

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Governing Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes: September 22, 2023

Location: Florida Department of Health, 415 N Noble Ave, Bushnell & Virtual via GoToMeeting

Presiding: Melissa Simmes

Agenda Items		Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Melissa Simmes called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Barbara Wheeler conducted the roll call and determined there was a quorum.	
3.	Minutes	<p>Minutes from the August 25, 2023 Governing Board meeting were presented.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 25 meeting. Motion by: Shay Razaire Seconded by: Paul Tarnowski Discussion: None Approved: Unanimously in person and via poll</p>	
4.	Standing Committee Items	<p>Coordinated Access & Mid Florida Information Network Committee Paul provided updates from the September CAS-MFIN Meeting. No new updates to the Manual. We continue to meet weekly for the Case Conference calls, and monthly for the Committee meeting. Attendance is encouraged for both, especially the Committee meeting.</p> <p>Performance Committee Jared Tanner reported that we have not met for September at this point but does have a motion for the Board to consider.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to change the SVDP Challenge Grant to be Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing retroactive back to 7/1/2023. Motion by: Jared Tanner Seconded by: B.E. Thompson Discussion: Paul inquired how this affects funding. Barbara reported that it is just an expansion of services offered, no additional funding. Approved: Unanimously in person and via poll</p>	
5.	HUD Review & Ranking Committee	<p>Paul Tarnowski reported on the Review, Scoring, & Tiering Committee process for the HUD CoC NOFO applications. There were five participants, and while not unknown, they were all new to the process except Paul. Paul stated that he has been involved in many rank and review processes with other CoCs and this was by far the easiest and best prepared process. He thanked MFHC for consistently providing professional level information and processes. He provided the recommendations for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding allocations. Total amount of the funding request is \$837,070.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the Ranking and Tiering of the CoC project applications, and approve the Collaborative Applicant's application that has been made available for review.. Motion by: Paul Tarnowski Seconded by: B.E. Thompson</p>	

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		<p>Discussion: Barbara stated that at last month's meeting she'd reported that we'd lost 14 points last year for not having health care support, and both LifeStream and Advent Health provided letters of support, and MFHC has provided a letter of financial support as well from some of the funding we have received.</p> <p>Approved: Unanimously in person and via poll (titled Other)</p>	
6.	MFHC Lead Update	<p>Barbara Wheeler reported reminded the Governing Board that the Legislators approved an increase in the Challenge Grant funding for State Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The Florida Department of Children and Families sent out an application to apply for some of the additional Challenge funding. It is referred to as Challenge PLUS and can be spent to help families in reunification, and the other is for families who are in need of services. In order to apply for the first category, an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was needed with Kid Central. A MOU with LSF was needed to apply for the second category of funds. This application has been submitted and they are in the process of scoring the applications. Once we are notified of any awards, we will need to get with potential partners to see if they are willing to accept these funds that have to be spent down by June 20, 2024. None of these partners mentioned in the application are aware of these potential funds as there was not time to discuss this due to the fast turnaround of the application. Due to the limited time remaining in the year, it didn't make sense to try to provide assistance to move people from homelessness to housing. The application is for homeless prevention; they will need to be households that only need short to medium-term assistance. The State had indicated we'd be under contract by next week, however they are not yet finished with scoring.</p> <p>We also have not received an amendment to our contract with the additional Staffing grant funds.</p> <p>Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is coming up, and we encourage all to be a part of this process by having their agencies included in the proclamation.</p> <p>Hurricane Idalia - A USDA housing project in Citrus County experienced quite a bit of flooding, and some of the households had to be moved out to complete the repairs. Most of the households have found other places to stay temporarily. Citrus County Housing's SHIP funding will be able to be used to reimburse United Way of Citrus County for motels for a short period of time. There are also some people in a temporary Red Cross shelter set up in west Citrus County, and the Red Cross wants to close it very soon. Stephen Teaster indicated that he heard the Red Cross shelter would be shut down next Wednesday. Amber Tucker reported that she has received a list of the entire USDA housing opportunities across the state of Florida, and there are about 25 openings, and these would be available for those who were forced out of the USDA housing and be moved to the top of the list.</p>	

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		Terri Beverly from Hernando County Public Housing Authority participated in the Review, Scoring and Tiering process. They will be opening their Waitlist at the beginning of October. We will be working with people on the By-Name-List who may be eligible to apply.	
7.	Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2023, and will be at the Pinellas Plaza Library in Wildwood.	
8.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 10:48 a.m. Motion by: Shay-Anne Razaire Seconded by: Paul Tarnowski	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Attendance	Members - Organization, Name		MFHC Staff
X	<i>Chair:</i> Melissa Simmes, Advent Health System	X	Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Kristy Jocelyn
X	<i>Vice Chair:</i> Cara Meeks, Humana	X	Amber Tucker, Lynn Bresson
X	B.E. Thompson, LifeStream		
X	Kim Ducharme Levensohn, Morris Realty & Investments, Inc.		
X	Timothy L. McCormack, Real Life Christian Church		Guests
X	Shay-Anne Razaire	X	Tomi Steinruck, SVDP Cares
X	Dawn Robinson, By the Book Accounting	X	Kristin McCall, Lake County Schools
X	Jared Tanner, Century 21 Alliance Realty	X	Barbara Venditto, Dawn Center
X	Stephen Teaster, State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict		
X	Linda Mobley, House of Hope		
X	Paul Tarnowski, Lutheran Services Florida		
excused	Rev. Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks, The Lulu McGrady Foundation		
excused	Megan Ennis, Citrus Lending		