

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

Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

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	—	
	—	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	—	Paula Anspach – Citrus County Advocate
	—	Cara Meeks – WellCare	—	Shay Razaire – Alan Madden Foundation
Staff:	—	Barbara Wheeler, Executive Director	—	Paula Holtsclaw, HMIS Administrator
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. A roll call of Governing Board members was completed by Paula Holtsclaw, and others attending via phone introduced themselves.	
II.	Approval of Minutes	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the March 27, 2020 Governing Board &amp; CoC Ending Homelessness Minutes as presented.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Shay Razaire      <b>Seconded By:</b> Steve Smith</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> None</p> <p><b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p>	
III.	Standing Committee Reports	<p>Barbara Wheeler reported that neither the Coordinated Access Committee or Veteran Committee met in April.</p> <p><b>Performance Committee</b></p> <p>Steve Smith reported the Performance Committee Meeting met on April 23rd. Paula Holtsclaw presented the Show Me the Money slides for grant expenditures, the up-to-date By Name List numbers of homeless in the CoC, and information on Workforce &amp; Housing Indicators from <a href="http://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu/covid-19">http://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu/covid-19</a>.</p> <p>Barbara presented the grant allocations for 2020-2021 for the Challenge Grant and the Emergency Solutions Grant.</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Housing Need: United Way of Citrus County \$19,719.89, Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas \$27,378.53, Dawn Center \$8,061.26, and MFHC \$2,500; Program Need – CAS: MFHC \$10,000; Service Need-Housing Location: MFHC \$40,320.32, and Administration: Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas \$1,643.32 &amp; MFHC \$7,876.68.</p>	



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		<p>share that information throughout the community in order to evaluate people and refer to the appropriate agency for assistance.</p> <p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Typically used for infrastructure, under COVID-19, there is additional funding available, and in Lake County, they will be receiving an additional \$787,166. The normal cap of 15% for public services (like rental assistance, job training, etc.) has been waived, but strategic planning should be considered when deciding where to spend the dollars.</p> <p>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) Florida leadership is currently determining how the ESG-CV funds will be spent. Our CoC has recommended that the funds be distributed along the normal allocation lines, however no decision has been made at the State level. It is difficult to determine what we will do until we know how much our CoC will be receiving. New funding for ESG-CV will be open to agencies to apply. No match will be required for this grant.</p> <p>When Mid Florida Homeless Coalition knows how much the CoC will be receiving, we will be providing trainings to any interested agencies on all of the requirements of these grants.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Update</b> Florida Dept of Emergency Management has requested that the CoC Lead Agencies provide shelter updates on the number of people being served, the numbers of positive cases, in non-congregate shelters, etc. on a weekly basis. Thank you to all the shelters and facilities who have chosen to participate and provide information. Based on needs being reported to the State, 2 pallets of food boxes have been delivered for Lake County, and more pallets will be delivered to Community Food Bank of Citrus County for Sumter, Hernando and Citrus. We have requested other items such as linens, face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, etc.</p> <p>Florida Housing Finance Corporation has announced that they are looking for other counties to participant in the pilot project Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program currently being operated in Hernando County. The webinar information has been shared. Upon request, MFHC provided the Florida Department of Emergency Management a count of evictions filed in each county in March, after the County's declaration of emergency, and then after the state declared a moratorium on evictions.</p>	
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IV.	Membership Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert Morin asked about if the Sadowski funds will be affected in the next budget year. Barbara reported that the budget has not yet been submitted to the Governor for approval. She stated if the legislators decide to leave budget as is, then Challenge Grant, Staffing Grant, and Sadowski funds would be secure.</li> <li>Strategic planning is vital in planning to spend upcoming dollars in the correct manner. Barbara requested input from the Governing on the next steps. The Planning Committee needs to meet in the very near future to determine what those next steps are. Discussion was held on ways to determine what our needs will be and what type of funding we should be prepared to ask for. Robert Morin stated he would like to expand the Planning Committee to include members from outside the Governing Board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to change the makeup of the Planning Committee to consist of four members of the Governing Board, a representative from each county in the CoC, and a member from Mid Florida Homeless Coalition.</p> <p><b>Motion By:</b> Steve Smith      <b>Seconded By:</b> Barbara Venditto</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Cara Meeks asked who was on the current Planning Committee and could we just add additional people. Robert Morin stated the entire Governing Board is the Planning Committee at this time, and indicated that it would be too many people and make things unwieldy.</p> <p><b>Approved:</b> Paula Holtsclaw conducted a roll call vote of the Governing Board members. Six yea, zero nay (Member Veda Ramirez had left the meeting prior to this vote).</p> <p>Robert Morin asked for volunteers from Governing Board. Sheri Goodwin, Barbara Venditto, and Cara Meeks volunteered. Melissa Simmes will be contacted to inquire if she will serve on this committee. County representatives were requested, and Ellen Didion of Sumter County and Jo Anne Drury from Lake County volunteered. Barbara Wheeler will be the representative from MFHC. Robert asked Barbara to come up with a date over the next 3-4 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shay Razaire reported that the Alan Madden Foundation is finding some youth have lost student housing or are being displaced from foster families who cannot afford to continue supporting those youth.</li> </ul>	
VIII.	Next Meeting Date	Next meeting will be held on May 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.	
IX.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 11:10 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Robert Morin, Chair \_\_\_\_\_