

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

Meeting Minutes: April 28, 2023 **Location:** Florida Department of Health Sumter County, 415 E Noble Ave. Bushnell, FL & virtually

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 March 24, 2023 CoC Membership Meeting were distributed via email and are attached to the GoToWebinar meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2023 CoC Membership Meeting.</p> <p>Motion by: Samantha Cuellar 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>Paul Tarnowski reported on the April CAS meeting and provided an overview of the CAS manual changes that will go to the Governing Board for approval.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Receiving Program Responsibilities</u>- Once a referral is made, the Receiving Program has up to three business days to acknowledge receipt of the referral. The Receiving Program must then enroll or deny the referral within seven (7) fifteen (15) business days of contact. The Receiving Program can reject or deny the referral if the assigned Case Manager has been unable to contact the participant after seven (7) business days. If the participant contacts the Receiving Program after the seven (7) business days have expired referral is denied, the Case Manager will inform them to contact the Coordinating Entity so that they can inform the participant of their current standing. All of this information is to be documented in HMIS-referral notes until enrollment is complete.</p> <p>4.2.1. <u>Document Requirement Updates</u> - Receiving Programs make eligibility determination decisions within one (1) ten (10) business days of the intake interview (or when all required application materials are complete).</p> <p>Performance Update</p> <p>Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of Jared Tanner. The motion that will be brought to the Governing Board is for reallocation of \$158.15 from MFHC TANF funds to UWLS TANF. In addition, the Governing Board will consider \$20,920 being allocated from CV remaining funds to CASA for emergency shelter operations.</p>	

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		The Show Me the Money and performance information was reviewed. Paula reported the By Name List (BNL) numbers. Comments included that at a social event in Astor some of the conversation from the attendees was that the number of homeless were on the rise in the area.	
5.	Membership Input	<p>Input from members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Gardens trailer park in Tavares still has five households in trailers who have to relocate but have nowhere to go. Lake County Housing will be going out to try to do assessments. • Caroline’s Agape Project is doing street outreach in Citrus County, primarily in Homosassa. They hope to do a resource day in Citrus. • Sue Parent of Lake County Voters shared a concern about the possibility of identity theft among the homeless who are registered to vote. Those who are signing up for food services are also being asked to register to vote, and there is fear that people are stealing their info. She was asked to share information on voter rights and who can vote, who can’t. Sue will provide a flow chart to be distributed. 	
5.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>Hernando County - During the Hernando COAD meeting, People Helping People reported a partnership with the City of Brooksville. They are expanding their weekend Blessings Bags. United Way Hernando County has a senior services directory online. Hard copies are available at the United Way office. Toiletry bags are also available to those who are working with the homeless. The updated ALICE report has been released. Barbara Wheeler reported that she and Angie at United Way met with the Brooksville City Manager, who has setup a workshop to discuss homelessness. People Helping People have planned an invitation only meeting to be held in May</p> <p>Sumter County - Amber Tucker of MFHC reported that she and the Sumter Housing Department met with a developer who shared strategies that are needed to begin developing affordable housing. These strategies were shared with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), who have requested their BOCC begin working on some of these strategies. MFHC is working to reestablish a presence at Sumter Detention facility.</p> <p>Citrus County - LifesStream is moving from scattered sites in Citrus County to the centrally located Lecanto office. MFHC will be meeting with the new director of Citrus County Family Resource Center to discuss the Connections drop in center, and find out the new director’s vision for the facility. Citrus County Transit has implemented a once-a-month visit to the Social Security Office in Ocala.</p>	
7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be May 26, 2023.	
8.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 10:03 a.m.	

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	Sue Parent, Lake City Elect&Voter protect
X	Allen Madden Founadtion, Shay Razaire		
x	CASA, Sunshine Arnold	x	Patrick Allison, Caroline's Agape project
	Be Free Lake, Kevin Pokorney		
x	By the Book in Inverness, Dawn Robinson		
	CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Tracie Entler		
	Dawn Center, Barbara Venditto		
	Daystar Life Center, AnnMarie Anzalone-Briercheck		
	DCF, Britt Swain		
	Floral City Outreach, Laura Romero		
x	FL Health, Megan Maddox		
	Hernando County Health & Human Services, Veda Ramirez		
x	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks		
	House of Hope, Linda Mobley		
x	SMD, Diana Kingree		
x	Lake Community Action Agency, Gloria Boone		
x	LifeStream Behavioral Center, B.E. Thompson		
X	LSF, Paul Tarnowski		
	Mid Florida Community Services, Jessica Fangio		
x	Morris Realtors, Kim Levensohn		
	Rebecca Martin		
	Peggy Ray		Staff
X	Salvation Army, The, Jeanne Johnson		Barbara Wheeler
x	St. Vincent de Paul Cares, Samantha Cuellar, David Conley	x	Paula Holtsclaw
x	Century 21, Jared Tanner		Shelby McDonald
	United Way of Citrus County, George Schmalstig	x	Kristy Jocelyn
x	Lake County Housing, Maria Granado	x	Amber Tucker
x	Megan Ennis, Citrus Lending		
x	Morris Realors, Kim Levenshon		
	Forward Paths, Denise Burry		
x	Stephen Teaster, Board Member		