

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

Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

Presiding: Gloria Boone

Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1. Call to Order	Barbara Venditto called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.	
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) Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of Melissa Simmes. Updates to two MFIN policies are being brought to the Governing Board for approval. These updates will bring these policies current with the data collection requirements of the grant-funded projects, and also provide exceptions for domestic violence sub-grantees and their comparable databases. A data element regarding Education information that would be added to the standard enrollment screens in HMIS is also being brought for approval.</p> <p>Barbara Wheeler reported that additional information relating to Diversion is being worked on by MFHC Staff and will be brought to a future CAS Committee meeting for review.</p> <p>Veterans Committee Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of Interim chair B.E. The Master List of Veterans Benchmarks information was presented to the committee members. Inflow & Outflow of Veterans since May 2020 was also presented.</p> <p>Performance Committee Paula Holtsclaw reported on behalf of Steve Smith. The status of the DCF 2020-2021 grant spending through October 31 was presented. The spend down goal for this period is 33.34%. The ESG-CV Show Me The Money slide was included through October 31. However, only minimal spending had occurred as the contract was not signed until late October, but was effective with the State as of 10/1/2020. Contracts with sub-grantees The Salvation Army Lake & Sumter and Lake County BOCC were not signed until November. The Performance Committee will be keeping a close eye on spending for all of ESG-CV, as well as any regular grants that are underspent so far.</p> <p>Current By-Name-List information was presented, as well as the Inflow/Outflow of homeless households. The outreach teams continue to be very active in all areas. There were 523 updates to the By-Name-List.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>MFHC Lead Agency Update</p>	<p>Before the Lead Agency Update, Maria Del Riesgo, DCF Contract Manager, took a few minutes to say thank you to our CoC as she announced her retirement from DCF, and introduced Britt Swain, our new DCF Contract Manager.</p> <p>CoC Current Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG-CV1 – underway – Draft Written Standards have been sent to the Office on Homelessness and are being presented to the Governing Board this morning for approval. • ESG-CV2 & 3 – we have not been given any timeline for when these funds may be made available or the process that will be used to determine distribution. (The State doesn't plan to have a competition.) • HUD CoC – needs Congressional approval to <i>not</i> hold a competition. <p>MFHC & CoC Upcoming Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Persons' Memorial Day – will be held in person at The Salvation Army in Citrus County – virtually via Facebook. The Salvation Army Corps Officers (Pastors) from Citrus, Hernando, Lake & Sumter will be in person to conduct the service. • Point-in-time Census & Housing Inventory Count – 1/26/2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sheltered count as usual ▪ Housing Inventory Count as usual ▪ Unsheltered count – working on a plan <p>CARES Act Funding – Things are wrapping up if not already complete for the various types of CARES Act funding.</p> <p>COVID 19 Updates – numbers are increasing in communities, but has not affected the homeless community to a large degree.</p> <p>Updates by County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citrus – The Salvation Army opened for cold weather shelter. United Way of Citrus County is working with Citrus County on an award of \$450,000 to help families in Citrus. • Hernando - Early Learning Coalition has an empty waiting list. Students and Families in Transition: Influx in referrals - many families experiencing loss of housing over the last few months. • Lake – A couple of churches in Lake County opened for cold weather shelter. Fred Wellington from New Beginnings stated in the chat that: I wanted to let everyone know that we have apartments available Clermont Ridge Senior Villas accepting applications 1 bed room 740 	
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		<p>monthly. Income limits 1 person is \$30,540, 2 is \$34,920, 3 is \$39,300. They also have 5 openings at the shelter for 5 males and 1 female.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida DCF has recently launched a new resource hub – Aunt Bertha – online resource portal through www.myfloridamyfamily.com. More information to come. <p>Membership Barbara reminded the attendees that it's time to sign up to be a 2021 member. Voting members do not need to be paid members. Our website, www.midfloridahomeless.org, has a copy of the membership form.</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>	
7.	Membership Input	<p>Ms. Katina Stevens of the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation shared what they are doing in Sumter County to help students who are struggling with hybrid learning, and providing safe programs and activities for senior citizens. She has received a number of calls recently from people looking for assistance with rent, utility and housing services, and was hoping to get some ideas on where services can be found.</p> <p>Warren Thomas of the Urban League in Pinellas County introduced his program. It is in Hernando & Sumter Counties, and helps persons 55 and older return to the workforce. They provide funds for hiring fees, as well as paying a wage for 20 hours a week. 85 partner agencies have or had a senior working for them, and learning new skills, but being paid by the Urban League. They are located within each CareerSource office in our communities. If you are interested in having a senior work with you, please contact Mr. Thomas at wthomas@pcul.org.</p>	
8.	Next Meeting	January 22, 2021	
9.	Adjourn	<p>Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 10:00 a.m. Motion By: Barbara Venditto Seconded By: Sheri Goodwin Approved: Unanimously</p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Gloria Boone, Chair _____

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Attend	Members - Organization, Name	Guests
X	Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes	Pamela Travis, The Life Center
X	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire	Maria Del Riesgo & Britt Swain, DCF
	Paula Anspach	Sandra Woodard, Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast
X	Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband & Andrea Santiago,	Lisandra Martinez Roman, Tampa VA
X	Century 21 Alliance Realty – Jared Tanner	Sandy Serrano - Bay Care Hernando County
	Citrus Abuse Shelter Assoc.	Warren Thomas, Pinellas County Urban League
X	Citrus County Housing Division, Heather Roberson & Keisha Belcastro	
X	Community Resource Project, Inc. (The) - Morgan Gish	
XX	Dawn Center, Shannon Sokolowski & Barbara Venditto	
	Daystar Life Center of Citrus County	
	Find Feed & Restore, Inc.	
	Lyn Forleo	
	Forward Paths	
	Mr. Francis Gladeck	
	Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County	
X	Hernando County Government, Veda Ramirez	
X	Hope With A Purpose, Pandora Jackson	
	Lake Community Action Agency - Gloria Boone	
X	Lake County Government, Kelvin Coachman & Sedrick Brinson	
	Lake County Schools – Kathy Entler, Kristen McCall	
X	LifeStream Behavioral Center – B.E. Thompson	
X	LSF, Sheri Goodwin	
	Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc. -Barbara Wheeler & Paula Holtsclaw	
X	Morris Realty & Investments, Inc. - Kim Ducharme Levensohn	
	New Beginnings - Steve Smith	
	Real Life Christian Church - Timothy L. McCormack	
X	Salvation Army, The - Lake & Sumter Counties, Lt. Chris Doborwicz & Alicia Harrison	
X	Salvation Army, The - Hernando County	
X	Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas, Lorenzo Lockett & Greg Williams	
	State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict – Stephen Teaster	
X	United Way of Citrus County, Stacy Leach	
X	United Way of Hernando County	
X	VA, Orlando - Judith Ramos-Rivera & Jina Thalmann	
X	Well Care, Cara Meeks	