable with these situations at times. Cassie Fountain, PATH Outreach team lead, offered to provide some training.</p> <p>Steve Smith shared information from the Florida Housing Coalition. Steve is hoping to help change the minds of the committees that there is a need for assistance for the homeless. The community needs to inundate the committee chairs with correspondence asking them to maintain or even increase funding. Barbara added that the Challenge grant funding is very important to the future of the CoC. Without it we would lose our match for the HUD Coordinated Access Grant, and without it, we would not be eligible for other HUD grants.</p>	<p><i>Steve Smith to send a list of committee chairs' contact info to Barbara to share with the CoC.</i></p>

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VIII.	Next Meeting Date	Next meeting will be held on February 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health – Sumter County.	
IX.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 11:00 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Robert Morin, Chair _____