

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

Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2023

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	Barbara Wheeler announced the in-person and online attendees.	
4.	Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from the December 9, 2022, CoC Annual Membership meeting were presented.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 2022 meeting.  <b>Motion by:</b> Melissa Simmes                      <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 reported that the committee is almost done with the review of the manual. She gave an overview of changes being brought to the Governing Board for approval, as well as what was left to complete.</p> <p><b>Performance Update</b>                      Jared Tanner reported that due to staff commitments during the Point in Time Count, the Performance meeting had to be cancelled. Barbara Wheeler stated that there were some items that would need to be addressed for CV funding, and that she would contact those agencies in the next week.</p> <p>Barbara Wheeler reported that TANF funding is still behind for Hernando County. MFHC may have to move some funds to another agency. United Way of Lake &amp; Sumter has spent 82% of their funds. ESG spending is moving along well, although submitted Match is behind. Barbara is working with The Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter on getting their Match reported. Challenge spend down is doing well, although there may need to be some money moved around from one MFHC program to another. Barbara reported that she has been working diligently for months to reconcile our CV records with DCF's, and as of two days ago, this has been completed. There is \$232,491.76 not yet allocated to any agency at this time. MFHC will hold a meeting with all previous applicants to determine how to use these funds. There has been some talk from the State that there may be some additional funds, but there is no plan yet on how they will disburse the money.</p> <p>HUD was behind on getting contracts out, and the HMIS &amp; CAS Agreements were only received in December. SVDP has their renewal under contract, but the RRH Bonus grant is not yet under contract. We have not yet heard about the 2022 application results.</p>	

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		Barbara reviewed the By Name List (BNL) numbers and stated that staff have been calling the people on the BNL to get updates on housing statuses. We still need volunteers to keep this list updated and current.	
6.	Membership Input	Point in Time Count – Paul Tarnowski reported that he had fun during the PIT Count; the app was easy to use, had good directions, and he gave out a lot of water. Major Jeanne Johnson of The Salvation Army found a lot of people had been run off by police so they didn't find as many people as they thought they would. Barbara Venditto reported that the Hernando Count did not run as smoothly. The areas that she was accustomed to seeing people year after year have been cleared out. It was just a bit unorganized this year.	
7.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>Membership Drive – HUD wants to see that everyone has the right to vote at meetings. Free membership gives agencies a vote, especially when voting for new governing board members.</p> <p>Current Funding                      HUD CoC – Registration has been completed for the 2023 HUD CoC application process.                      DCF Funding – Florida Coalition to end Homelessness is supporting several priorities in the upcoming DCF budget request for 2023-2024. Priority 1 is to increase Staffing Grant funding from \$3M to \$5.2M. Priority 2 is to support an increase in the recurring Challenge Grant funding from \$3.1M to \$15M. The final priority is to reinstate the recurring Homeless Housing Assistance Grant for RRH in the amount of \$1.8M.</p> <p>Barbara reported that she and Cheryl Lambert attended all four county Legislative Delegation meetings. Cheryl's perspective as a realtor on how difficult it is to find housing was very impactful.</p> <p>The first Cornhole Tournament is scheduled in Citrus County for February 4. It should be a lot of fun.</p>	
7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be February 24, 2023.	
8.	Adjourn	<p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:50 a.m.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.  <b>Motion by:</b> Melissa Simmes                      <b>Seconded by:</b> B.E. Thompson  <b>Discussion:</b> None  <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously.</p>	

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Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Attendance			
x	Advent Health Waterman, Melissa Simmes		Margie Day, CivCom
	Advent Health, Renee Furnas		Candice Simpson
x	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay Razaire		Brandi Roy, United Healthcare
	Be Free Lake, Kevin Pokorney		Alexandria Close, CASA
x	By The Book Inverness, Dawn Robinson		
x	Careers Source Pasco Hernando , Tracie Entler		
x	Casa ,Kimberely Hauter		Sandra Woodard, ELC of the Nature Coast
	Dawn Center, Barbara Venditto	X	Paula Warner, Sunshine Health
	Daystar Life Center, AnnMarie Anzalone-Briercheck		Victoria Spiller, BASICS United
	DCF, Britt Swain	x	Pandora Jackson, Hope With a Purpose
x	Find Feed Store, Stephen Shylkofski		
	Floral City Outreach, Laura Romero		Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy, Citrus County Schools
	Hernando County Health & Human Services, Veda Ramirez		Lake County Housing, Maria Granado
x	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks	x	United Way of Lake and Sumter ,Connie Driver
	House of Hope, Linda Mobley		United Way of Citrus County, George Schmalstig
x	Humana ,Cara Meeks		
x	Diana Kingree		
	Lake Community Action Agency, Gloria Boone		
x	LifeStream Behavioral Center, B.E. Thompson		
x	LSF, Paul Tarnowski		
x	Mid Florida Community Services, Jessica Fangio		
x	Morris Realtors, Kim Levensohn		
	Rebecca Martin		
	Peggy Ray		<b>Staff</b>
x	Salvation Army, Jeanne Johnson	X	Barbara Wheeler
x	St. Vincent de Paul Cares, Lorenzo Lockett, Gina Puglisi, Diana Gibbs	X	Paula Holtsclaw
x	Century 21, Jared Tanner		Tomi Steinruck
x	UMC, Janine Rogers	x	Shelby McDonald
x	United Way of Hernando ,Mindy Figueroa ,Maria Gonzalez		