

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

Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2023

Location: Florida Department of Health Sumter County, Bushnell, FL & via GoToWebinar

Presiding: Barbara Venditto

|    | Agenda Items               | Discussion & Actions Taken  | Follow-up |
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| 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 February 24, 2023 CoC Annual Membership meeting were presented.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February meeting.<br/> <b>Motion by:</b> Shay Razaire      <b>Seconded by:</b> Paul Tarnowski<br/> <b>Discussion:</b> None<br/> <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously.</p>   |           |
| 5. | Standing Committee Reports | <p><b>Coordinated Access (CAS) &amp; Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN)</b><br/>                     Barbara Venditto reported that the Committee has finished the revisions to the CAS manual. This will be finalized once the Governing Board approves the last changes.</p> <p><b>Performance Update</b><br/>                     Barbara Wheeler reported on behalf of Jared Tanner the motion that will be brought to the Governing Board for reallocation of Daystar’s remaining funding, as well as an allocation for \$8,000 to go to MFHC’s CV-Outreach grant from the remaining unallocated CV funds.</p> <p>Jared Tanner provided an update to the CoC of the items that will be brought to the Governing Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reallocate \$3,117.32 from Daystar – TANF to MFHC - TANF</li> <li>• Allocate \$8,000 CV funds to MFHC CV-Outreach. This is a portion of the remaining CV funds.</li> </ul> <p>The Show Me the Money and performance information was reviewed.</p> <p>Paula reported the By Name List (BNL) numbers. Slight changes across the board with Hernando going down the most due to people previously enrolled in Jericho night by night shelter being exited from their program due to inactivity.</p> |           |

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| 5. | Membership Input        | <p>A Youth Update was provided by Denise Burry of Forward Paths – Approval for building projects has been received, and permits are the next step. Tiny homes will be built, lots of site work, city requested an update to the fence surrounding the property. 600 square feet, 2 bed, 1 bath homes will be built. The program is currently housing 20-22 youth, so this will increase by close to 15 youth. This program will be for youth who might not be able to make it on their own. Youth issues are single moms, day care expenses, transportation as cars are out of grasp, jobs aren't steady despite being plentiful. The new location is within a bike ride to Lake Tech, and the program is trying to get people educated so they have better earning potential. Hoping to talk to other rural communities about programs like this because the need is there.</p> <p>SVDP Cares reported on changes to the SSVF program that are coming in the near future. Stafford Act ends on May 11, which has allowed the program flexibility beyond the normal SSVF program guidelines. This will affect the agency, staff, and veterans when the program returns to pre-COVID guidelines. Instead of removing people from the program immediately, everyone will start fresh with a brand-new enrollment and their program clocks will begin fresh. Rental assistance is a maximum of 10 months in 2-year period, no more than 6 months in a 12-month period. Max 12 months / 9 months for Extremely Low-Income veterans. Utility assistance has the same number of months as rental assistance. Emergency housing assistance (motel) limited to one instance, and up to 60 days. Veterans <b>must</b> have a housing plan in place in order to go into a hotel. Additional changes may be coming in the future.</p> |  |
| 5. | MFHC Lead Agency Update | <p><b>Membership</b> – a regular reminder that we need everyone to complete membership forms. It doesn't cost anything, but does give you the right to vote on various issues.</p> <p><b>Funding Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Domestic Violence program grant opportunity for transitional housing, and Dawn Center is currently working on that application.</li> <li>• RUSH Grant - no new information on this grant, but we have been informed there will be CV-3 dollars in the amount of approximately \$200,000. Barbara submitted a budget that included funding for all program types, shelter, homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, outreach, HMIS and administration.</li> <li>• DCF is looking to do a separate contract for RUSH and CV-3 for 2023-2024. We have gotten a new contract manager, Barbara Williams, but our previous contract manager is still providing assistance.</li> <li>• HUD CoC grant – we have not heard any information on the 2022 application, and nothing new on 2023. We are just waiting for the next step to be released.</li> </ul>   |  |

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|    |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative Advocacy – things are moving forward in Tallahassee, Florida Coalition to End Homelessness has reported that legislators are backing our requests, but it is still early yet. If there are any concerns, there will be a call to action. Increases in Staffing and Challenge grant dollars have been requested. Barbara shared that Challenge is doing some good things with our housing navigator as Amber Tucker continues to find housing.</li> </ul> <p>Other Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governing Board had some caution about ending the monthly County Provider meetings, and Barbara assured everyone that MFHC staff is busy attending meetings to both bring back information as well as share information about the CoC.</li> <li>An upcoming meeting in Sumter County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a non-profit meeting, and a member of the MFHC staff will be attending to find out what they are about.</li> <li>EFSP – funding – all 4 counties have been awarded funding under Phase 40, and applications are out or will be in all counties. Funding amounts are back to pre-COVID amounts. It is important that these dollars are used in the most effective ways. Rent and utility assistance, shelter, non-congregate shelter, and food are all programs that are eligible.</li> <li>Lake County BOCC being held on March 28 will have a discussion on homelessness, and Lake County Housing, which applied for HOME dollars, is making a presentation to the Board. There will also be a MOU between Lake County &amp; MFHC to provide the case management for the Permanent Supportive Housing program that is due to begin on April 1, 2023. The program will serve five individuals with disabilities, and are chronically homeless. MFHC has identified two individuals who are ready for referral.</li> <li>Opioid Task forces have been encouraging people to get training on Narcan, and have reported that there has been a reduction in deaths associated with overdose. They attribute this to the number of people who have Narcan and have been trained.</li> </ul> |  |
| 7. | Next Meeting Date | The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be April 28, 2023.   |  |
| 8. | Adjourn           | <p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.<br/> <b>Motion by:</b> Denise Burry                      <b>Seconded by:</b> Paul Tarnowski<br/> <b>Discussion:</b> None<br/> <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously.</p>  |  |

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

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| Attendance | Membership  |   | Guests                              |
|------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| X          | Advent Health Waterman, Melissa Simmes                    |   | Warren Thomas                       |
|            | Advent Health, Renee Furnas                               | X | Felicia Stewart, Hope 2 Restoration |
|            | Alan Madden Foundation, Shay Razaire                      |   |                                     |
|            | Be Free Lake, Kevin Pokorney                              |   |                                     |
|            | CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Tracie Entler                |   |                                     |
| X          | Dawn Center, Barbara Venditto                             |   |                                     |
|            | 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                                 |   |                                     |
|            | House of Hope, Linda Mobley                               |   |                                     |
|            | Diana Kingree   |   |                                     |
|            | Lake Community Action Agency, Gloria Boone                |   |                                     |
|            | 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                            |   |                                     |
|            | Rebecca Martin  |   |                                     |
|            | Peggy Ray   |   | <b>Staff</b>                        |
| X          | The Salvation Army, Jeanne Johnson                        | X | Barbara Wheeler                     |
|            | St. Vincent de Paul Cares, Samantha Cuellar, David Conley | X | Paula Holtsclaw                     |
|            | Century 21, Jared Tanner                                  | X | Shelby McDonald                     |
|            | United Way of Citrus County, George Schmalstig            |   |                                     |
|            | Lake County Housing, Maria Granado                        |   |                                     |
|            | Megan Ennis, Citrus Lending                               |   |                                     |
| X          | Forward Paths, Denise Burry                               |   |                                     |
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