

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., FL-520 Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes: May 28, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

Presiding: B.E. Thompson

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – HUD determined which communities would receive these vouchers. Only Lake County was selected, and will receive 39 vouchers that are similar to Section 8, but not forever. Funding is only through approximately 2030. MFHC and Lake County are working together to develop an Memorandum of Understanding. • Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) – the state has assistance for those who are significantly behind in rent due to COVID. Up to \$15,000 of assistance and going back to March 2020 can be received, including up to 3 months of assistance going forward. Households in need should go to the State’s website: OurFlorida.com to apply. <p>County updates – Tomi Steinruck reported that the Hernando COAD calls are continuing, and have moved to include not only responses to the pandemic, but the upcoming hurricane season. Citrus County Health Department is working with MFHC to go out and provide vaccines in the field. Outreach staff are working with County Parks & Recreation staff in Citrus and Hernando to assist the homeless in parks. County provider meetings are asking to be held in person. A large number of homeless was reported in Croom in Sumter County, however after following up, it was confirmed this report was based on rumors.</p> <p>Tomi was asked how many positive COVID cases there were among the unsheltered in our CoC. Tomi reported that there has been only 1 person that we are aware of who became positive. Sheri indicated that is similar across most of LSF’s 23 counties. There has been pushback by those experiencing homelessness in getting vaccinated. Outreach staff continue to ask if the vaccine is wanted.</p>	
6.	Membership Input	A question was asked as to how far outside the CoC could someone be housed. Barbara indicated that it was not impossible to go outside the CoC; however, another CoC has to take over the case management and that could be difficult.	
7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be June 25, 2021.	
8.	Adjourn	<p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 9:46 a.m. Motion by: Barbara Venditto Seconded by: Dr. Teresa Madison Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name		Members Continued
X	Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes	X	WellCare, Cara Meeks, Paula Warner
	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire		
X	Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband		Staff
	Century 21 Alliance Realty – Jared Tanner	X	Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck-MFHC
	Christ Centered Fellowship		
X	Citrus Abuse Shelter Association		Guests
X	Citrus County Housing Division		Announced:
	City of Tavares		Marilyn Kreitzinger, Be Free Lake
	Community Food Bank of Citrus County		Dr. Theresa Madison, Sumter County Health Dept
X	Dawn Center		Debra Moody, LSF
	Find Feed & Restore, Inc.		Linda Mobley
	Lyn Forleo		
	Patrick Foreman		Attended but did not announce:
	Forward Paths		Veda Ramirez, Hernando County Health & Human Svs
	Mr. Francis Gladeck		Kera, VOA-FL
X	Hope With A Purpose, Pandora Jackson		Corinne Montgomery, DCF
	Lake Cares		
	Lake Community Action Agency		
X	Lake County Government		
	Lake County Schools		
X	LifeStream Behavioral Center		
X	LSF, Sheri Goodwin		
X	Morris Realty & Investments, Inc. - Kim Ducharme Levensohn		
	New Beginnings - Steve Smith		
	Michelle Noriega		
	Real Life Christian Church - Timothy L. McCormack		
X	Salvation Army, The - Lake & Sumter Counties		
	Salvation Army, The Hernando County		
	Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas, Lorenzo Lockett		
	State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict – Stephen Teaster		
X	United Way of Citrus County, Stacy Leach		
X	United Way of Hernando County, Samantha Beckham		
X	VA, Orlando - Judith Ramos-Rivera, Jina Thalmann		