

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

Meeting Minutes: June 23, 2023

Location: Florida Department of Health, 415 E Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513

Presiding: Melissa Simmes

Agenda Items		Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	In the absence of Melissa Simmes, Paul Tarnowski called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Barbara Wheeler announced the in-person and online attendees.	
4.	Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the May 26, 2023 CoC Annual Membership meeting were presented. Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Motion by: Paul Tarnowski Seconded by: Maria Granado Discussion: Approved: Unanimously	
5.	Standing Committee Reports	Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN) Paul Tarnowski reported on the June CAS meeting. No changes in the past month in the CAS committee. The CAS manual is under review at all times. Paul indicated he brought our CAS manual to Volusia County Council on Homelessness, and they were astounded at the complexity of the document. They plan to use some of our information to better their manual. Performance Update The Performance Committee did not meet on June 22, and Jared Tanner is not available to provide any update. Barbara Wheeler provided information on motions that will be brought to the Governing Board. Dawn Center – CV-Shelter - \$2,000 for shelter costs. CASA – CV-Shelter - \$2,329 for non-congregate shelter, and \$3,000 for shelter costs. Salvation Army Lake & Sumter – CV-Homeless Prevention to CV-Shelter - \$13,700 Salvation Army Lake & Sumter – CV Shelter – adding \$16,000 from unassigned funds (\$10,000 of the \$16,000 was already approved by Governing Board but not yet reported to CoC). Unfortunately, we will not be able to spend down the CV funds by June 30 as we are supposed to. SVDP Cares still has approximately \$85,000 in CV-RRH that will not be spent. Barbara will be suggesting the Governing Board allow her to have a meeting with all the agencies involved to get the money spent by the end of July. We have other funds that are under contract but we are not allowed to spend because we haven't spent all of the CV funds. Barbara is looking to possibly reallocate money from SVDP Cares' CV-RRH. We have been getting more homeless prevention calls, there isn't any money left in prevention, but we cannot move any money without Governing Board approval. Paula Holtsclaw provided the By Name List information, as well as a summary of the PIT Counter app meeting and webinar that was held on June 20.	

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5.	Membership Input	<p>Stephen Shylkofski from Find Feed & Restore provided an update on the housing programs they offer in Mascotte, Lake County. They currently have 11 households, 43 people enrolled in housing programs at this time. Funding has been acquired for the next Phase of their housing programs. This phase is a tiny home type project that they are receiving \$1.2 million in funding for through HOME dollars from Lake County Housing.</p> <p>Melissa Simmes announced that the Executive Director position has been posted on Indeed, and several resumes have been received. She is excited that it looks like we will have someone before the end of the year to have some overlap for training. She is excited to get some interviews going based on those resumes.</p>	
5.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>Membership in the CoC is encouraged, and can be done on our website. A paid membership is required if you intend to apply for any funding through MFHC.</p> <p>HUD CoC NOFO process is continuing, with the Grant Inventory worksheet being out to our HUD providers to have them verify those numbers. Once we submit back to HUD that the inventory is correct, or we need to make any changes, then we wait again for the next step.</p> <p>MFHC has signed a contract with the State for RUSH funding. This is \$99,795.44 that is only allowed in Lake County due to the disaster declaration for those affected by Hurricane Ian. We also have \$206,091.44 in CV3 funds. Both pots of money are basically ESG dollars, so they will be RRH, HP, HMIS, Outreach and Shelter. We will have to put out a Request for Application (RFA) to find providers. There will be an application, a training, a review process and approval, so it will still be a little time before any funding can be spent. The July Governing Board meeting would be when we hope to have a recommendation for approval for these funds.</p> <p>Congressman Gus Bilirakis met with Barbara and Cheryl Lambert from MFHC. Cheryl shared with the Congressman that she had attended a hearing in Washington DC on making homelessness a protected class, which would provide protections when it comes to housing opportunities.</p> <p>The Housing Case Management training was held in June, and there were 48 attendees. There was a lot of interaction during the training, and attendees indicated they would like more training. Barbara and Amber Tucker</p> <p>Community Legal Services of Mid Florida is providing a virtual training on housing laws on August 8 from 1-2:30pm. We will share this on our calendar. They will be explaining the new laws that affect housing, and what happens when there is an eviction.</p>	

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	<p>County Updates:</p> <p>Citrus - A Behavioral Health Summit was held in Citrus County that was well-attended. The Public Safety Council and one of the County Administrators coordinated the event. St. Benedict Apartments accepted applications on 6/15. Income is required to enter into a lease. Coreen from our PATH team was there with one of her participants, and there is a good chance that person will be accepted. They were only taking 18 applications. Nichelle Moyre-Cassidy from the Citrus County Schools' Families in Transition program is retiring next year and is planning to open a youth shelter. A first meeting to discuss the vision has been held. The initial goal is to serve youth who are getting ready to age out of the foster system.</p> <p>Hernando – Housing Growth and Community Development workshop was held on 6/6. This was a very good workshop with information provided from other areas of the state. The county is now eligible for CDBG funding, which includes SHIP funds for a wide variety of housing opportunities. These SHIP dollars are guaranteed for the next 10 years, and both Barbara and Cheryl Lambert were available to provide information on various opportunities they could begin to plan for.</p> <p>Hernando Homeless Initiative meeting, a provider type meeting that began from the May Homeless Information meetings, will be held on 6/27 at 3:30pm at the Chamber of Commerce. This is open to the public, we will be there, and is geared toward all providers who work with the homeless or those on the verge.</p> <p>June 27 is National HIV Testing Day, and the Hernando Health Department is offering free testing. They also have a free portable crib program to promote safe sleeping. Back to School immunizations are offered at the Spring Hill and Brooksville Health Dept locations.</p> <p>Lake County has a Housing Summit coming up on 10/5 at 9am. No other details are available at this time. Cheryl Lambert has been asked to be a speaker, as well as the Florida Housing Coalition.</p> <p>Sumter County Children's Alliance is unfortunately disbanding, due to a lack of funding for the facilitator position. There are two other meetings held during the month, and those agencies that did attend the Alliance meetings, could attend one of those meetings.</p> <p>Webinar presented by FADAA that discussed patterns and trends of substance use in Florida. Contact us at mfhc.information@gmail.com for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Florida Coalition to end Homelessness is coming up on 10/4-10/6. https://website.eventpower.com/23FCEH-ANNUAL is the website if you are interested in attending.</p>	
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		MFHC plans to have several staff attend. One of the topics that will be discussed is Voter rights as they relate to those who have had their rights suspended or reinstated. Florida Housing Coalition Affordable Housing conference will be held 8/28-8/30. We will be having a couple of people attending from MFHC.	
7.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be August 25, 2023.	
8.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 10:00 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

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Attendance	Membership		Guests
X	Advent Health Waterman, Melissa Simmes		
	Advent Health, Renee Furnas	X	Stephen Shylkofski, Find Feed Restore
X	Shay-anne Razaire	X	Dennis Carter, Find Feed Restore
	Be Free Lake, Kevin Pokorney	X	Lisa Bishop, Find Feed Restore
	CareerSource Pasco Hernando, Tracie Entler	X	Marta Gastellano, Homes in Partnership
	Dawn Center, Barbara Venditto	X	Cindy Brown, US Congressman Daniel Webster's office
	Daystar Life Center, AnnMarie Anzalone-Briercheck	X	Thomas Warren
	DCF, Barbara Williams		
	Floral City Outreach, Laura Romero		
	Hernando County Health & Human Services, Veda Ramirez		
X	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks		
	House of Hope, Linda Mobley		
X	Diana Kingree		
	Lake Community Action Agency, Gloria Boone		
	LifeStream Behavioral Center, B.E. Thompson		
X	LSF, Lesley Hershey		
	LSF, Debra Moody		
X	LSF, Paul Tarnowski		
	Mid Florida Community Services, Jessica Fangio		
	Morris Realtors, Kim Levensohn		
	Rebecca Martin		
X	Peggy Ray		Staff
X	Salvation Army Lake & Sumter Counties, Alicia Harrison	X	Barbara Wheeler
X	St. Vincent de Paul Cares, Samantha Cuellar, David Conley	X	Paula Holtsclaw
	Century 21, Jared Tanner	X	Kristy Jocelyn
	United Way of Citrus County, George Schmalstig	X	Amber Tucker
X	Lake County Housing, Maria Granado		
	Megan Ennis, Citrus Lending		
	Forward Paths, Denise Burry		
X	Dawn Robinson		