

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

Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar or Call-in Feature

Presiding: Melissa Simmes

	Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Melissa Simmes called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw conducted the roll call of members, and guests were invited to announce their attendance.	
4.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from the December 3, 2021 CoC Membership meetings were presented.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 2021 meeting. Motion by: Barbara Venditto Seconded by: Alicia Harrison Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	
5.	Standing Committee Reports	<p>Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN) Melissa Simmes reported on the January CAS-MFIN meeting. The committee is bringing to the Governing Board to allow a 30-day extension request for emergency shelter to be made at both the monthly CAS Committee meetings, as well as at the weekly CAS Calls with CAS Committee members vote and approval.</p> <p>Performance Update TANF - Performance of the funding is operating well. United Way of Lake & Sumter is spending more evenly between Lake & Sumter Counties. ESG - United Way of Citrus County has asked if some of their ESG-RRH funding could be moved to Homeless Prevention. Barbara will be checking on this with our contract manager. Otherwise, the grant spend down is in good shape. CHALLENGE - Barbara will be recommending \$5,000 be moved from MFHC Case Management project to United Way Lake & Sumter (\$2000) and United Way Citrus (\$3000). SVPD Cares – December expenses were not included as their report was late: however they don't expect any trouble spending down these funds. ESG-CV – this grant is the most concerning. Barbara will be recommending reallocating funds as follows: MFHC – Outreach – reduce it by \$50,000 & move \$3,900 to Homeless Prevention for Housing Locator case management; Shelter – reduce by \$20,000; The Salvation Army – Shelter – reduce by \$61,000, RRH – reduce by \$226,000 – they could take some extra HP but they need to have the people referred to them. (UWLS has been receiving the recent referrals to get their HP program up and running.) Dawn Center – no changes Lake County Housing – RRH – reduce by \$24,000 SVPD CARES – Shelter – need more in shelter – recommend moving \$126,000 from their RRH.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>MFHC Lead Agency Update</p>	<p>Barbara Wheeler provided the MFHC Lead Agency Update.</p> <p>Current Funding DCF Funding – The next round of DCF grants will be a 3-year contract again, but without a statewide competition. MFHC will recommend an open competition for the funding coming to our CoC.</p> <p>CoC Projects 2022 Point in Time (PIT) Census - Barbara reported this is the first year with no unsheltered count. HUD only requires an unsheltered count every other year, and since our CoC conducted a complete Census in 2021, we were able to hold off this year. MFHC has had many staffing challenges, volunteers have been hard to come by due to COVID, and this part of the census takes an extraordinary amount of time to compile the data.</p> <p>County Updates – Tomi Steinruck reported that about 35 people participated in the Case Management training held recently at The Salvation Army and virtually. She expressed her appreciation to Captain Chris for their hospitality. Citrus County – Cold Weather Shelter Task Force is up and running successfully. Kristy Jocelyn from MFHC is chairing the committee, making sure protocols are being followed and data is being collected. Sumter County – meetings are still going well, looking for more providers to attend. Lake County – Cold Weather Shelters are operating as needed; more providers are contacting MFHC to find out what we do. Making good connections in South Lake County and meeting the homeless there. Hernando County – The Vineyard unexpectedly shut their doors. SVDP Cares staff got canned goods donated from Publix to serve those on the day it happened. Staff at County Libraries are looking for ways to help, maybe doing a fundraiser to purchase specific items.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Membership Input</p>	<p>Maria Granado reported that Lake County would continue to have ERA funds for past due, COVID related expenses. Starting February, ERA2 will be helping with deposits. She was asked to keep us all up to date on requirements for assistance. ERA2 is not Covid-related assistance. Cold Weather Shelters will be open this Friday-Sunday nights in Fruitland Park and Eustis from 5pm – 7am. LakeXpress will be providing transportation. People can sign up for Alerts via the Lake County website, and sign up for transportation. Contact 352-742-2612 – Lake Connections for information or if they cannot get to pick up sites. Brian Wall at Jericho Road Ministries said they are the Cold Weather Shelter for Hernando County. They conduct intakes between 4-6pm and beds are available for both men and women.</p>	

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		<p>Tomi Steinruck indicated that the next Coordinated Access meeting will be very important to the CoC as a whole. We will be bringing recommendations for revising the referral process and would like as much input as possible. Application fees for income-based housing developments were returned to MFHC as the wait list was so long, they didn't want to hold the funds.</p> <p>Melissa Simmes asked if there was anyone interested in chairing the CoC Meeting. She has scheduling challenges and would like someone to either Chair the CoC meeting, or at least co-chair when she has a conflict.</p>	
7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be February 25, 2022.	
8.	Adjourn	<p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 9:49 a.m. Motion by: Pandora Jackson Seconded by: Jennifer Gray Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Melissa Simmes _____

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name		Members Continued
x	Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes	x	United Way of Lake & Sumter Counties
	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire		VA, Orlando - Judith Ramos-Rivera, Jina Thalmann
	Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband	x	Sunshine Health, Cara Meeks, Paula Warner
	Century 21 Alliance Realty – Jared Tanner		
	Christ Centered Fellowship		
	Citrus Abuse Shelter Association		
	Citrus County Housing Division		
	City of Tavares		Staff
	Community Food Bank of Citrus County	X	Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck-MFHC
X	Dawn Center		
	Find Feed & Restore, Inc.		Guests
	Lyn Forleo		Announced:
	Patrick Foreman		
	Forward Paths		Brian Wall, Jericho Road
	Mr. Francis Gladeck		Keith Whittaker, South Lake Food Providers
X	Hope With A Purpose, Pandora Jackson		Diana Kingree
	Lake Cares		
	Lake Community Action Agency		
	Lake County Government		
	Lake County Schools		
	LifeStream Behavioral Center		
	LSF, Sheri Goodwin		
	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		
x	Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas		
	State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict – Stephen Teaster		
	Stephen Teaster		
x	United Way of Citrus County		
	United Way of Hernando County, Samantha Beckham		