

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

Meeting Minutes: August 26, 2022

Location: Salvation Army Lake & Sumter, 2605 South St, Leesburg, FL

Presiding: Melissa Simmes

	Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Melissa Simmes called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw announced the in-person and online attendees.	
4.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from the June 24, 2022 CoC Membership meetings were presented.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 2022 meeting.  <b>Motion by:</b> Shay Razaire                      <b>Seconded by:</b> Paul Tarnowski  <b>Discussion:</b> None  <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously.</p>	
5.	Standing Committee Reports	<p><b>Coordinated Access (CAS) &amp; Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN)</b>                      Barbara Venditto provided the update on the CAS-MFIN meeting. The Committee began its review of the CAS Manual and there are a number of changes being recommended to the Governing Board. The Committee will continue its review next month.</p> <p><b>Performance Update</b>                      Shay Razaire requested that Paula Holtsclaw review the Show Me the Money slides which were presented.</p> <p>~TANF – MFHC has the Hernando TANF funds as no other agency in Hernando applied. Daystar Life Center was not yet under contract for July services. United Way of Lake &amp; Sumter are serving Lake &amp; Sumter Counties.</p> <p>~ESG – SVDP Cares &amp; The Salvation Army Lake &amp; Sumter each have RRH funding; however, The Salvation Army was not yet under contract. Their contract was signed August 18, 2022. SVDP Cares spent down about 20% of their funding in July.</p> <p>~Challenge – The majority of funds are with MFHC for Housing Specialist, Coordinated Access (match for HUD grant), and the newly hired CoC Case Manager.</p> <p>System Performance Measures is 59 points of the HUD CoC scoring. It is not just the projects that are funded by HUD, but all projects in the CoC that affect the System Performance Measures. For the HUD CoC projects, increases in earned and non-earned income is measured, and increases are expected. For 2021 over 2020, there was very little to no increases and that will negatively affect the HUD CoC application score.</p> <p>Racial Disparity is a definite hot topic in the HUD CoC application. The members were asked for recommendations to improve knowing where folks are coming into the system. Location information is the primary data point, however there was a suggestion to add a zip code field on</p>	

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

Meeting Minutes: August 26, 2022

Location: Salvation Army Lake & Sumter, 2605 South St, Leesburg, FL

Presiding: Melissa Simmes

		<p>Intake for the area where the person was last permanently housed. Data entry for Coordinated Access also asks what the current living situation is and asks for details on the location.</p> <p>CV – Barbara Wheeler indicated there was no update on CV this month until we close out SFY2021. There will be some recommendation to the Governing Board to get some money to the subgrantees to begin spending. Written Standards regarding Homeless Prevention were modified with the addition of CV funding for homeless prevention. It was opened up to households that wouldn't normally have qualified for homeless prevention assistance before COVID. The eligibility criteria is being modified again, with Governing Board approval, to only refer those households that need minimal assistance, have a low arrearage, and have the ability to retain their original housing.</p>	
5.	Membership Input	<p>~Come As You Are Ministries is closing its doors for both homeless services and their thrift store.</p> <p>~Nature Coast ELC is looking for child care referrals for families with young children who are experiencing homelessness. It's been about a year since they've had the ability to place children in programs due to staffing shortages, but that is improving.</p> <p>~Shay Razaire asked if there was a data element to capture who might be in foster care and would be aging out. Stephen Teaster said they have an entire division that works with kids who are aging out, and encourages Shay to reach out to him to discuss any issues she is seeing.</p> <p>~Paula Warner of Sunshine Health shared grant availability for food/financial assistance/housing available to non-profit social services programs. The grant will be open from 9/1 – 9/15.</p> <p>~Lake County Housing's ERA program is starting again. They can help with deposits, but have to be able to sustain in the same housing.</p> <p>~Tavares PD is working with outreach case managers to create more positive encounters with those experiencing homelessness. They are carrying QRC cards, and will be utilizing the PIT Counter App to note those encounters.</p>	
5.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>HUD CoC – This is the shortest turn-around time in the last 16 years. The applications are due on September 30, 2022, and the timeline is very tight. The CoC can apply for approximately \$545,000 in renewal funding, however only \$517,000 will be in Tier 1. The balance will be in Tier 2 and there is no guarantee that Tier 2 will be funded. There is a CoC Bonus in the amount of \$68,881 and a DV Bonus of approximately \$137,000.</p>	
7.	Next Meeting Date	<p>The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting is currently scheduled for September 23, 2022.</p>	
8.	Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 10:00 a.m.</p>	

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

**Meeting Minutes:** August 26, 2022

**Location:** Salvation Army Lake & Sumter, 2605 South St, Leesburg, FL

**Presiding:** Melissa Simmes

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Melissa Simmes, \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance	Membership		Guests
X	Advent Health Waterman, Melissa Simmes	X	Nina Mattei, Hernando Dept of Health
X	Advent Health, Renee Furnas	X	Michael Weaver, Community Legal Services of Mid Florida
X	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay Razaire	X	Corinne Montgomery, DCF
	Be Free Lake, Kevin Pokorney	X	Alexandria Close, CASA
	CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Tracie Entler	X	Barbara Sprague, Citrus Food Bank
X	Dawn Center, Barbara Venditto	X	Sandra Woodard, ELC of the Nature Coast
X	Daystar Life Center, AnnMarie Anzalone-Briercheck	X	Miriam Quiles, ELC Lake County
X	DCF, Britt Swain	X	Paula Warner, Sunshine Health
	Floral City Outreach, Laura Romero	X	Briana Robinson
X	Hernando County Health & Human Services, Veda Ramirez	X	Theresa Guess-Fair, Dept of Health
X	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks	X	Victoria Spiller, BASICS United
X	House of Hope, Linda Mobley	X	Pandora Jackson, Hope With a Purpose
X	Diana Kingree	X	Sarah MacDonald (Civcom.com)
	Lake Community Action Agency, Gloria Boone	X	Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy, Citrus County Schools
	LifeStream Behavioral Center, B.E. Thompson		
	LSF, Lesley Hershey		
	LSF, Debra Moody		
X	LSF, Paul Tarnowski		
X	Mid Florida Community Services, Jessica Fangio		
	Morris Realtors, Kim Levensohn		
	Rebecca Martin		
	Peggy Ray		<b>Staff</b>
X	Salvation Army, Alica Harrison	X	Barbara Wheeler
	Salvation Army, Dr. Ruthy Watson	X	Paula Holtsclaw
X	St. Vincent de Paul Cares, Lorenzo Lockett, Gina Puglisi	X	Tomi Steinruck
X	Century 21, Jared Tanner	X	Shelby McDonald
	United Way of Citrus County, George Schmalstig		