

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Governing Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2023

Location: The Salvation Army of Lake & Sumter Counties & Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

Presiding: Barbara Venditto

Agenda Items		Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Barbara Venditto called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw conducted the roll call and announced a quorum was present	
3.	Minutes	<p>Minutes from the October 28, 2022 & January 27, 2023 Governing Board meeting were presented.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the Governing Board minutes of October 28, 2022 and January 27, 2023 as presented.</p> <p>Motion by: B.E. Thompson Seconded by: Shay Razaire</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p>Approved: Unanimously.</p>	
4.	Standing Committee Items	<p>Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN)</p> <p>Barbara Venditto briefly ran through the next round of changes to the CAS Manual, however they will not be asked to be approved as we are still looking for input from the community partners on one section. Kristy will be sending out a follow-up email regarding this today. The next meeting is March 13, 2023. Kristy attended a HUD CAS webinar that was actually a feedback session across the nation about what is working and what isn't. Kristy provided input and people started asking for a copy of our manual. Very positive responses to what we are doing – kudos to Kristy and all the CAS team. Barbara Wheeler thanked all the CAS Committee and reiterated that it is important to get input from everyone as it is a CoC function, not MFHC.</p> <p>Performance Committee</p> <p>Jared Tanner brought several motions to the Governing Board from Performance Committee.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve reallocating up to \$6,000 from MFHC's Challenge Case Management to MFHC's Challenge CAS program.</p> <p>Motion by: Jared Tanner Seconded by: B.E. Thompson</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p>Approved: Unanimously.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve allocating \$50,000 to Dawn Center for Emergency Shelter, \$20,000 to SVDP CARES for Homeless Prevention, and \$25,000 to SVDP CARES for Rapid Rehousing, and \$25,248.80 to Citrus Abuse Shelter Association for Emergency Shelter from the remaining unallocated CV funds.</p> <p>Motion by: Jared Tanner Seconded by: B.E. Thompson</p> <p>Discussion: Barbara Wheeler provided additional information on these allocations.</p>	

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		<p>Approved: Unanimously. Abstain: Barbara Venditto abstained from the vote</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve resubmitting the 2020-2021 System Performance Measures Report and submitting the 2021-2022 System Performance Measures report. Motion by: Jared Tanner Seconded by: B.E. Thompson Discussion: Paula Holtsclaw reported that some data is better without resubmitting, but the data is what it is and recommended that it is in the CoC’s best interest to submit correct data. Approved: Unanimously.</p> <p>Our DCF Contract Manager has no concerns at this time. TANF – Daystar is the only concern as they are currently out of compliance. If this continues to be an issue, MFHC will bring it forward to the Governing Board. ESG – the only real item is Match. The Salvation Army is working to get us their match reports to meet this requirement. Challenge – Spend down would be the reason for the reallocation request. The biggest challenge overall would be finding housing. Amber is currently working with 10 households. CV – funds reported are reflecting what is under current contract. This does not include the \$56,000 for RRH that was approved last month for SVDP. The Salvation Army signed their contract in late December, and they are going back to find expenses they can submit very shortly. Exits to Permanent Housing across all programs is very positive. There is someone in Lake County’s EHV program that may need PSH assistance instead of RRH. This will be investigated to see if he would have been eligible at the time he became housed. HUD CoC – there have been some challenges in getting Lake County’s grant under contract. MFHC will be providing the case management for Lake County’s PSH program. Outreach is already working with participants to determine their eligibility in an attempt to quickly fill the vouchers for five individuals.</p> <p>The By Name List numbers continue to rise. MFHC received a call from the Department of Transportation regarding clearing an encampment in Hernando due to upcoming construction. There is a new federal plan with regard to ending homelessness. It is no longer ending Veteran Homelessness or Chronic Homelessness. The new mantra is that we will reduce Homelessness by 25%.</p>	
6.	MFHC Lead Update	<p>Barbara Wheeler reported while there is has been some good attendance at monthly Provider meetings during PIT planning, but attendance has dropped off since COVID. Little feedback is being provided during these meetings. These meetings are not acknowledged by HUD as official meetings as the whole CoC is not invited. With staff limitations, little coming out of the meetings, it is MFHC’s recommendation that we do away with the Provider meetings and keep encouraging everyone to attend the monthly CoC</p>	

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7.	Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for March 24 2023.	
8.	Adjourn	<p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 10:58 a.m. Motion by: B.E. Thompson Seconded by: Paul Tarnowski Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name		MFHC Staff
X	<i>President:</i> Barbara Venditto, Dawn Center	X	Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Shelby McDonald
	<i>President Elect:</i> Open		
X	<i>Treasurer:</i> B.E. Thompson, LifeStream		
	<i>Secretary:</i> Kim Ducharme Levensohn, Morris Realty & Investments, Inc.		
X	<i>Immediate Past President:</i> Melissa Simmes, Adventist Health System		Guests
X	Timothy L. McCormack, Real Life Christian Church	X	Diana Kingree, SMD Brand Services
X	Shay-Anne Razaire, Alan Madden Foundation	X	David Conley, SVDP CARES
	Dawn Robinson, By the Book Accounting	X	Samantha Cuellar, SVDP CARES
X	Jared Tanner, Century 21 Alliance Realty		
X	Stephen Teaster, State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict		
X	Cara Meeks, Humana		
X	Linda Mobley, House of Hope		
X	Paul Tarnowski, Lutheran Services Florida		
	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks, The Lula McGrady Foundation, Inc.		
X	Megan Ennis, Citrus Lending		

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