

	Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Barbara Venditto called the meeting to order on behalf of Gloria Boone at approximately 9:02 a.m. Gloria Boone joined and took over presiding the meeting after the roll call.	
2.	Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw conducted the roll call of members, and guests were invited to announce their attendance.	
3.	Standing Committee Reports	<p>Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN) Tomi Steinruck reported on behalf of Melissa Simmes. The CAS & MFIN meeting was held in early October. An update to the CAS Manual was requested and will be brought forward to the Governing Board for a vote. The motion will be made to add that the Housing Locator will acknowledge enrollment or denial within three (3) business days of a referral, and the participant will be either enrolled or denied within seven (7) business days. Additional updates to the CAS Manual were discussed including terminations and will be brought forward in the next meeting. The weekly CAS Case Conference calls have been going very well. Referrals are discussed as needed, but difficult cases can also be discussed for ideas.</p> <p>Veterans Committee Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of interim chair B.E. Thompson. A committee meeting was held on October 8. The Master List of Veterans Benchmarks Tool was presented to the committee members. There are 4 benchmarks to achieve. MFHC has achieved only one – “Is the community committed to Housing First and provides service-intensive transitional housing to Veterans experiencing homelessness only in limited instances – the number of Veterans entering this type of Transitional housing must be significantly lower than the number of newly identified Veterans.” The three remaining benchmarks: “Have you ended chronic and long-term homelessness among veterans”, “Do Veterans have quick access to permanent housing”, and “Does the community have sufficient permanent housing capacity have not yet been met. Inflow/Outflow of homeless veterans was also presented.” The success by County will be reviewed at the November meeting.</p> <p>Performance Committee Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of Steve Smith. The status of the DCF 2020-2021 grant spending through September 30 was presented. The spend down goal for this period is 25%. The TANF grant does have one agency well below the 25% goal; however, the agency indicated that the staff has had COVID-19 during the quarter so the spend down was lower than it should have been. The agency assured MFHC that they would catch up and be on track to spend down the funds entirely. Current By-Name-List information was presented,</p>	

		<p>as well as the Inflow/Outflow of homeless households. Information on the number of newly homeless households due to COVID-19 since August 14 was also presented. The reduction in numbers in Hernando County is likely due to several reasons. Calls to households were made frequently over the last month to check on their housing status. There were households who had become housed. However, there were many more who could not be located, and with 90 days or more passing without contact or without services in our HMIS system, they are removed them from our active list per guidance from HUD. Our outreach team has been very active in Hernando County and has found people who were unknown to us in the past.</p> <p>Barbara Wheeler reported on a monitoring matter that had been brought to the September Performance and CoC Stakeholders' September meetings. Monitoring results of one of MFHC's subgrantees was shared before the information had been presented to the agency's Executive Director. Barbara apologized to the members for bringing the information to the committees too soon, and added that both she and Tomi Steinruck have now met with the agency. The agency committed to their contract, and indicated all issues would be resolved. Tomi will reschedule another monitoring after November 7th to review the corrections.</p>	
4.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>CoC Current Funding</p> <p>ESG-CV1 – The State sent the contract to MFHC. It has been signed, and is effective October 1, 2020. The \$697,000 must be spent by June 30, 2020, and the deliverables begin in October. Two DV shelters are under contract and should be able to meet the Shelter deliverable. There are two new subrecipients providing rapid rehousing (RRH), and one of them is also going to provide homeless prevention (HP). However, these contracts will not be fully executed until November. The MFHC staff have a plan to meet the October deliverable for RRH & HP, but if not successful, there will be financial consequence for the October allocation.</p> <p>HUD CoC NOFA – HUD does not have a decision on the process yet for this year. Legally, there must be a competition in order to disperse CoC funding; however, they are hoping to provide a competition that will not be too much extra work on the CoCs. There has also been some discussion of a new Youth NOFA coming out soon.</p> <p>Point in Time (PIT) Census 2021 – A sheltered count will be required for 2021; however, HUD has not made a decision on an unsheltered count. MFHC Staff's concern is that we will not</p>	

be able to recruit enough volunteers due to COVID-19 to be able to do a thorough count of all unsheltered in the four counties.

CARES ACT Funding

Tomi Steinruck reported that Citrus County Government decided to utilize some of their CRF funding to rapidly rehouse households. The By-Name-List was reviewed for households with income who had scored lower on the VI-SPDAT and would unlikely be referred for assistance otherwise. Three households were contacted, helped with the application process, and have moved into housing. Three additional households are in the application process at this time. Other Counties are in various phases of their CRF spenddown.

Updates by County

Tomi reported that monthly Provider calls have continued in a virtual world. Citrus is held on the first Tuesday of each month, Hernando on the second Wednesday, and Lake on the third Wednesday of each month. Kristy Jocelyn of MFHC has been facilitating these meetings. While attendance had dropped, last month's attendance was higher, and lively discussions were held about assistance that is available, PIT discussions, and case staffing.

COVID-19 Update

Tomi reported that MFHC staff continues to stay active and attend the various weekly calls with all County health departments regarding numbers, outbreaks, dispersing PPEs, etc.

Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

November 15-22 is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Proclamations will be submitted to each BOCC. Deadlines to be included on the proclamations are today for Citrus County, October 27 for Sumter County, November 3 for Hernando County, and Lake County's proclamation has already been submitted. The meetings are being held virtually, so there will not be an opportunity to attend and have a photo taken as is our norm. MFHC will receive the signed proclamations and will send them out to all agencies listed, as well as sharing on social media.

Membership

Barbara reminded the attendees that becoming a 2020 member is still possible. Voting members do not need to be paid members. Our website, www.midfloridahomeless.org, has a copy of the membership form.

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7.	Membership Input	<p>Irene Harrington of Citrus County Family Resource Center moved into a new building recently. It is located at 3660 N Carl G. Rose (Highway 200), Hernando, FL. Applications for their Christmas program have been slow to be submitted. Those working with a family who need Christmas assistance can contact the Resource Center at 352-344-1001 for more information.</p> <p>Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in Lake County is provided via Lake Community Action Agency (LCAA). Participants can apply to establish utility assistance or pay a utility bill with these funds. Appointments may be made online at www.lakecca.org. They have CARES funding that has to be spent by the end of the year.</p> <p>The Governing Board meeting is next at 10:15 a.m. Those planning to attend will need to log off this meeting, and then log in to the other meeting.</p>	
8.	Next Meeting Date	TBD	
9.	Adjourn	<p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 9:41 a.m. Motion By: Steve Smith Seconded By: Shannon Sokolowski Approved: Unanimously</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Gloria Boone, Chair _____

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name	Guests
	Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes	
X	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire	X Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck - MFHC
	Paula Anspach	X Irene Harrington, Citrus County Family Resource Center
X	Gloria Boone	X Maria Del Riesgo, DCF
X	Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband & Andrea Santiago,	
X	Citrus Abuse Shelter Assoc.	
X	Citrus County Housing Division, Heather Roberson & Keisha Belcastro	
	Community Resource Project, Inc. - The	
X	Dawn Center, Shannon Sokolowski & Barbara Venditto	
	Daystar Life Center of Citrus County	
X	Find Feed & Restore, Inc.	
	Lyn Forleo	
	Forward Paths	
	Mr. Francis Gladeck	
X	Lake County Schools – Kathy Entler, Kristen McCall	
	LSF, Sheri Goodwin	
	Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County	
X	Hernando County BOCC, Veda Ramirez	
X	Hope With A Purpose, Pandora Jackson	
X	Lake County BOCC, Kelvin Coachman & Sedrick Brinson	
	Kim Ducharme Levensohn	
	Timothy L. McCormack	
	Well Care, Cara Meeks	
	League of Cities, Robert Morin	
	Jessica Peters	
X	Salvation Army, The - Lake & Sumter Counties, Lt. Chris	
	Salvation Army, The Hernando County	
	Steve Smith	
X	Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas, Lorenzo Lockett & Greg Williams	
	Sandy Stokes	
	Jared Tanner	
	Stephen Teaster	
	B.E. Thompson	
X	United Way of Citrus County, Jessica Ebert	
X	VA - Judith Ramos-Rivera	