

# Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes: March 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Health – Sumter County, 415 E Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL

Presiding: Robert Morin

| Agenda Items |  | Discussion & Actions Taken  | Follow-up |
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| I.           | Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions | Robert Morin called the meeting to order at approximately 11:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.   |           |
| II.          | Approval of Minutes                      | <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the January 25, 2019 minutes as presented.<br><b>Motion By:</b> Steve Smith <b>Seconded By:</b> Alan Holden<br><b>Approved:</b> Unanimously   |           |
| III.         | Ending Veterans Homelessness Update      | Tomi Steinruck updated the CoC on the numbers of veterans homeless in each county: 8 in Hernando, 12 in Citrus, 2 in Sumter, and 10 in Lake for a total of 32 veterans. Tomi reminded everyone that beginning in June 2016, MFHC began holding monthly calls that are now bi-weekly calls, to discuss that status of every Veteran known to be homeless in the CoC. Both the VA and SVDP Cares who holds the SSVF grant for veterans are helping the CoC make great strides towards the goal of ending homelessness. Rapid Resolution for Veterans, a new term, is a goal of keeping veterans from entering homelessness, or meeting them at the first day and work to getting them back into housing immediately. SVDP Cares will be introducing this process into our CoC, and will be reaching out to the providers to talk about the process. The goal is to get this process in place by June 1.   |           |
| IV.          | Ending Chronic Homelessness Update       | <p>Tomi reported that MFHC is encouraging all providers of homeless services to help document participants' homelessness. MFHC has identified those on the By-Name-List that may be chronically homeless, and is working with the outreach teams and drop-in centers to obtain documentation in order to determine if they are chronically homeless or not. Providers should document when they meet a person who is claiming to be homeless as that is homelessness starts for that person with that provider.</p> <p>Without a verified list of chronic homeless persons, the CoC cannot determine the size of the problem; thus, cannot determine a plan to solve it. After persons are determined to be chronically homeless, it needs to be determined the type of housing that is needed, and what resources are needed to get them into and maintain the housing.</p> <p>Additional assistance is needed in maintaining an up-to-date By-Name-List. Volunteers are needed to call those on the list to check in with them and get an update on their status. Robert reported that we need good data to take to the community to get buy-in to work toward helping one household at a time.</p> |           |

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| V.    | Coordinated Access - Priorities | <p>In the absence of Melissa, Tomi reported that the CAS committee needs input from the CoC about what the priorities should be for referrals to the sub-grantees who have rapid rehousing assistance. MFHC will be sending out a survey to the entire CoC to ask for input, and it's important you provide feedback.</p> <p>The current CoC priority are those veterans who are not eligible for VA/SSVF, because this was HUD's priority. The CoC needs to determine whether this is still its highest priority or not and what is second, etc. The performance measures will need to be taken into consideration.</p>   |  |
| VI.   | Longitudinal Systems Analysis   | <p>Paula Holtsclaw reported that the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) has now been replaced with the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA). She explained about the type of data that HUD continues to gather in order to evaluate the progress of the CoC.</p>  |  |
| VII.  | Announcements, Trends, Updates  | <p>Barbara reported that MFHC is working on the DCF application, and with that application we are need leverage letters from organizations receiving private or county dollars. Leverage letters helps our score as it shows that our communities are not relying solely on state and federal dollars. Templates can be sent out for anyone who needs one. Funds that are being spent on people that are doubled up or imminently at risk can be used as well as dollars that are spent directly on those who are literally homeless (shelters, outreach, etc.). Robert Morin and Alan Holden reported they were on the Review and Scoring Committee and provided input about the applications received.</p> |  |
| VIII. | Next Meeting Date               | <p>Robert recommended that the Governing Board and CoC met at the same time in order to get input from the CoC before making decisions. There was no opposition.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on April 26, 2019 at Florida Department of Health – Sumter County, 415 E Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.</p>   |  |
| IX.   | Adjourn                         | <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.<br/><b>Motion by:</b> Alan Holden                      <b>Second:</b> Steve Smith<br/><b>Approved:</b> Unanimously</p>  |  |

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Robert Morin, Chair \_\_\_\_\_