

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

Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2023

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

Presiding: Barbara Venditto

	Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Barbara Venditto 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 October 28, 2022 and January 27, 2023 CoC Annual Membership meetings were presented.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2022 and January 27, 2023 meetings.</p> <p>Motion by: Melissa Simmes Seconded by: Paul Tarnowski</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p>Approved: Unanimously.</p>	
5.	Standing Committee Reports	<p>Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN)</p> <p>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>Performance Update</p> <p>Jared Tanner reported on the items that will be brought to the Governing Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move up to \$6,000 from MFHC’s Challenge Case Management to Challenge CAS • Allocate CV funds to CASA, SVDP RRH & HP, and Dawn Center. This is just a portion of the remaining CV funds. • Re-submit 2021 Performance Measures report and submit the 2022 Performance Measures report. <p>TANF - Barbara Wheeler reviewed the spend down and noted that with expenses paid in February, MFHC shouldn’t have any trouble spending down their funds by end of year. Daystar is out of compliance for January as no report was submitted, nor was anything entered into HMIS. At this point, no case management had been done for February either.</p> <p>ESG – The Salvation Army Lake & Sumter is a little behind in spending, but contract began a little late. All other projects are doing well.</p> <p>Challenge – MFHC CAS dollars are almost spent, but Case Management is underspent. This is the reason for the reallocation. Society of St. Vincent de Paul is behind in spending.</p> <p>Deliverables for ESG & Challenge are looking good. Exits from these projects are above the 80% goal of permanent housing.</p> <p>CV – Spend down is in good shape with the funds already allocated. The Salvation Army is now under contract and they are submitting what was spent in earlier months so their spending will increase quickly. With RRH it is hard finding housing for still unhoused, and for HP it is getting difficult finding</p>	<i>Barbara or Paula to send contact info for Melissa Widerman to B.E. Thompson.</i>

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5.	Membership Input	<p>Jared Tanner reported that he and Barbara Venditto met with Hernando County Government. Questions revolved around homelessness and why so many, and how to address. Some solutions could be the County having case managers go out into the community, communicate with MFHC. Hernando County government is invested at the moment so we are trying to take advantage of that. The Housing Authority is getting ready to open some apartments in the city of Brooksville, but a 2-bedroom is \$1600. There is no one on the By Name List who could afford that. Hernando County has been approved to get a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), but it is unclear how those funds will be spent.</p> <p>Lake County Housing wanted to remind everyone that they do not have funding to put people into motels. People are being referred for this service that they don't have. B.E. Thompson commented that in the last six months he gets up to 10 calls a week to his direct line for the same reason.</p>	
5.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>Barbara reported that Tomi Steinruck has resigned from her position with MFHC. Please contact Barbara if you would normally contact Tomi for any issues.</p> <p>Membership – a reminder that we need everyone to complete membership forms.</p> <p>Funding Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State of Florida has advised that MFHC will receive close to \$100,000 in what is called RUSH funds. These are actually HUD ESG dollars for those impacted by Hurricane Ian. These are ESG funds that can be used for shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and HMIS. The Presidential declaration of disaster included Lake County. We have recently received technical 	

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7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be March 24, 2023.	
8.	Adjourn	<p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion by: B.E. Thompson Seconded by: Paul Tarnowski Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

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X	Advent Health Waterman, Melissa Simmes		
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X	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay Razaire		
	Be Free Lake, Kevin Pokorney		
X	CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Tracie Entler		
X	Dawn Center, Barbara Venditto		
X	Daystar Life Center, AnnMarie Anzalone-Briercheck		
	DCF, Britt Swain		
	Floral City Outreach, Laura Romero		
	Hernando County Health & Human Services, Veda Ramirez		
	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks		
X	House of Hope, Linda Mobley		
X	Diana Kingree		
	Lake Community Action Agency, Gloria Boone		
X	LifeStream Behavioral Center, B.E. Thompson		
	LSF, Lesley Hershey		
	LSF, Debra Moody		
X	LSF, Paul Tarnowski		
	Mid Florida Community Services, Jessica Fangio		
	Morris Realtors, Kim Levensohn		
X	Rebecca Martin		
	Peggy Ray		Staff
	Salvation Army, Alicia Harrison	X	Barbara Wheeler
X	St. Vincent de Paul Cares, Samantha Cuellar, David Conley	X	Paula Holtsclaw
X	Century 21, Jared Tanner	X	Shelby McDonald
	United Way of Citrus County, George Schmalstig		
	Lake County Housing, Maria Granado		
X	Megan Ennis, Citrus Lending		
X	Warren Thomas		