

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

Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature

Presiding: Barbara Wheeler

	Agenda Items	Discussion & Actions Taken	Follow-up
1.	Call to Order	Barbara Wheeler 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.	Membership Committee Chair	Barbara Wheeler presented the list of Governing Board members and asked attendees to nominate, via chat, someone they would like to see as Chair of the Membership Committee. B.E. Thompson has indicated that he would like to see someone other than himself be the Chair.	
4.	Standing Committee Reports	<p>Coordinated Access (CAS) & Mid Florida Information Network (MFIN) Melissa Simmes reported on the meeting of January 11, 2021.</p> <p>Melissa Simmes reported that she would be taking a motion to use the CDC guidelines as the highest priority, giving the first priority to those who have conditions who are most at risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or who are in ESG-CV Non-Congregate Shelter to the Governing Board today.</p> <p>Veterans Committee Paula Holtsclaw reported the meeting was postponed due to an incomplete data presentation. The data in the presentation was reported during the December meeting and is not up to date.</p> <p>Performance Committee Steven Smith reported on the recent meeting. The spend down rate for each DCF grant was reviewed. At this point in time, the goal is 50% of funding spent to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TANF – overall at 48%, however United Way of Citrus County is at 33% • Emergency Solutions Grant – overall this grant is at 48.8% • Challenge Grant – overall the grant spending is at 53.67%, however Mid Florida Homeless Coalition and United Way of Citrus County are under 40% spent down. • ESG/Challenge Match – at this point we would like to see at least 50% of match reported. We are at 81.9%. • Emergency Solutions Grant – CV1 – The expectation is 33% spent down through December. MFHC signed the contract with DCF in late October, but it was effective back to October 1. Lake County BOCC and The Salvation Army of Lake & Sumter Counties were not under contract until November. <p>The Committee will be recommending to the Governing Board that the Dawn Center be allowed to use ESG-CV emergency shelter dollars for non-congregate as well as shelter operations. The original application was for non-congregate sheltering only.</p>	

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5.	MFHC Lead Agency Update	<p>COVID 19 Updates – Tomi Steinruck reported that MFHC Staff are working with local Health Departments. Current priorities for vaccinations are those 65 years and older, including in the homeless population. Outreach staff have begun asking everyone in the system whether or not they are interested in receiving the vaccine.</p> <p>Point-in-time Census & Housing Inventory Count – 1/25/2021 – Mid Florida Homeless Coalition’s staff will be conducting the Census this year. It will be conducted one county per day to identify those who were homeless the night of January 25. Citrus County will take place on January 26, with Hernando, Lake and Sumter Counties following one per day thereafter. United Way of Hernando County offered toiletry kits if needed for Hernando County’s count. The Housing Inventory Count will also be conducted as of January 25, but will take place in the next couple of months. Paula Holtsclaw will be in contact with all agencies who have provide temporary housing for the homeless.</p> <p>HUD CoC 2020 – Barbara Wheeler reported that Congress has decided there will be no competition for 2020 funding. All projects currently under contract will be renewed.</p> <p>Citrus County Housing, United Way of Citrus County, Society of St. Vincent de Paul of South Pinellas, and Mid Florida Homeless Coalition all have current contracts.</p> <p>The HUD CoC 2021 Competition has begun. MFHC has registered the CoC. The next step will be sending information to existing contracts for verification and then we wait for HUD to begin the next steps.</p> <p>2021 Membership Drive – We are currently underway with our 2021 Membership drive. Membership allows votes on who serves on the Governing Board, votes on developing policies for the CoC, and shows commitment to the Continuum of Care.</p> <p>ESG-CV2 – The Office on Homelessness has released the amount of money we could potentially receive for the next round of ESG-CV funding. The base budget for our CoC is \$750,000, and the maximum amount we could potentially request is \$4,121,881. These dollars would have to be spent by June 2022. Barbara requested that organizations think about how much money agencies could</p>	

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7.	Membership Input	<p>Shay Razaire reported that under current funding for youth aging out of foster care, assistance has been expanded to the 27th birthday, but benefits end 9/30/21.</p> <p>Tomi reported that the Outreach teams have come across new homeless encampments recently. She asks that in anyone knows of any active encampments now, to please contact us immediately so an outreach team can get to those people.</p>	
8.	Next Meeting Date	The next CoC Ending Homelessness Stakeholders meeting will be February 26, 2021	
9.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus.	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

Barbara Wheeler, _____

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Attendance	Members - Organization, Name	Guests
X	Adventist Health System, Melissa Simmes	
X	Alan Madden Foundation, Shay-Anne Razaire Catholic Charities DOSP, Danielle Husband & Andrea Santiago, Century 21 Alliance Realty – Jared Tanner	X Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck - MFHC
X	Citrus Abuse Shelter Assoc.	X Britt Swain, DCF
X	Citrus County Housing Division, Heather Roberson & Keisha Belcastro	X Career Source Pasco Hernando
X	Community Resource Project, Inc. – The - Morgan Gish	X Sandy Serrano, Bay Care Hernando
X	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	
X	Lake Community Action Agency - Gloria Boone	
X	Lake County Government, Kelvin Coachman & Sedrick Brinson	
	Lake County Schools – Kathy Entler, Kristen McCall	
	LifeStream Behavioral Center – B.E. Thompson	
X	LSF, Sheri Goodwin	
	Morris Realty & Investments, Inc. - Kim Ducharme Levensohn	
X	New Beginnings - Steve Smith	
	Real Life Christian Church - Timothy L. McCormack	
X	Salvation Army, The - Lake & Sumter Counties	
	Salvation Army, The Hernando County	
X	Society of St. Vincent de Paul S Pinellas, Lorenzo Lockett & Greg Williams	
X	State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict – Stephen Teaster	
X	United Way of Citrus County, Jessica Ebert	
X	United Way of Hernando County, Samantha Beckham	
X	VA, Orlando - Judith Ramos-Rivera	
	Well Care, Cara Meeks	