

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc.
Veterans' Committee Meeting, November 19, 2020

Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2020
Presiding: B.E. Thompson, Interim Chair

Location: Virtual Meeting with a call in option
Staff: Paula Holtsclaw, Kristy Jocelyn

Agenda Items	Discussions & Actions Taken	Follow Up
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:34 p.m.	
Roll Call	Paula conducted a roll call of committee members and guests were invited to announce their attendance.	
Minutes	<p>Minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting were presented.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to approve the October 8, 2020 Veterans Committee minutes as presented. Motion by: B. E. Thompson Seconded by: Lorenzo Lockett Discussion: Approved: Unanimously</p>	
Review of Benchmarks	<p>Paula Holtsclaw reported, via a presentation, the results of the Benchmarks tool for the period of time between 8/2/2020 and 10/31/20. The presentation included information broken down by County, as well as the CoC overall. In this way, the CoC can decide whether to pursue an individual declaration of ending Veteran homelessness, or as an entire CoC.</p> <p>Benchmark A – Have you ended chronic and long-term homelessness among Veterans in your community?</p> <p>Citrus & Sumter Counties are meeting this benchmark. Hernando, Lake & the CoC are not.</p> <p>Benchmark B – Do veterans have quick access to permanent housing?</p> <p>Hernando & Lake Counties, and the CoC overall are meeting this benchmark. Citrus & Sumter Counties are not. Sumter is not because while there were no Veterans moving into housing, there was a Veteran who did not become housed during the period.</p>	

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	<p>Benchmark C – Does the community have sufficient permanent housing capacity? This benchmark looks at the total number of veterans moving in to permanent housing is greater than the number of newly identified homeless Veterans.</p> <p>Only Sumter is considered meeting this benchmark, but only because no Veterans moved into housing during the 90-day look period.</p> <p>Benchmark D – Is the community committed to Housing First and provides service-intensive transitional housing to Veterans experiencing homelessness only in limited instances? In this benchmark the total number of veterans entering service-intensive transitional housing must be significantly lower than the total number of homeless veterans.</p> <p>This goal is being met across all Counties.</p> <p>B.E. requested that the benchmark data indicate who might be new versus who is repeated from previous presentation.</p>	
Inflow & Outflow of Veterans	<p>Paula presented the Inflow (number of newly identified homeless veterans in the last month) & Outflow (number of veterans who became permanently housed in the last month) numbers. Monthly inflow & outflow information from May through October was reported. Inflow is the number of newly identified homeless veterans, and outflow is the number of veterans who became permanently housed.</p> <p>The number of current Veterans experiencing homeless (36) was also presented.</p>	
.Next Steps	<p>The committee wasn't ready to commit to any concrete steps.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting is December 10, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.</p>	
.Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.</p>	

Prepared by: Paula Holtsclaw

B.E. Thompson, Interim Chair: _____

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name
X	B.E. Thompson, Interim Chair Orlando VAMC, Judith Rivera James A Haley VAMC, Nicole Cineas
X	Malcolm Randall VAMC, Barbara Shaw
X	VSO Citrus, Philip Watson
X	VSO Hernando, Tony Graham VSO Lake, Anthony Padilla
X	VSO Sumter, Dominick Nati Brian Conard, Community Advocate

Attendance	Members - Organization, Name
X	St. Vincent de Paul Cares - Greg Williams & Lorenzo Lockett
X	Paula Holtsclaw, Mid Florida Homeless Coalition
X	Kristy Jocelyn, Mid Florida Homeless Coalition