

**Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Governing Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2021**

**Presiding: B.E. Thompson**

**Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting or Call-in Feature**

<b>Agenda Items</b>		<b>Discussion &amp; Actions Taken</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
1.	Call to Order	B.E. Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call	Paula Holtsclaw conducted the roll call. A quorum was recorded as being present.	
3.	Minutes	Minutes from the December 4, 2020 Governing Board meeting were presented. <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2020 meeting. <b>Motion by:</b> Gloria Boone <b>Seconded by:</b> Melissa Simmes <b>Discussion:</b> None <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously.	
4.	Standing Committees	<b><u>Coordinated Access &amp; Mid Florida Information Network</u></b> Melissa Simmes reported on the January 11, 2021 meeting. <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made 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. <b>Motion by:</b> Melissa Simmes <b>Seconded by:</b> Gloria Boone <b>Discussion:</b> None <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously  <b><u>Veteran's Committee</u></b> B.E. Thompson reported the January meeting was postponed due to an incomplete data presentation.  <b><u>Performance Committee</u></b> Steve Smith reported that the Performance Committee met and reviewed grant information. He requested Paula Holtsclaw review the data for the Governing Board.  Paula Holtsclaw reported that the presentation from the Performance Meeting had been sent to the Governing Board members, and asked the members if they had any questions or comment on the data presented. With no questions, she read the motion that Steve Smith, on behalf of the Performance Committee, was bringing to the Governing Board for approval.  <b>Motion:</b> A motion was made to allow the Dawn Center to use ESG-CV emergency shelter dollars for non-congregate as well as shelter operations. <b>Motion by:</b> Steve Smith <b>Seconded by:</b> Stephen Teaster <b>Discussion:</b> None <b>Approved:</b> Unanimously	

		<p>Barbara Wheeler stated that the Governing Board would be included in the Standing Committee emails that include the presentations for each meeting. With this practice, the Members will be able to review the presentation information prior to the meeting.</p>	
5.	MFHC Update	<p><b>Membership Drive</b> Members are needed to show HUD we have participation from a diverse group of organizations. The Board needs to submit their membership forms for 2021 as well.</p> <p><b>PIT Count</b> Tomi Steinruck reported on the plans for the Point in Time Count. The official date of the count is January 25. MFHC’s Outreach teams will be conducting the count in each county, one county per day from January 26 – 29.</p> <p>Outreach &amp; Non-Congregate Shelter – Tomi reported that staff is reviewing those unsheltered for persons with conditions that are most vulnerable to COVID-19, and moving them into motels now and then working to find housing either through ESG-CV or other funding sources. There were several individuals with very serious health conditions that moving into a motel helped immediately. They needed surgery or other extreme treatment but were unable to receive because of their homelessness.</p> <p><b>Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUD CoC – The HUD CoC 2020 Competition needed an act of Congress to waive the requirement for a competition. This has been done, and all projects from 2019 will be renewed for 2020. This includes Citrus County Housing’s permanent supported housing, United Way of Citrus County &amp; St. Vincent de Paul CARES’ rapid rehousing projects, as well as MFHC’s HMIS, Coordinated Access, and Planning grants. The 2021 Application process has begun with the required CoC registration. This has been done, and we are now waiting for the next step. MFHC will be encouraging organizations to apply for new projects this year.</li> <li>• ESG-CV1 – The spending for ESG-CV1 is nowhere near where it needs to be at this time. Due to late contracts, new agencies and projects, it took longer to get off the ground for all subgrantees, including MFHC. At the time the application was put together, it was thought there would be a much higher need for non-congregate shelter among the homeless who tested positive for COVID-19. That hasn’t been the case. In addition, the Office on Homelessness now expects a positive exit to permanent housing from non-congregate shelter. This is different than when we applied. We have to be careful with how many people we can realistically house and therefore put into motels. Barbara</li> </ul>	

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		<p>is talking with the DV facilities about shelter operations, as there may need to be reallocations in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESG-CV2 – The Office on Homelessness has released the amount of money we could potentially receive for the next round of ESG-CV funds. MFHC’s base budget is \$750,000, and we could request for a maximum amount of \$4,121,881. We need organizations to think about how much money agencies can realistically spend between now and June 2022. Barbara reported there is a request form that must be submitted to the State by February 19<sup>th</sup>. She requested ideas on how to get feedback for this application form. A Survey Monkey was suggested. The different project types have different restrictions. For example:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Outreach – funds can be spent on staff, phones, travel</li> <li>• Emergency Shelter – Operations, staff, food, etc.</li> <li>• Non-Congregate Shelter – motel vouchers and food</li> <li>• Discussion continued on best practices for rapid rehousing and the need for housing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Barbara reported that Partners in Trust for Florida Housing are investors who are expanding mobile home development into Lake County and want to work with us to move rapid rehousing participants into the new development.</li> <li>• Another opportunity exists involving Tiny Homes that would be given to MFHC.</li> <li>• MFHC staff will be meeting with a group of Hernando County investors about affordable housing.</li> </ul>	
9.	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2021.	
10.	Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 11:04 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Holtsclaw

B.E. Thompson, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attendance**

**Members - Organization, Name**

**Guests**

- X *President:* B.E. Thompson, LifeStream Behavioral Center
- X *Vice President:* Melissa Simmes, Adventist Health System
- X *Treasurer:* Barbara Venditto, Dawn Center
- X *Secretary:* Kim Ducharme Levensohn, Morris Realty & Investments, Inc.
- X *Immediate Past President:* Gloria Boone, Lake Comm Action Agency
- X Samantha Beckham, United Way of Hernando County
- X Sheri Goodwin, LSF
- Timothy L. McCormack, Real Life Christian Church
- X Cara Meeks, WellCare
- X Shay-Anne Razaire, Alan Madden Foundation
- Steve Smith, New Beginnings
- X Jared Tanner, Century 21 Alliance Realty
- X Stephen Teaster, State of Florida -Office of the Criminal Conflict

- X Barbara Wheeler, Paula Holtsclaw, Tomi Steinruck - MFHC
- X Sunshine Arnold, CASA
- X Heather Roberson, Citrus County Housing
- X Veda Ramirez, Hernando County Housing & Human Services

